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Game warden moves into new digs

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

The new Newcastle game warden station constructed by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department just north of Newcastle was completed recently with a final construction cost of \$505,103.60, according to Rebekah

Fitzgerald, communications director for the department. As previously reported by the *News Letter Journal*, the final cost for the project was expected to total over \$600,000 when the property costs and utility installment are included.

The building project began over a year ago on May 8, 2019, when Game

and Fish accepted a bid for \$498,354 from Powder River Construction Inc. of Gillette. Also included in the final project price, estimated by the *News Letter Journal* to total over \$608,000, are the purchase of a 5.44 acre lot on Musser Road from the Varner family for \$80,000, water line tap fees totaling \$4,500, drafting and designing

the structure for \$1,800, geotechnical investigation into the property for \$4,000 and an estimated \$13,040.33 to Powder River Energy Corp. for electrical installation, according to documents provided by the Game and Fish.

According to the summary and feasibility study provided to the *News Letter Journal* by Game and Fish, living in a

game warden station is a condition of employment for game wardens in the state. This condition is outlined in the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission policy stating that a minimum of 1,300 square feet of living space must be provided, as well as a suitable ground-

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Newcastle's voting venue changes

■ COVID-19 restrictions requiring minimal changes in local elections

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

Thursday's primary election marks the first time that voters will cast ballots at the county-owned Weston County Events Center at the fairgrounds. For years, Newcastle voters cast their votes at the National Guard Armory in Newcastle.

As previously reported by the *News Letter Journal*, the Weston County commissioners voted on April 17, 2018, to change the polling location of the next election. According to Jill Sellers, former county clerk, voters in Newcastle have cast their ballots at the National Guard Armory since 1984.

Polling places in both Upton and Osage will remain the same as in the 2018 elections. Residents will cast their ballots at the Upton Community Center or the Osage Fire Hall, depending on which precinct their residence is in.

According to County Clerk Becky Hadlock, voters will notice changes in voting procedure and spacing to adhere to COVID-19 health order regulations.

"We will have stickers on the floor 6 feet apart to maintain social distancing. We will also have hand sanitizer in different spots," Hadlock said.

Voters will also notice the lack of a pen in the voting booths, Hadlock said.

"Each person will have to vote with a different pen. We will have pens for them, and they will have to take them with or throw them in the trash," Hadlock said.

Procedure at polling locations is not the only thing the COVID-19 pandemic has changed about

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NHS royalty crowned



Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ

Newcastle High School prom queen and king, Grace Coy and Dylon Tidyman, and received their crowns on Aug. 7, three months later than prom would normally have taken place, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The event was held outside at the Newcastle Country Club. See more photos on Page 11.

Newcastle firefighter to be inducted into HOF

Walter Sprague
Art and Culture Reporter

Gene Diedrich will be one of the first inductees into the newly formed Wyoming Firefighters Hall of Fame. The ceremony will take place in Riverton on Aug. 22.

"The State of Wyoming has recently created the Wyoming Fire Fighters Hall of Fame," said a July 9 letter J. Michael Reed, the Wyoming state fire marshal. "And along with that opened up a nomination process to recognize those who have given a great deal to the advancement of the Fire Service."

After the nomination process was complete, the Wyoming Fire Service Hall of Fame review board selected four individuals who will be inducted into the hall of fame's inaugural year of 2019.

Diedrich joined the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department in December 1961. He is still an active member and has held all the department's elective offices, including serving as chief for six years.

"The fire department is a member of the Wyoming State Firemen's Association, a nonprofit corporation composed of most of the fire departments in Wyoming and promotes things that serve the fire service and the general public." Diedrich said, "I served as its secretary in 1976 and president in 1984. In 1994, the group expanded its officer positions and created an executive secretary position. I have served as the executive secretary since the position was formed."

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Submitted photo
On Aug. 22 Gene Diedrich will be one of four firefighters inducted into the inaugural Wyoming Firefighters Hall of Fame. For over 50 years he has given exemplary service, according to State Fire Marshal, J. Michael Reed. Pictured is Diedrich in his Class "A" dress uniform.



'Warm Summer Nights' arrives

Walter Sprague
Art and Culture Reporter

On Friday, Aug. 21, the Weston County Arts Council will present the third annual "Warm Summer Nights." The multi-act celebration will take place from 5:30 to 10:00 p.m. on Main Street. Because the council was unable to do the three concerts that took place last year, due to the COVID-19 uncertainties, the board has decided to do one. According to President Tom Voss and Vice-President Maddi Peterson, this one will be bigger and better than last year's shows.

Street closures will take place starting at 2 p.m. Those closures will be West Main Street from South Sumner Avenue to South Seneca

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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 94, Lo 60



Friday
Sunny
Hi 87, Lo 60



Saturday
Sunny
Hi 86, Lo 55



Sunday
Sunny
Hi 83, Lo 60



Monday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 87, Lo 58



Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 86, Lo 60

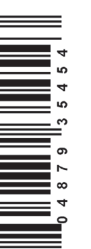


Wednesday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 86 Lo 59



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In Wyoming, our ability to be good neighbors to each other is what's always set us apart—and our ability to continue that, even now, is what'll get us through.

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Practice physical distancing (6 feet or more) between yourself and others



Do all you can to stay home and away from others if you're feeling ill, unless you're seeking medical attention

Learn more at health.wyo.gov

Remember: *This is just for now, not forever.*

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Avenue, with South Sumner being closed from West Main to Warwick, between First State Bank and the library. Instead of the stage being set up in the bank parking lot, it will be set up at the intersection of West Main and South Sumner. The parking lot is reserved for vendors during the event.

Sponsors of the event are First State Bank of Newcastle, Wyoming Refining Company, and *News Letter Journal*. This year, Warm Summer Nights also has an exclusive sponsor with Nerds 4Ever hosting a comic/manga/anime art contest. The contest is open to all ages, grouped into three age brackets. The age groups are children up to third grade, grade 4 through middle school and high school/adult. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place. All art must be submitted between 2 and 5 p.m. and should be works depicting comic book character, manga or anime art. The WCAC treasurer, Walter Sprague, will be available at those times to take submissions and provide security for the event. Winners will be announced during a break in

the acts.

The entertainment for the evening will be three different performances. Mark Williams will take the stage at 5:30 with his unique style of country/folk music. Al and Brenda Costello will follow. The main act will be Nate Smith and the Caddywhompus Band, who will play from approximately 7 to 10 p.m. Everyone who wishes is invited to turn the performances into a street dance on Main.

Of particular note, Nate Smith and the Caddywhompus Band have recorded their first CD and are planning to have a limited number of their albums available for purchase during the event.

The vendors that will be set up in the First State Bank parking lot are Hot Diggity Dog, Howdy Bakery, South in the Mouth, Ice Cream by Pam Gualtieri and Isabella's Pizza by the Slice. The arts council will also have available popcorn, snow cones, cotton candy and drinks. The council is still working on securing other vendors, but at the time of this writing, only

these were confirmed.

Games for children and adults include corn hole, a fishing game and a giant tic-tac-toe. Also available will be sidewalk chalk art and face painting.

"This is a great time for Newcastle and Weston County to enjoy good family entertainment," said Voss. "It is time to showcase some of our great local talents, for families to spend a pleasant evening with each other and with friends."

Peterson said that it is crucial that we still pull together as a community.

"WCAC exists to promote local talent in music, art, stage and literature," she said. "To enhance lives through the arts."

Board members have worked in special meetings throughout the summer to bring these talents together for the evening, hoping that everyone will come out and have a great time. The board also asks everyone to show responsibility and good common sense so that it will be a safe and fun-filled evening, full of good food, games, dancing and fantastic entertainment.

Election from Page 1

the way Americans will be voting across the country. According to Hadlock, the county clerk's office has already received more than the usual number of absentee ballots.

"As of today (Aug. 10), we have received over 500 absentee ballots," Hadlock said, noting that the county usually averages 100 or so absentee ballots.

Polling locations will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Aug. 13 for the 2020 primary election.

School Board Elections

The filing date for members of the boards of trustees for both Weston County School District No. 1 and Weston County School District No. 7 began on Aug. 5, according to Weston County Clerk Becky Hadlock. Filing for the seats on both boards will end Aug. 24

Five candidates are up for reelection in the Newcastle district this fall, according to executive secretary Celso Dickey. Trustees John Riesland, Ronnie Mills, Tom Wright, Dana Mann-Tavegia and Chairman Tina Chick will all have to decide whether or not they want to run. In the Upton district, three seats are up for grabs in 2020, according to Cindy Dysart in the district's business office.

Back to School

Smart Start

Please view the district's updated **Smart Start Plan AND take the Tier Survey.**

www.wcsdl.org

To Our Parents & Community,

As we prepare to welcome our students back to school this fall, there is nothing more important than the health and safety of those students and the staff members who will be caring for them. We understand that some members of our community may have concerns about the potential impact of re-opening schools in the midst of a pandemic, and want to assure you that tools are being put in place to make the transition back to learning as safe as possible for the community as well.

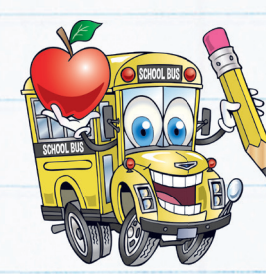
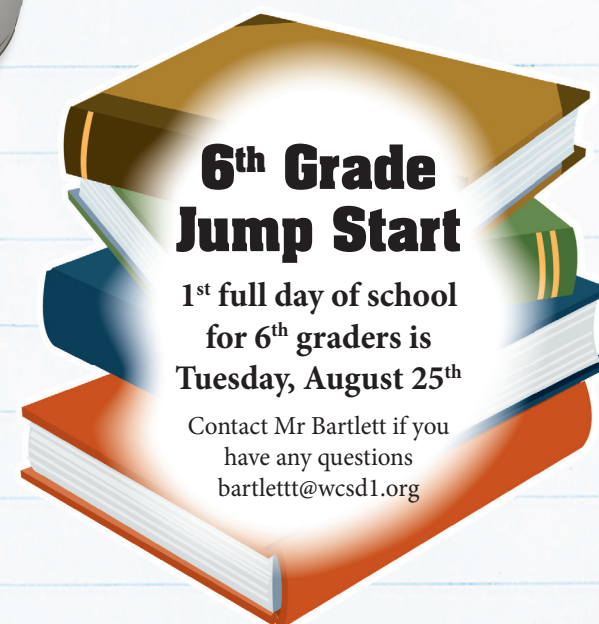
We understand that we will need the community's help to achieve that goal, and we will continue to value your input as we head back to the classroom. The district has outlined three tiers of learning that could be utilized in the coming year depending on the prevalence of the COVID-19 virus in the school or community, and we are asking that you please respond to a one question survey regarding the three tiers. It simply asks which method of learning — Tier I, II or III — you prefer to utilize as we begin the school year.

It is important that we have an accurate assessment of the community's beliefs and concerns prior to welcoming students to ensure the best chance of success — both in delivering a high quality education and in keeping everybody safe. As we make preparations for the beginning of the school year, staff members are also being asked to anticipate that the community's health situation in regard to the pandemic could change and require us to transition from one tier to another, and your input will be valuable in that planning as well.

We also want to inform the community that staff members are taking advantage of training offered by our partners at safeschools.com that are helping prepare us to reopen our schools safely this fall. The new SafeSchools Training Staff and Student COVID-19 courses will help staff members and students alike to follow the CDC recommendations and help us keep our community healthy throughout the year!

Please contact me if you have any questions about the online training system available to all of our staff members.

Sincerely,
Brad LaCroix
WCSL #1 Superintendent



Bus Schedules Coming Soon!

K-5 Supplies

P. E. Shoes
(Not new, just clean)

Backpack

*NES will be providing necessary supplies this year in order to ensure all students have what they need while also allowing us to better facilitate health & safety procedures.

Fall Sports practices begin August 17

Middle School
Football 7 a.m. Practice Field
Volleyball 3:30 p.m. Middle School Gym
Cross Country 8 a.m. Pool

High School
Football 4 p.m. Stadium
Volleyball 6 a.m. Weightroom AND 3:30 p.m. Dogie Dome
Cross Country 8 a.m. AND 3:45 p.m. Aquatic Center
Swimming 7 a.m. Aquatic Center grass AND 4 p.m. Aquatic Center

School offices are now open. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact your child's building principal.

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Guest View

Time to increase clarity and openness

Even during a global pandemic and a state budget crisis, a group of Wyoming lawmakers has a chance later this month to continue a conversation that could lead to greater government transparency at all levels.

But without the right attitude going in, it could actually keep the public even more in the dark than they already are.

During an online meeting Aug. 21, the Wyoming Legislature's Joint Judiciary Interim Committee is scheduled to spend some time talking about ways to clarify exemptions to the state's Public Records Act and when it's OK for governing bodies to go into executive session.

State Sen. Tara Nethercott, R-Cheyenne, and co-chair of the committee, told the WTE Editorial Board last week that the goal is to provide better clarity to records custodians – those government officials who serve as the gatekeepers for their agency when it comes to documents of all kinds. Several testified during a meeting of the same committee in May that they are confused about which documents can be released and which should be withheld, especially when it comes to personnel records.

Fine. We have no problem with lawmakers trying to make the law clearer – as long as they don't get too heavy-handed. The same holds true for any attempts to clarify when govern-

ment boards can kick the public out and meet behind closed doors.

But since there's a lot of gray area in both the public records and open meetings laws, legislators – whose predecessors long ago exempted themselves from the latter – have plenty of fertile ground for

moving toward secrecy, not transparency. For example, whose records should he open? Should it be based on a government employee's rank or salary? Since an entire personnel file will never be open to the public, which pieces should be? Who gets to decide?

These and many other questions aren't easy to answer – by records custodians or state legislators. So what can the committee do to make things clearer for government officials and more transparent for the public at the same time?

First, go into the conversation with a goal of keeping things as open as possible. That means limiting exemptions to just those things that would clearly violate an individual's privacy. This is no easy task, and it's not something that should be rushed.

Next, be willing to consult other state sunshine laws, rather than trying to reinvent the wheel. Wyoming lawmakers are stubborn in this regard; they're oh-so-willing to consider a prewritten piece of legislation from a group like the American Legislative

Exchange Council, but they consistently resist looking to see what works in other places (even states of similar size and demographics).

Finally, be open to input from a variety of groups, not just government officials. Yes, that includes us in the media, but also state Public Records Ombudsman Ruth Van Mark and citizens who have asked for records in the past. The best way to do that would be to appoint a subcommittee to hold public meetings online or around the state to take input.

Of course, better defining exemptions is only one aspect of the public records law that should be addressed. A bigger concern from the public's perspective is what happens when a government official denies access to a certain document.

As those of us in the media know, the current way to appeal such a denial is usually both time consuming and costly, since it often requires hiring an attorney well-versed in media law and waiting for your case to be heard by an already overworked district court judge.

So in addition to talking about helping out records custodians, we hope committee members will help out their constituents by finding a faster, lower-cost way to appeal. Ms. Van Mark is already available to help mediate such disputes, but so far her position lacks the enforcement teeth to require a public official to turn over documents if they disagree with her opinion.

Ms. Nethercott wondered aloud

during our conversation whether it might help to move this appeal process to the Office of Administrative Hearings. But almost in the same breath, she acknowledged the benefit of having an independent, third branch of government – the judicial branch – reviewing these decisions by the executive branch, rather than a board appointed by the governor.

We agree with the latter, of course, but feel strongly that there needs to be a faster, cheaper way to get these appeals through the court system. We just finished one involving the local school district that took more than a year and cost a coalition of media companies several thousand dollars. What happens when an average citizen asks for a document and faces similar obstacles?

Most will just shake their fists in frustration and give up (exactly what some government officials hope will happen). Of course, officials could also consider a provision authorizing the courts to expedite public access cases, along with another awarding attorney's fees to those who successfully challenge a custodian's denial.

Which brings us back to the Judiciary Committee and its upcoming meeting. Those two hours on that Friday afternoon could be transformative – for better or worse. As lawmakers continue to debate these issues, we implore them to resist the temptation to write too many exemptions into law and instead err on the side of openness.

Follow your dreams, but keep your day job

Just what is going on inside the brains for Millennials and Generation Z? I got a firsthand look over the past month.

But first, what a great summer! We have enjoyed the company of 12 of our 13 grandchildren. Let me share with you what I have learned from them.

A few of them are Millennials (age 26 to 41) but most are Generation Z (age 5 to 25). Now this is important because as a group, they share some important characteristics.

A writer named Ben Cohen reported that a 30-year high school teacher named Richard Bruce as saying: "... student behavior steadily improved each year. The present crop of students is 'massively well-behaved' and 'extremely pleasant.' Even the juvenile delinquents are better behaved: the kids in detention no longer try and sneak out for cigarette breaks." Bruce's observations are borne out by statistics. Peaking in 1993, the number of serious violent crimes com-

mitted by juveniles fell from 1,108 per 100,000 to 188 in 2015, an 83 percent decrease.

Our grandkids really are massively well-behaved and extremely pleasant. I thought it was due to all that good parenting. Hmm?

I am blessed because most of them actually ask for my advice and most even contend they will follow the pearls that I share with them.

One of my future projects is a book written for them called "Follow Your Dreams . . . But Keep Your Day Job." We have artists, musicians, and athletes in this group. Yes, follow your bliss but get a good education, develop good work habits, and develop a career at the same time.

Here are four suggestions that I intend to share with them in that book:

1. You will learn more from your failures. Anything worth doing is worth doing poorly the first time. This is another way of saying practice makes perfect. Remember that Madam Experience is a mean

schoolmarm. She gives you the test first and the lesson afterward.

Sometimes when your project fails, it really is not your fault. Move on. This rule applies in today's fast-moving, erratic economy more than any time in history. The hardest test is to remember the lessons, you learned during the hard times and carry them over to the good times.

2. Embrace your competitors. Thank God for fair competition. Study your competitors and it will be the best education you can get. Today, competitors are everywhere and bedevil you almost instantaneously.

Over the years, I learned that I would make a lot more money and sleep a lot better by cooperating with my competitors rather than constantly fighting them.

3. Low effort, high return. That is the kind of situation we would all like to be in at times in our lives. Getting to this point is not easy.

Study and implement "the success box." Draw a square. Divide the square into four equal parts by drawing a

vertical line down the center and a horizontal line across the center.

You have four equal squares.

Write "high effort" in the top left square. Write "high return" in the top right square. Write "low effort" in the lower left square. Write "low return" in the lower right square. Now draw a line from lower left to upper right. That is the ideal business model: low effort = high return.

Most of us work a straight-line across the top: high effort = high return. We may have underperforming parts of our lives that are: low effort = low return.

In these economic times, many of us find ourselves dealing with the worst-case scenario of high effort = low return.

This success box is the easiest graphic example of how we should run our businesses (and our lives).

4. The compassionate personality. I heard a talk a few years ago that changed my life. Former Gonzaga College President Fr. Robert Spitzer talked about how there are often two kinds of personali-

ties in this world. He called them the consumptive personality and the compassionate personality.

I call these two types the "all about me" and the "all about you" personalities. Frankly, most entrepreneurs have the former. I certainly do.

Luckily for me, my wife Nancy has the compassionate personality. We joke that compassionate people have a lot more friends.

On a personal level, I am working hard to become a person with a compassionate personality rather than a consumptive one.

I have a lot more advice to share but that will have to do it for this week.

Bill Sniffin is a retired newspaper publisher who has penned a number of books about Wyoming. He appeared for author's receptions at both the Weston County Library and News Letter Journal. Check out additional columns written by Bill at www.bill-sniffin.com, and find volumes from his coffee table book series, which have sold over 30,000 copies, for sale at the News Letter Journal.

Deadline for letters is noon on Friday

Voice of the people: NLJ Question of the Week



Other than going to Sturgis, what other activities do you participate in, or what else do you come to see in this area?



Paul and Heather Gerdon

"We come here to see family and ride through the black hills. We love the history of this area. It's so colorful and there's so much of it. Our Aunt and Uncle, Julie and Bruce Perkins, own Perkins Tavern, and even this building has a lot of history. We love coming to Newcastle.



Scott Jennings

"There so much history to see around here. It's also a chance to really get to express your freedom and patriotism. So much of that has been lost and is missing in Colorado. I love how friendly and proud people are to be American here."



Eric Billsoli


"I love the fellowship I get with friends here. And there is always the history of the place. I've seen it from cars before, and that's great. But to experience it from a bike, that is a hundred percent better experience."



Dean Presley and Dustin Primo

"I've been going to Sturgis for 20 of the last 22 years. I come every time I can. Also, we stop by and see the grave of one of Slagle's friends. He's buried here, in Newcastle. He used to ride with us and his dad still lives here."

RICHARD A. PERKINS




Graveside services for Richard A. Perkins will be held Aug. 15 at 5 p.m. at the cemetery in Upton, Wyo. A gathering will follow at the Upton City Park. Please join Richard's family and friends for food and refreshments.

Richard passed away peacefully at his home in Osage on May 1, 2020.

ROSS J. GARMAN CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Please join the family of Ross J. Garman for a celebration of life service to be held on Sunday, Aug. 16, at 2 p.m. The service will be held outdoors at the ranch on Garman Road (Crook County Rd 157) near Miller Creek. Look for signs and balloons that day, marking the way. Valet parking and shuttle service provided. We will have square bale seating, but chair seating is limited so please bring a lawn chair if you want to comfortably sit and visit.

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Obituaries

TRACY LEE JAMES
March 7, 1961–July 29, 2020

Tracy Lee James was born March 7, 1961, in Hot Springs, S.D. He lived on the family ranch southwest of Newcastle and attended country schools in the area. Tracy was active in 4-H and junior rodeos growing up. Tracy helped his mother, Francy Martin, with her race horses and worked for various racetracks. Tracy went on to work for James International Refinery in Texas and from there he worked for various companies in the oil field.

In October 1989, he married Warrene Lisa (Dylan) Duckworth; grandchildren, Conlin. In the 1990s, Tracy trucked over the road to all 48 connected United States and Canada. In 2004, Tracy went to work for Black Hills Trucking, Inc. in Gillette, Wyo. He worked there until his passing. Tracy is survived by his wife, Warrene; sons, Justin James and James Todd; daughter, Lisa (Dylan) Duckworth; grandchildren,

Klasina and Quinlan; mother, Francy Martin of Casper; his sister, Kelly (Mike) Daniels of Osage, Wyo.; one niece, Holly Daniels; and two nephews, Josh Daniels and Tom James. Tracy is preceded in death by his father, Michael James; and brother, Michael "Punk" James. As per Tracy's request there will be no services and cremation has taken place. Memorials and condolences may be sent in care of Walker Funeral Home, 410 Medical Arts Court, Gillette, WY 82716. Condolences may also be expressed at walkerfuneralgillette.com.



Tracy James

Altitude adjustments when canning

You may be thinking about preserving your harvest for the first time or dusting off old canning equipment. Food preservation has evolved over the years. With the knowledge of what foodborne illnesses can occur, it is important to use proper procedures and tested recipes to prepare safe preserved foods.

Botulism is a rare but serious condition caused by toxins from bacteria called *Clostridium botulinum*. The harmful bacteria thrive and produce the toxin in environments with little oxygen, typically from improperly home-canned, preserved, or fermented foods. Low-acid foods must be processed at 240°F using a pressure canner.

Understanding Altitude
It is essential to follow safe canning principles. When home canning, it is crucial that you process all food at the correct pressure and for the proper length of time.

As altitude increases, water boils at lower temperatures. Because the lower temperatures are less effective for killing bacteria, the processing time must be increased for boiling water canning. For pressure canning, the pressure is increased.

Adjusting Altitude
Adjusting for altitude is very simple, and I will explain exactly how to make the time or temperature adjustments, so you know you are safely canning food! When home canning foods, it is essential to know your local altitude or elevation. Your altitude

determines the amount of pressure (pressure canner) or time (boiling water canner) for your food. In Wyoming, community altitudes range in elevation from over 3,500 feet to 7,200 feet above sea level. Canning recipe directions are written for sea level. To adjust recipes for high-altitude canning, we use these two basic concepts:

- For boiling water canning, higher altitudes require you to add processing time.
- For pressure canning, high altitudes require that you increase the pressure.

Boiling Water Method
Boiling water canning relies on a combination of high acidity in the food and the heat of the boiling water to safely preserve the food. In boiling water canning, altitude adjustments take the form of longer processing times at higher altitudes. The longer processing times are needed to compensate for the lower temperature of the boiling water in the canner. When you are canning food above 1,000 feet you need to add more minutes to the processing time in a boiling water canner. Extra time is needed because water boils at lower temperatures as the elevation increases, so you need to boil longer to kill the microorganisms.

If you are canning at higher altitudes, follow the USDA altitude adjustments listed in the charts below.

Boiling Water Method:

Altitude Adjustments for Boiling Water Canner	Altitude in Feet	Increase in Processing Time
1,001 to 3,000	5 Minutes	
3,001 to 6,000	10 Minutes	
6,001 to 8,000	15 Minutes	
8,001 to 10,000		20 Minutes

20 Minutes
According to Colorado State University Extension, for more precise hot water canning times:

- If processing is 20 minutes or less, increase the processing time by 1 minute per 1,000 feet above sea level.
- If processing is greater than 20 minutes, increase the processing time by 2 minutes per 1,000 feet.

Pressure Method
Pressure canning relies on temperatures higher than that of boiling water to safely preserve low-acid foods. Pressure canning is also affected by the lighter atmospheric pressure found at higher altitudes. In pressure canning, processing times do not change, although the canner pressure must be increased at higher altitudes. The increased pressure ensures that the steam inside the canner reaches a temperature high enough to kill any spores of *Clostridium botulinum* that might be present.

Pressure canners have either a weight or a dial gauge that controls pressure. For weight-gauge models, the sound of the weight rocking or jiggling during processing indicates that the canner is maintaining the recommended pressure. Weight-gauge models, however, cannot correct pressure precisely at altitudes of 1,000 feet above sea level or higher.

Dial-gauge models must be checked for accuracy before use each year. Gauges can be checked at county Extension offices.

According to Colorado State University Extension, for more precise pressure canning times:

- Increase pounds of pressure by 1/2 pound for each additional 1,000 feet.

Pressure Method:

Altitude Adjustments for Pressure Canner	Altitude in Feet	Weighted Gauge (Pounds of Pressure)	Dial Gauge (Pounds of Pressure)
0 to 1,000	10	11	11
1,001 to 2,000	15	11	11
2,001 to 4,000	15	12	12
4,001 to 6,000	15	13	13
6,001 to 8,000	15	14	14
8,001 to 10,000	15	15	15

To be sure that you are canning safely; Find out what your altitude is. If you are canning an altitude over 1000 feet, follow the altitude adjustments given in the recipe resource you are using.

Always use a recipe tested for the safety of the final product when canning! Recipes published prior to 1994, should be checked against a current, reliable resource for safety. Not all recipes found on the web or in other publications are scientifically tested. Following are a list of trusted resources that the University of Wyoming Extension recommends the following for safe home food preservation:

- Books:
- Ball®
 - Ball Blue Book Guide to Preserving, 37th edition, 2020.
 - Ball Canning Back to Basics, 2017.
 - The All New Ball Book of Canning and Preserving,

— See Hayman, Page 6

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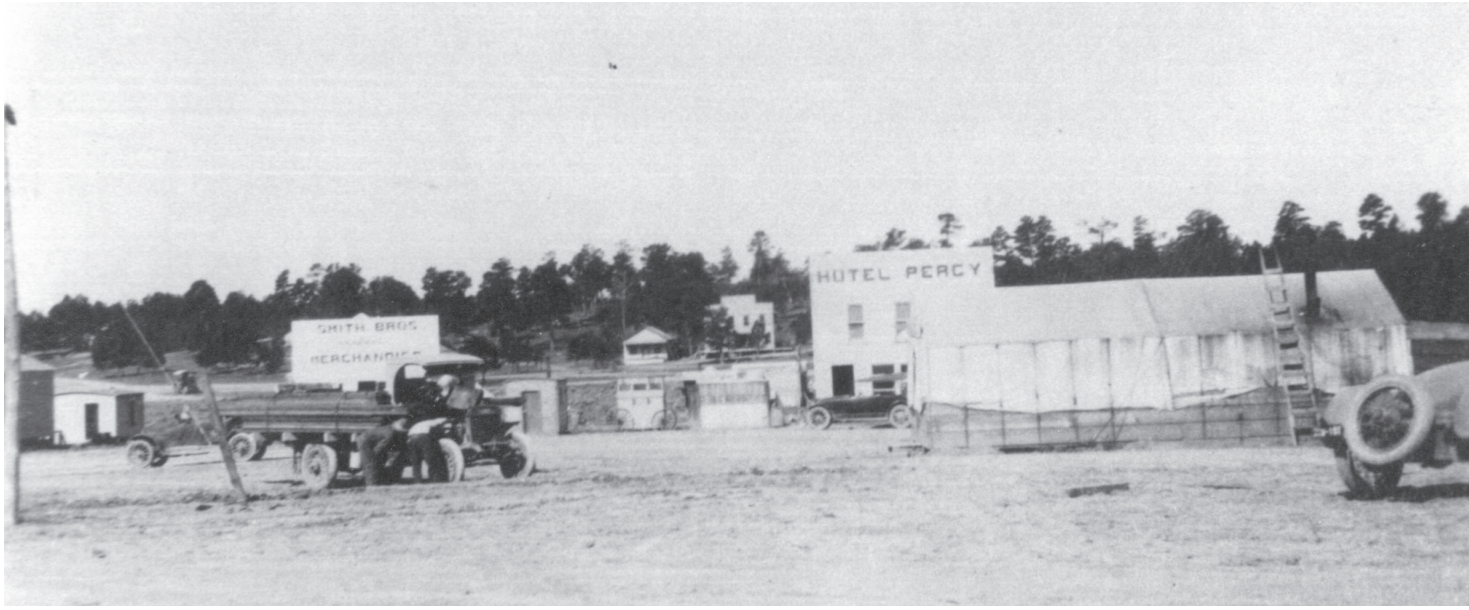
Daily Devotional Reading

Aug. 14 Hosea 11:1-11	Aug. 18 Jonah 3:1-10
Aug. 15 Hosea 14:1-9	Aug. 19 Jonah 4:1-11
Aug. 16 Jonah 1:1-17	Aug. 20 Zephaniah 1:1-18
Aug. 17 Jonah 2:1-10	<i>Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society</i>

- **ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH:** Rev. Norm Brotzman, 216 S. Seneca, 746-2249. Call to Worship 9:30 am; Children's Church during Call to Worship; Faith Rally Sunday 6 pm
- **BAHA'I FAITH:** Firesides (Open to All) 1st & 3rd Fridays 7:30 pm at 15 Skyview Dr, 746-3626
- **CAMBRIA COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH:** 19 Stampede St. 746-2321. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship 10:30 am; Youth (6-12 grades) and Adult Bible Study Sunday Evening 6-7 pm; Wednesday Night Youth and Adult Bible Study 6 pm; Life Recovery Bible Study Sunday Night 7 pm
- **CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH:** Rev. Wendy Owens, S. Summit & Winthrop Streets. 746-9684. haydishall@hotmail.com. Service times: Sunday 10 am
- **CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH:** 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9 am
- **CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS:** Bishop Greg James, 120 Ash, 746-4131. Sunday Sacrament Mtg 9:00 am; Sunday School 10:20 am; Relief Society & Priesthood Mtg 11:15 am
- **CHURCH ON THE HILL:** Pastors Wayne Wilson and Todd Olson, 301 Delaware, 746-9663. Adult Sunday School 9:30 am; Prayer 10:15 am; Worship 10:45 am; Prayer Service Tuesday 6 PM; Celebrate Recovery (18+) & Undeclared Youth (Infant- 12th Grade) Wednesday 6:00 pm
- **CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Brian Hess, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5 pm; Sunday Mass 8 am; Weekday Mass 7 am
- **COUNTRY CHURCH:** Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley and Micah Popma, 746-9712. Worship 10 am
- **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:** Pastor Gary Anderson, 903 S. Summit, 746-2188. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Evening Service 6 pm;
- **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Brenda Torrie, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Adult Bible Study 8:45 am; Traditional Church Services 10:00 am; 10:15 am Children's Church; Youth Group Sunday evenings 5:30-7 pm
- **GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Jon Andersen, Evangelical Free Church meets at the Weston County Senior Services; Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship 11 am. Call 949-0869
- **KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES:** 5018 US Hwy 16, 746-2319 or 746-4517. Tuesday 7:00 pm. Congregation Bible Study, Theocratic Ministry School and Service Meeting, Sunday Public Talk 10 am; Watchtower 11 am
- **NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sun. Worship 10 am; Wed. Night Prayer
- **OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH:** 348 Sheridan St. in Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm
- **OUR SAVIOR CHURCH:** Pastors Doug and Frezil Westerlund. For Bible Study, call (605) 515-3058
- **SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST:** Pastor Lester Bently 612-240-7536, 78 Old Hwy 85. Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11 am
- **ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Brian Hess, Upton. Sunday Mass 5 pm
- **UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Rev. Michael Paschall, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Worship 9 am; Fellowship 10 am
- **VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH:** Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366
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This is a photo of early downtown Osage.

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A PIECE OF HISTORY

25 Years Ago August 17, 1995

The Newcastle Ladies Golf Club hosted an invitational tournament on Wednesday, Aug. 9 at the Newcastle Country Club. A total of 23 golfers competed in two flights.

United Blood Services thanks the people of Newcastle who participated in the VFW Auxiliary blood drive on July 31. During this blood drive, 66 people signed up to donate and 59 were able to give. Every unit drawn is vitally important.

Shannon Merrill and Brian Yeager of the Newcastle FFA Chapter attended the 1995 Washington Leadership Conference. The weeklong program helps FFA members improve their leadership skills, develop an understanding of the nation's heritage and prepare for leadership roles in their chapters and communities.

The First Baptist Church was broken into during the early morning hours of Aug. 9 and the vandal was apprehended a day later. According to authorities, Ronald P. Erdman, 32, of Bullhead City, Ariz., was looking for money in the church. While there he wrote obscenities on the white walls of the church with black

marker. He also managed to take about \$30 in cash.

Two officials from Mongolia were guests of Weston County last Saturday. While here, Governor Mizamkhan and Deputy Governor Bayarsaihan along with their interpreter Toch-toch Gyamcho watched the fair parade. The men were here on a cultural exchange visit arranged by the U.S. Information Agency.

Sixth grade students are invited to an orientation at Newcastle Middle School on Aug. 25 from 2-4 p.m. The event allows homeroom teachers to familiarize incoming students with the school, help them with their schedules and assist them with their locker combinations.

Children from families which fall within certain income guidelines may be eligible for free or reduced price lunches during the school year. Weston County School District #1 recently announced its policy for free and reduced price school lunches served under the National School Lunch Program.

50 Years Ago August 13, 1970

A large turnout of voters is expected in Weston County

for Tuesday's primary election. With numerous primary contests on both the Republican and Democratic ballots and on one Newcastle ward ballot. The polls will open at 9 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

Greg Butler and Ken Jones of Newcastle have completed the National Outdoor Leadership school at Lander. The two boys have spent the past five weeks in the Wind River Mountains taking the wilderness course.

The first log was cut Tuesday at U.S. Plywood's new sawmill at Newcastle. Roy Dean, plant manager, said logs will be cut during the next few days in checking out the new facilities.

Annie T. Mooney, Monrovia, Liberia, will come to Newcastle under the Youth for Understanding Teenage Exchange program. Annie will live with the Don Baldwin family at the M-W ranch in Newcastle. As a student, she will attend Newcastle high school.

Miss Doris Jean Darlington, daughter of Mr. Wayne Darlington of Newcastle, became the bride of William Howard Andrews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Andrews of Herington, Kansas at 2 P.M., Sunday, August 2, at the First

United Methodist Church of Newcastle.

Mrs. Wallace Rindell and children of Sundance were Wednesday afternoon callers at the home of Mrs. Helen Bock, her aunt.

The Russell McMeekin family was in Torrington Saturday and also toured the historic site of Old Fort Laramie.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Keefer of Hawaii and Mrs. Tom Davis of Skull Creek were Tuesday morning callers at the Fred Farley home.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cheek hosted a dinner Aug. 4 on the occasion of their daughter's birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Farley were Monday evening card guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Taylor.

W.C. "Wog" Townsend received many Sunday afternoon callers August 9 on the occasion of his birthday.

100 Years Ago August 12, 1920

Holding the Rapid City baseball team, the swiftest in the Black Hills, without a score until the eighth inning, the Gushers were defeated five to two in the fastest ten inning game ever played on the local diamond Thursday.

Spouting high over the Star rig another gusher was added to the list already credited to the Osage field Sunday, when the Sinclair company drilling on the northeast quarter of section 19-46-63 encountered the deep sand.

Hook 'em cow! Let 'er buck! The wild cry of the cowboy has become a matter of history in Newcastle with the completion of a three-day Frontier celebration, the 4th, 5th and 6th. Roping, riding, bull-dogging, relay races - everything dear to the heart of the cowman, and ever a source of interest to the new generation.

Miss Emily Lee, Renel Hicks and Retta Crites were guests at the Charley Young home Sunday. Mrs. Ed. White and children spent Sunday and Monday visiting Bernice Fisher at the postoffice.

There will be a big dance at the Francis Budroe's home down the river next Saturday night. Everybody come and have a good time.

Most of the people in the Hampshire vicinity are busy putting up hay now. They are determined to have lots of feed in case we should have another winter like the last one.

Mrs. W.E. Fonkin has been quite ill with the whooping cough, but is getting along nicely now. Mr. and Mrs. T.G. Hesnard autoed to Hermosa last Friday, expecting to return in a few days.

Mrs. Mike Coy and family have moved up to the Rochelle Hills where they will spend the winter. Don Peterson left to do work in the oil fields at Osage.

Mr. and Mrs. Combs and family and Miss Bessie Shell came out to the T.W. Shell ranch. Miss Bessie had been gathering wild fruit at her sister's, Mrs. Hanson.

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WHAT'S UP

August 2020

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

DAY/DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Fri Aug 14	5-7PM 5:30PM	Newcastle Farmer's Market BINGO	Pinnacle Bank/4-Way VFW Hall
Sat Aug 15	7PM	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center
Mon Aug 17	7PM	Newcastle City Council	City Council Chambers
Tues Aug 18	9AM 6PM	WC Commissioners Legion Riders Meeting	Courthouse Forestry Building
Wed Aug 19	6:30-8:30AM	Wellness Wednesday	WCHS
Thurs Aug 20	6PM 6PM	Veteran's Memorial Meeting WCHS Board of Trustees Mtg.	WCSS Michael's room Board Room @WCHS

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Aug. 14 Willis Franz Steve Goodwin	Aug. 16 Dean Bergstrom Duke & DeAnn Ottema	William & Michelle Fitzwater Kim Zorn
Aug. 15 Louie Doell Morgan Heiman Verna Schneider	Aug. 17 Ryan & Kim Scharf	Aug 19 Earl Hamilton
	Aug. 18 Pat Crow	Aug. 20 Cassie Ronning

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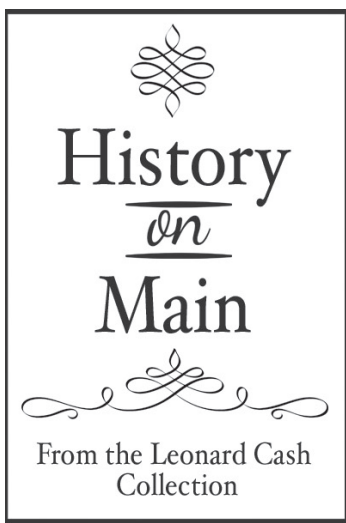
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For the Ages

News Letter Journal

A closer look at A.M. Nichols Supply Co.



Hannah Gross
NLJ Correspondent
With Leonard Cash

After finishing up his six-week series on the Isabella's building, historian Leonard Cash decided to move right along next door to lots 4 through 6 on block 10 (which is the Perkins' Tavern building), in this week's installment of "History on Main."

According to the Sanborn Fire Insurance maps, lot 4 was a bakery in 1891, lot 5 was a meat market and lot 6 was a vacant building. In 1896, lot 4 was a taxidermy, and later in 1903, it became a meat shop and lot 5 was a grocery store. In 1907, a warehouse was built on top of the basement of lot 5, according to Cash.

"It was quite a warehouse," Cash said.

Cash said there was a fire in 1909, so a new building was constructed the following year, and that's the brick building that sits on the property today. In 1912, all three lots became the Nichols building.

Backtracking to 1890, Cash pulled out his newspaper records to add more details to this antiquated section of town.

According to the local paper from May 2, 1890, T.C. Hacke was planning to erect a 24-by-

50-foot building (possibly for a grocery store) on lot 5 next to the Lindsey and Smith Meat Market. Cash said the owners cut their own meat.

The July 25, 1890, local newspaper, reported that Charles Dow had a popcorn stand next to the meat shop, and the July 18, 1890, issue of the Weston County Democrat said Dow also had a fruit and refreshment stand, as well as a selection of candy and cigars.

An article from the Oct. 10, 1890, paper said that Benj. Lapp purchased the popcorn stand and confection from Dow and had plans for adding additional items.

A few weeks later, *Newcastle News* articles from Oct. 24, 1890, and Nov. 4, 1890, announced that Lapp was willing to pay cash for firearms, watches, overcoats, jewelry, and such for what Cash said was most likely a pawn shop. The article says the shop was located across the street (on lot 6, Cash said) from the Hotel de Newcastle (where the Dogie Theater is now).

According to the Nov. 14, 1890, *News Journal*, Lapp received a stock of "ladies and gents underwear novelties etc., and expect(s) to crowd his building full for the winter trade."

On Jan 23, 1891, the paper reported that Chris Voss Restaurant and Bakery moved to lot 4 next to the meat market. Voss was previously located behind the Cashbox Ceramics building, Cash said.

However, Voss didn't stay for long because, according to an article from March 13, 1891, Henry Dunbar succeeded B.W. Valentine as proprietor of the bakery.

"Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar are well known to our people and we think they will make bread and pie, and things (will) fly in great shape," the article says.



Photo courtesy of Leonard Cash

This photo depicts the Nichols building on lots 4, 5 and 6.

Around Sept. 24, 1891, Lapp fell into some financial trouble at his store.

"Benj Lapp seems to have been playing a star engagement at Cascade. We noticed a mortgage is being foreclosed on his store for \$3,000," the article says.

According to courthouse files, A.M. Nichols Supply Co. once occupied the brick building. Nichols bought lot 4 from Thomas Sweet and Joe Lefors on Oct. 13, 1899, and later purchased lot 5 from C.H. Sharp on Dec. 2 (later, in 1909, he purchased lot 6 as well).

Because of Nichols' propriety and success as a businessman, Cash wanted to include a biography on the man himself.

"He was quite a guy, really.

He had a ranch and a construction company and the bank. And his dad was a lawyer," Cash said.

An article from "History of Wyoming" includes a brief biography on the life of Nichols. He was born on Aug. 9, 1871, in Osage, Iowa, to Melvin and Almeda Nichols. In 1887, the family moved to Douglas.

"Two years afterward, they established their home in Sundance and Mr. Nichols, who was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, has (commuted) to make his home in Sundance to the present time," the article says.

After four years, Nichols resigned from the ministry and went into law. His son, A.M. Nichols went to high school

in Audubon, Iowa, where he started a newspaper career with the Audubon Times. He began working on the *Rowdy West*, which he established in Douglas, and then joined the *Sundance Gazette*.

On Christmas Eve of 1891, he married Orpha Ogden, whose father was one of the first preachers in the Black Hills area, and they had four children.

In 1892, Nichols moved to Newcastle and bought an interest in the *Newcastle News Journal* and stayed there until 1898. After his newspaper ventures, he cultivated a Weston County homestead for three years, becoming a resident of Newcastle.

And then Nichols decided to open up his supply company.

"He has a large and splendidly appointed store, carries an extensive line of goods and his patronage has steadily increased. He still retains his ranching interests and in partnership with F.W. Mondell, member of Congress, owns the Oil Creek ranch, on which they are extensively engaged in the raising of cattle," the article says.

The two men were also involved with the railroad construction work. Nichols also played a large role in organizing the Newcastle National Bank, for which he served as president for a time.

The businessman was also very involved in politics because he served as both mayor and on the board of county commissioners.

"He was elected to represent his district in the state legislature at the fall election of 1908 and served throughout the tenth general assembly, during which time he became widely known as the author of the high license bill," the article says.

Nichols was passionate about "progress and improvement" regarding the "welfare and upbuilding of the commonwealth." He was very involved with the Newcastle Masonic Lodge No. 13. and was a member of both the Newcastle Commercial Club and the Methodist Episcopal church.

He was known for his "sterling worth of character," as well as being a great entrepreneur with his "keen sagacity and sound business judgment."

Cash said Nichols and his wife later moved to California, where they had an orchard, then headed to Oregon (near the Portland area), where both are buried.

In next week's installment, Cash will continue his discussion of the A.M. Nichols Supply Co.

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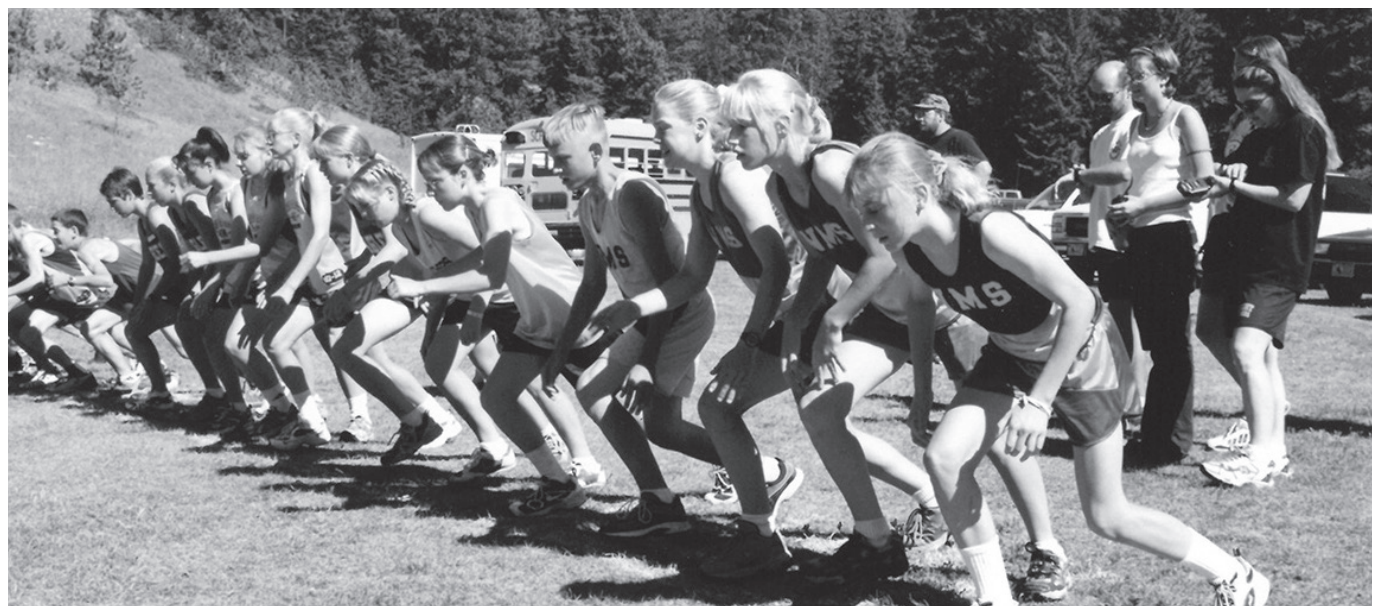
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BLAST FROM THE PAST



Here's a photo from the News Letter Journal's archives. — subjects and date unknown.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE WYOMING CONSTITUTION TO BE VOTED ON AT THE GENERAL ELECTION NOV. 3, 2020

Underlined words would be added to existing law. Words stricken through will be removed.

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Article 16, Section 5. Limitation on municipal, county or school district debt.

No city or town shall in any manner create any indebtedness exceeding four per cent (4%) of the assessed value of the taxable property therein, except that ~~an additional indebtedness of four per cent (4%) of the assessed value of the taxable property therein~~ may be created for sewage disposal systems as the legislature may by law prescribe. Indebtedness created for supplying water to cities or towns is excepted from the limitation herein.

No county shall in any manner create any indebtedness exceeding two per cent (2%) of the taxable property therein.

No school district shall in any manner create any indebtedness exceeding ten per cent (10%) on the assessed value of the taxable property therein for the purpose of acquiring land, erection, enlarging and equipping of school buildings.

All limitations herein shall refer to the last preceding general assessment.

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Photos courtesy of Wyoming Game and Fish

Wyoming Game and Fish Department's new Newcastle warden station was recently completed on Musser Road, north of town. According to the Game and Fish, the public is invited to visit the new office anytime. Below, the completed kitchen of the new station/family residence is shown in a submitted photo from the department.

Station

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level room for an office. Game and Fish Director Brian Nesvik said, however, that the policy stated 1,500 square feet during a March 2 conversation with the *News Letter Journal*.

The new home, according to Nesvik, will provide 1,800 square feet of living space for game warden Troy Achterhof and his family, along with a two-car garage and office space.

"We used an existing plan, a plan that was already designed; it was cheaper to go with an existing plan," Nesvik said.

According to Fitzgerald, the design selected meets the functionality needed for a game warden station and home.

"It meets the functionality and the needs. The homes are also supplied with, as claimed to me as part of the package, ... basic things with options presented," Fitzgerald said. Any requested options were to be reviewed by the director.

According to the bid documents provided by the department, the options included a propane fireplace not to exceed \$3,500, stainless steel appliances for the kitchen, and hickory or another medium hardwood cabinets with brushed nickel knobs and pulls.

Ongoing costs for the new warden station/home will include utilities, taxes and insurance — all paid by Game and Fish, although Fitzgerald said at the time that those costs would be unknown until the construction was completed.

As a game warden station, Fitzgerald said, the building is visibly marked at the gate with a sign that says "Game Warden Station" so the public can easily identify the property.

"There are no specific hours, and it (the station) is available to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, although members of the public may need to call the warden if they are not home when they stop by," Fitzgerald said. "The public is welcome to stop by the game warden station office at any time. The office portion of the warden station is open to the public, but the house is used as a family residence."

According to Fitzgerald, an individual may need to visit the local game warden station for various reasons: checking in black bears and mountain lions (both of which have mandatory reporting requirements); conducting disease sampling such as CWD testing; dropping off various applications, forms and damage claim affidavits; conducting hull inspections for boats; responding to law enforcement-related situations; and being provided with some wildlife mitigation equipment.

"Game wardens also provide general information related to wildlife, hunting, fishing, trapping, access and watercraft, much of which we can provide over the phone at this time, but also in person, if needed. Regardless, the public is welcome to go to any warden station in person for whatever their wildlife or Game and Fish situation may be," Fitzgerald said. The department does not plan on hosting an open house at the new station, she said.

All Game and Fish warden



information, including phone numbers and addresses, can be found on the Game and Fish website.

Project history:

Wyoming Game and Fish Director Brian Nesvik said that the department faced several issues while trying to obtain another warden station in the Newcastle area after the previous home/office on 5th Avenue was sold. The game warden moved out of this location in April of 2013.

Nesvik and Rebekah Fitzgerald, the department's communications director, said that Game and Fish then provided Newcastle Game Warden Troy Achterhof with \$739 a month for rental assistance and that his office in the State Forestry Building was provided free of charge.

According to the summary and feasibility study, the Newcastle game warden spent a considerable amount of time looking for a suitable replacement for the warden station in 2011-12. The new location was to be within the Game and Fish Commission's approved budget of \$250,000, an amount approved in fiscal year 2013.

Fitzgerald said that the commission approved adding \$175,000 to the budget, making the total budget still less than \$600,000-plus in costs associated with the project. She said that the additional funds were to be taken out of leftover monies the department was able to allocate.

Nesvik said that the department's first option would have been to purchase a preexisting home because of the cost certainty but that the department "struggled to find something that would work."

"As we have highlighted this has not been an easy process. We have had a hard time trying to find or build something that is suitable for the long-term needs and the commission has the responsibility to find the best value for something that will last for decades," Nesvik said. Because of the government purpose associated with the build, there were certain nuances that other people building homes would not have to accommodate, he said.

The policy requiring Game and Fish to provide housing for game wardens was last revised in 2007, according to Fitzgerald. The department, however, has been providing

There are no specific hours, and it (the station) is available to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, although members of the public may need to call the warden if they are not home when they stop by."

— Rebekah Fitzgerald, Wyoming Game and Fish Communications Director

housing to wardens since 1937, according to the department's website. Fitzgerald said the housing policy was not formalized until 1998.

"In order to better serve the public and protect the wildlife resources of Wyoming, the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission and the Wyoming Game and Fish Department maintain numerous residential structures to be used by department employees on either a temporary or permanent basis," the updated policy states.

The policy states that housing is provided to "certain employees and their immediate families" when such housing is for the convenience of the department or a condition of the position's employment.

Fitzgerald elaborated on the policy, stating that the housing is considered department infrastructure and is there to serve the public.

"It is so the wardens can be available; it is especially important in areas without regional offices," Fitzgerald said. "It is used by the public and houses the warden. Those employees can move throughout the state as they take on different roles. Sometimes a warden stays in an area and sometimes they move."

"We look at the role and functionality as it serves the public and department need. We assess our needs holistically," Fitzgerald added.

According to Nesvik, when the policy was last reviewed, it was determined that the state as a whole needed to continue with the housing policy. He noted that he is unsure if the policy was ever discussed in Weston County.

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"The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act reduced the amount of corporate income taxes our company pay and we are passing those savings along to our customers," said Marc Eyre, vice president of electric operations in South Dakota and Northeast Wyoming. "We appreciate the commission working with us to provide the benefits of the change in corporate tax rates to our customers on their electric energy bills and we will continue to work to provide our Wyoming customers with safe and affordable energy."

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Another case bites the dust

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

For the second time in the past month, Weston County Public Health nurse Lori Bickford has had to report that a previously reported positive COVID-19 case did not belong to the county. Contact tracing and investigation led to the discovery that the individual with positive tests did not technically live in Weston County.

"The numbers reported by the Wyoming Department of Health come from the entry of the cases at the lab. The investigation begins after the lab is entered into the system because it has to be a confirmed positive," Bickford said.

According to Bickford, the mislabeling of the positive test result as belonging to Weston County was the result of wrong information being provided on the lab requisition from the individual's provider.

"Whoever ordered the labs for those individuals used an old address, because during the investigation, I was able to find out current addresses," Bickford said.

Once Bickford discovered the current address, she contacted the Wyoming Department of Health's epidemiology department to disclose that she was able to confirm the misinformation in the lab request.

"Today (Tuesday, Aug. 11) the number should be changed to reflect the removal of that case," Bickford said. "Unless there is additional positives reported today before 3 p.m., Weston County will have five confirmed cases."

Bickford said that while the situation is frustrating but correctable.

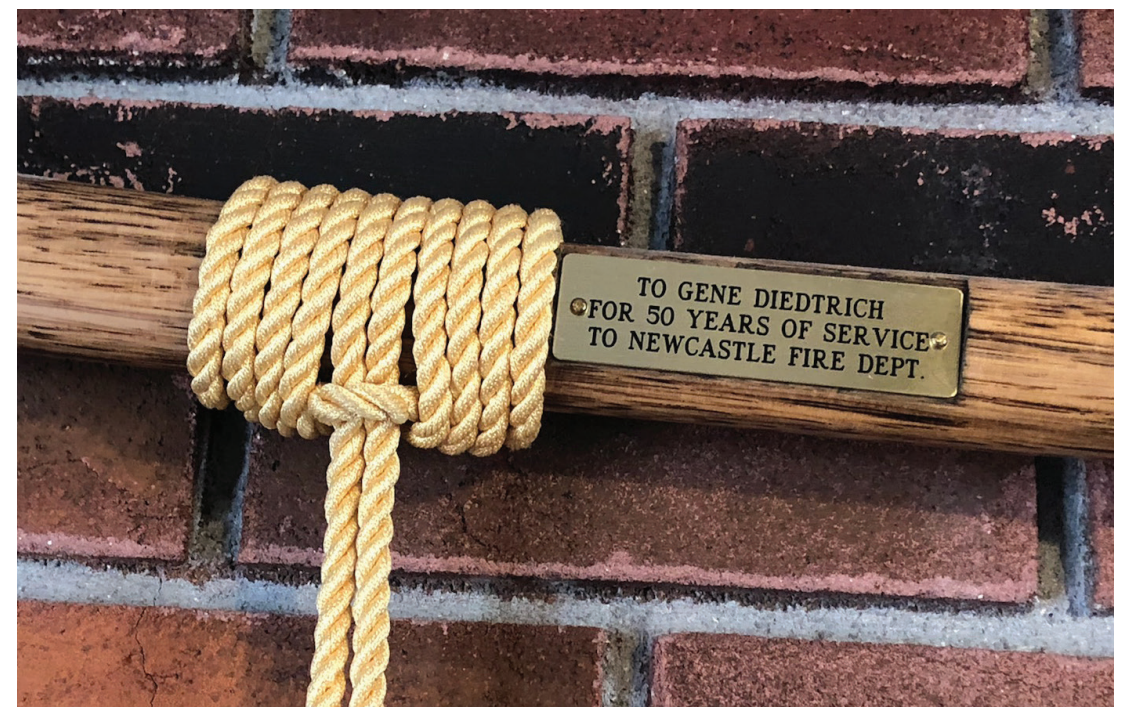
"Those are things that you don't find out until you start peeling back the layers and start to verify and confirm the

information," Bickford said. "That is how I can let the department know and get those cases removed."

As of 3 p.m. on Aug. 10, Wyoming had a total of 2,565 confirmed cases of COVID-19, according to the department of health's website. Of those cases, 2,081 have recovered and 28 deaths attributed to COVID-19 have occurred in the state.

Wyoming is currently reporting a total of 82,445 total tests performed on 57,205 people. Of those, 574 of the tests were performed in Weston County with only 0.7% of the tests resulting in a positive COVID-19 case.

Bickford encouraged the community to continue to practice caution to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Unfortunately, she said, COVID-19 is something the public is going to have to be cautious about until a treatment or vaccine is available.



Diedtrich from Page 1

"The association formed a mutual aid department in about 1948," he continued. "Which is a membership benevolent fund set up to assist ... beneficiaries upon their demise." Diedtrich said.

"The program only was paying \$200 back in 1994," he said. "I did some research and eventually found additional benefits for firemen and their families. Since then, the fund has increased... Now the benefit provides a \$2,500 death benefit."

Diedtrich was a member of the fire department drill team for 40 years. Eleven of those years, the drill team won the state competition.

"I am currently serving my 30th year as a member of Wyoming Retirement System's Volunteer Firemen's (Firefighter), EMT and Search and Rescue Pension Fund board, serving as a board chairman since 2015," he said. "The governor appoints the board position."

Diedtrich received the Distinguished Service Honor Roll award in 2000 from the Newcastle fire department. He received the Fireman of the Year award in 2000, and a gold-plated commemorative ax for 50 years of service as well. He also was awarded a certificate of accomplishment by the state of Wyoming.

Diedtrich has seen many changes during his decades of service. He remembers when most of the training took place during drills on Main Street, but improvements have taken place over the years, he said. From 1977 through 1978, a joint effort between the city of Newcastle and the state of Wyoming, expansion started happening. With the help of some federal grants, as well as private donations, the current location of the department and buildings developed. The training program for firefighters expanded beyond the drills. Diedtrich was among those who helped get the training in place.

Joyce Diedtrich, Gene's wife of 57 years, said his service has defined who he is and she is proud of his commitment to the fire department and the community. She said his hard work and passion have helped make the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department a safer and more efficient organization.

"Belonging to the fire department changed his character," she said, "It's a devotion and a comradeship. I think that's something he needed. ... He needed a focus ... a broader outlook about his life."

"Newcastle has the best fire department in the state," said Robert Munger, Newcastle's fire chief. "Gene has been one of the reasons for that. He has worked hard and has been instrumental in the training of our department. This induction tells you something about Gene. All the work he's done, not only with Newcastle but the state, is amazing. He has more time in the fire service than most of us have been on the earth. That is quite an accomplishment."

"He has been a great help for the four years I've been fire marshal," Reed said, "It's an honor to know him."

Diedtrich exemplifies the best qualities in a person, Reed said.



Submitted photos
Top: a gold-plated ax, presented to Gene Diedtrich by the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department for 50 years of service. Above, The Distinguished Service Honor Roll award was presented to Diedtrich in 2000 by the Wyoming Fire Chief's Association for his years of brave service.

"If you want to see what dedication to a department and the safety and well-being of a crew and a community look like," he said, "all you need to do is look at Diedtrich...he demonstrates the best of us all."

According to Reed, the hall of fame idea started when the state firefighters association realized the heroic record of those firefighters who have given their all, some of them paying the ultimate sacrifice. In conjunction with honoring those who lost their lives, the firefighter's association decided that it needed to honor those who devoted their lives to training other firefighters and making our communities safer.

"It's not only the fallen who deserve recognition," Reed said, "People like Gene have sacrificed as well. They have helped establish departments that put community safety first. That is something you can't replace."

In addition to Diedtrich, the other inductees are Joseph Fender of Cheyenne and two posthumous inductees, Donald E. Young of Casper, and Larry Lee of Riverton.

Diedtrich said he wants to share this honor with the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department.

"Thanks to the city and the department," he said, "we have the greatest people and equipment possible. It's been wonderful to see the department grow and acquire modern, reliable equipment over the years. The facility expansions have been great. The Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department is the best in the whole state of Wyoming. This honor belongs to the whole group, not just me."

Lifestyles

News Letter Journal

Antlers history program scheduled

The Alliance for Historic Wyoming is excited to announce Historic Preservation Month 2020 sponsored by Wyoming Main Street and Wattle & Daub Contractors, Wyoming Main Street, and Wattle & Daub have partnered with historic preservation commissions, local Main Streets and businesses across the state to celebrate the role of historic preservation in local economic development.

The Weston County Historic Preservation Board has chosen The Antlers to be recognized for the year 2020, according to a release this week.

"We would like to honor Chris and Pam Gualtieri for preserving this historic building and reviving it as a main street business for Newcastle," the release stated.

The Weston County Historical Society will present a program, "Antlers - Past, Present, Future," on Aug. 22 at 2 p.m. at the Antlers located at 205 W. Main St. in Newcastle. The program will be presented by Pam Gualtieri and will feature historic characters and tours.

According to research by Weston County historian Leonard Cash, the Antlers Hotel was Newcastle's first permanent building made of brick and native stone. In May of 1890 the building was completed for the owners, Kilpatrick Bros and Collins, of Cambria Mines. The basement of the building was 50 feet by 100 feet and the home of the city's courthouse. The building had two stories. The second story was a commissary.

Between January 1892 and 1895, the building was remodeled to make it a hotel. Mr. and Mrs. O.J. Showers leased the building and managed the hotel, that they called "Hotel Showers." Mrs. Showers soon renamed it the Antlers Hotel. In 1897 both Mr. and Mrs. Showers passed away. It was then leased to Mr. Carl Blank in 1899.

In 1901, Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Brooks leased it, but he left in just a few months and the J.W. Donahue family came to run the Antlers, according to Cash. Donahue enlarged the office of the hotel. In 1902 W.H. Dodd moved to take care of the Antlers for the stock company that bought the building, known as the Antlers Hotel Company.

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Keeping county history alive

KateLynn Slaamot
NLJ Correspondent

For one former Newcastle resident and Newcastle High School alumnus, the history of Weston County is too rich to stay hidden away and out of sight. Although Lloyd Thomas moved away from Newcastle several years ago, that hasn't stopped him from sharing pictures of the area and its people from times past on his personal Facebook page.

The current Redding, California, resident was a member of the class of 1974 at NHS, he said, but he graduated in Nemo, South Dakota, from a trade school after 1973. He married his wife, Kim, in 1974, and together they have one son, Leroy. Thomas and his family moved to California in 1986, when he was offered a job there.



One of Thomas' cherished early childhood memories was attending kindergarten in the old high school, which was built in 1890 but burned down in 1975. Then, from first grade to sixth, he attended Gertrude Burns Elementary School.

"I won second place in the science fair there (elementary school) for my crystal radio. (It) played KASL constantly," Thomas said. He added that because it didn't need any

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Submitted photo

Lloyd Thomas, former Newcastle resident, loves the rich history of Newcastle, and he continues to share it on Facebook to keep it alive.

Bikes roll in



Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ

Whether passing through on their way to the 80th Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota, or visiting historic sites, family and friends, Newcastle's Main Street becomes a popular stop as bikers visit downtown businesses this week. Above, one of the many bikers that took advantage of the sectioned off center lane of Main Street for parking. See more photos on Page 18.

Ready, set, go ... NHS fall sports are on

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

We've been waiting five months, and the time has finally arrived. The Dogies are poised to begin the fall sports seasons, and by all appearances, they are more than ready to get at it.

Football, volleyball, cross country and girls' swimming will take to their respective venues on Monday, Aug. 17, to prepare for what they hope to

be a full season. With the ever-present Coronavirus looming, there will be some changes for each sport, but all are looking forward to getting back out there to compete.

For all sports, student athletes must have obtained their physical prior to their first practice.

Dogie football will kick things off with a 4 p.m. player meeting at Schoonmaker Field on Monday, Aug. 17, followed immediately by

practice until 6 p.m. The players will get a dinner break and then return to the field for practice from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This schedule will be followed Tuesday through Thursday as well.

Players need to bring their own water bottle to practice and will not be allowed to share. Players may bring face coverings to be worn before and after practice, though team face shields will be provided.

Lady Dogie volleyball will also get

started on Aug. 17, and will be going twice a day through the first week.

Morning conditioning will take place at the track/weight room from 6 to 7:30 a.m. and the players will return in the afternoon to the Dogie Dome for practice from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Athletes are required to attend both morning and afternoon sessions in order for it to count as a practice.

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Onion-related salmonella in Wyoming

With a growing outbreak of Salmonella Newport infections linked to eating red onions, the Wyoming Department of Health is encouraging caution among state consumers.

At least 16 cases have been identified among Wyoming residents so far, with at least 396 cases nationally. Wyoming cases have been reported so far from Campbell, Carbon, Crook, Goshen, Natrona, Sheridan and Teton counties with half of outbreak-associated cases from Campbell County.

"People ill in connection to this outbreak described eating raw onions in freshly prepared foods, including salads, sandwiches, wraps, salsas and dips," said Tiffany Greenlee, surveillance epidemiologist with WDH. "That's why we're recommending residents should not eat, serve or sell any onions from Thomson International

Inc. or products made with these onions."

Advice from Greenlee also includes:

- Check refrigerators and kitchens for potentially affected onions or fresh foods made with them.
- Check packages or look for stickers on an onion to see if it is from Thomson International, Inc. If it is, don't eat it. Throw it away.
- If you can't tell where onions are from, don't eat them. Throw them away.
- Look for foods with onions and do not eat them if it's unknown where onions came from. Throw them away, even if no one got sick.
- Wash and sanitize any surfaces that may have come in contact with onions or their packaging, such as counter tops, refrigerator drawers, knives and cutting boards.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

- Most people infected with Salmonella develop diarrhea, fever and stomach cramps 6 hours to 6 days after being exposed to the bacteria.
 - The illness usually lasts 4 to 7 days, and most people recover without treatment.
 - In some people, the illness may be so severe that the patient needs to be hospitalized. Salmonella infection may spread from the intestines to the bloodstream and then to other places in the body.
 - Children younger than 5 years, adults 65 years and older and people with weakened immune systems are more likely to have a severe illness.
- More information about salmonella and outbreak updates can be found from the CDC at cdc.gov/salmonella/newport-07-20/index.html.

Sports

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All players must bring their own water bottle, as they will not be allowed to drink directly from water fountains in the facility, and they may also consider wearing face coverings before and after practice.

The NHS Dogie cross country runners will be practicing twice a day as well with the first practice beginning at 8 a.m. Monday through Wednesday, Aug. 17 to 19, and will return for the afternoon practice at 4 p.m. On Thursday and Friday, morning practice will begin at 6 a.m. All runners will need a bike by the start of the afternoon session on Monday.

Middle school runners will also begin practice on Monday the 17th, however they will only attend practice once a day. The first practice will be at 8 a.m., and subsequent practices throughout the week will be at 4 p.m. Middle school athletes will also need to have a bike by the Tuesday afternoon practice.

On Saturday, the team will head out for their

annual run up Black Elk Peak (formerly known as Harney Peak) at 6 a.m. Athletes need to bring a sack lunch and plenty of water for the trip.

Finally, the Lady Dogie swimmers will dive into their season on Monday as well. The team is scheduled to meet outside the Kozisek Aquatic Center at 7 on Monday morning with that session ending at 8 a.m. They will return to the pool for afternoon practice from 4 to 6 p.m. and will follow the same schedule through Friday, Aug. 21.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, locker rooms will not be available so swimmers must come prepared to be in the water, and also must bring their own water bottles. Daily health checks will be conducted and swimmers will each be provided with an equipment bag in lieu of a locker.

Letters are being sent out this week with more information regarding parent meetings as well as the seasons.

Thomas

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batteries, he listened to it for many years.

Thomas did well in track, and he could run a mile in five minutes and six seconds. He enjoyed time with all his school friends, he said.

Barbara Thomas was his mother, and he has two sisters, Cecilia and Diana. Barbara helped launch the Weston County Humane Society, and she also worked at the hospital. According to Thomas, she "probably was in on the delivery of many born in Weston County."

Growing up without a father, who passed away due to an oil field accident months before Thomas was born, Thomas said the community of Newcastle had a vast impact on him.

Thomas cited Psalms 68:5 in the Bible, which speaks of being a father to the fatherless, as a virtue that the people of

Newcastle embodied.

"The good people of Newcastle followed that principle and encouraged me with kindness and guidance, but also discipline when needed," Thomas said. "I wouldn't want to have grown up anywhere else."

His affection towards the community gave Thomas a desire to continue to share in it and its past. Especially after discovering more about the area's history, Thomas wanted to find out even more and share it with others, so that it's not forgotten.

Early homesteaders and their strength and resolve are a particular area of interest for Thomas.

"They had to be tough and determined people to go through what some did and build something from nothing. Just a piece of land out in the

middle of nowhere. No cars, no electricity, just horses, a wagon and some tools. They had to build on that land to keep it," Thomas said.

Thomas is also fascinated with the history of Cambria's coal mines and the hand they played in the American railroad.

While Thomas shares a lot about the history of Weston County, he also shares old class photos. Thomas discovers most of his findings on the internet.

He enjoys his unique way of staying in touch with the community, Thomas said, and although his relatives here have passed on, he still enjoys visiting occasionally.

"It was a great place to grow up that has such a rich history of the real people who helped build the West and still hold the many good values that seem to be lost in much of the world today," Thomas said.

Antlers

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In 1903, Mayor Pete Kinney took charge of the business and in 1904 the Kilpatrick Bros and Collins regained ownership. In 1905, Kinney began work on a two-story addition which added needed rooms. The lower part of the building was the Antler's Saloon, and the upper part was made into rooms for the hotel. Kinney ran a telephone and an electric power company from the building. Many improvements were made over the years.

In 1912, Matt Hill leased the property. Then, in 1916, Kinney added a 12-room extension to the back. In 1918, Newcastle National Bank used part of the building while their building was being remodeled. In 1921, the Weston County Health Center rented eight rooms in the rear. This area became the hospital. In 1927, Pete Kinney died and his wife Ethel and Daughter took over running the business. In 1928, they remodeled the dining room and added bathtubs in some guest rooms. She continued with adding plumbing and other upgrades through the years.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank William leased the building in 1938. In 1939, a major renovation occurred which included applying stucco to the façade and glass bricks were added, also adding four new rooms and four apartments, making the building a 50-room hotel. Somewhere along the time-line Esther Cleveland bought the building, but in 1946, the Kinneys bought the building

back and placed Mr. and Mrs. Fred Runger as manager.

Miss Faye Bessey and her brother took charge of the Antlers Hotel in 1953, and ran the hotel into the '70s. In the 1960s Miss Bessey became the Continental Trailway Bus Agent and used the Antlers Hotel as a bus stop. The Antlers was in operation until the early 1980s, and then sat empty.

Jack and Rhoda Highfill and Dave and Sandy Fisher purchased the building in 1988. Jackie Woltemath approached them and wanted to transform the building into a business, with exercise and dance, called "Purrfect Steps." This only lasted a few years as the renovations were too overwhelming, Cash reported.

The building sat empty until Heidi Cleveland and husband Bill bought the Antlers in 2007. They renovated the building, made four apartments and six rooms, which could be rented on a long-term basis. They had a restaurant and bar they ran. To date, there have been several people managing a business there.

In March of 2019, the Gualtieris bought the building and made it a thriving business with several venues. These include Uncle Vito's, a New York-style Italian Deli, Hannah's Heavenly Treats, a bakery, Boopa's, a soda shop, Arianna's, a bed and breakfast, and Beanit, a coffee shop.

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NHS Prom: 2020 Version

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Newcastle High School's prom was held on Aug. 7 at the Newcastle Country Club in Newcastle, three months later than usual due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While later than usual, the outside setting made a splendid backdrop for the attendees. Clockwise from above are: NHS upcoming senior Alaina Lawrence and her date, Avery Chick, stop for a brief second so parents can snag a photo; Prom queen Grace Coy is congratulated by her boyfriend, Davin Tysdal, and her friend, Sara Sweet; Kayne Hinshaw and Jacob Rhoades show off their guns; Asia Graham dances with her grandpa, Phil Thurman, during the father-daughter dance; Hannah Foote and Chris Fullerton are silhouetted in the setting sun.



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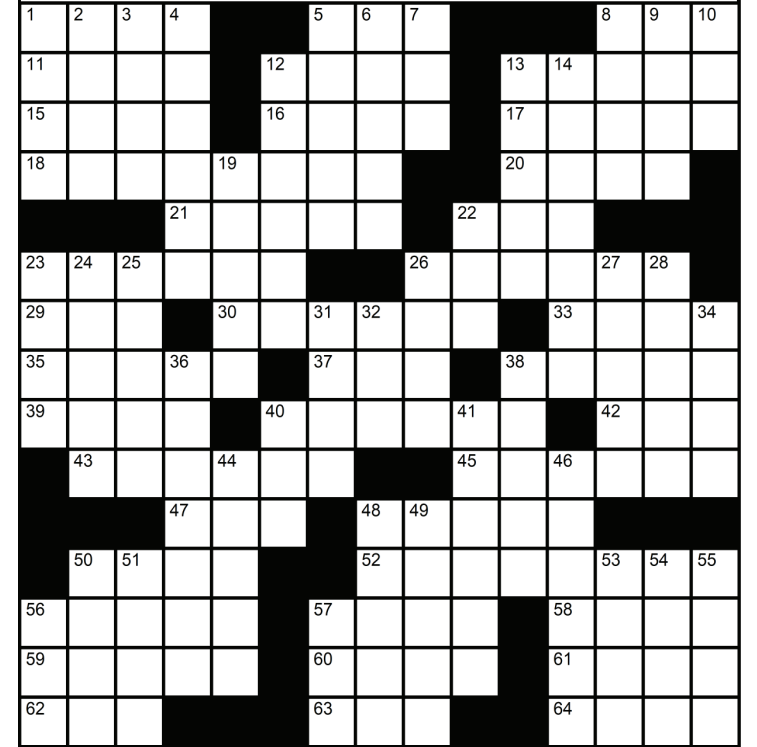
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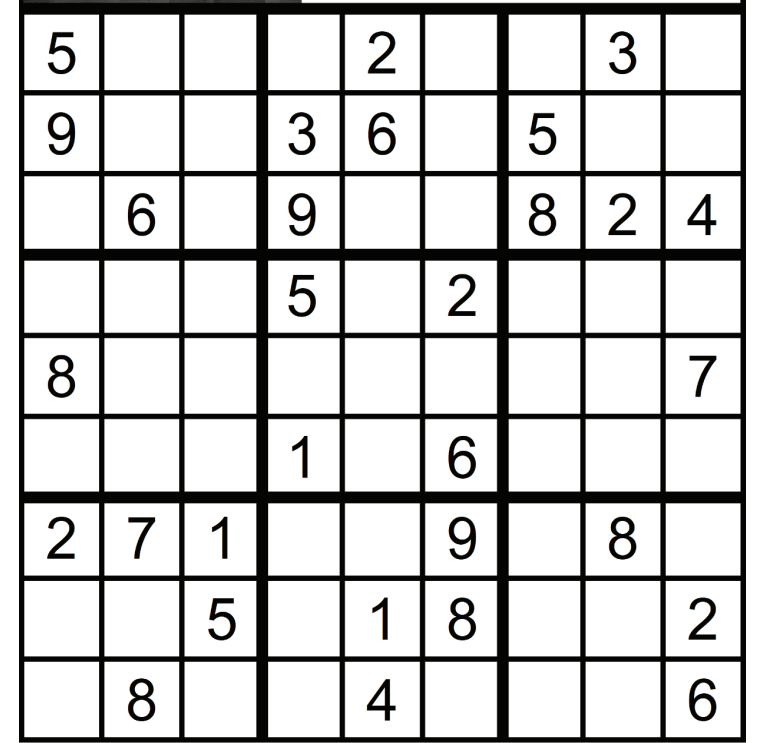
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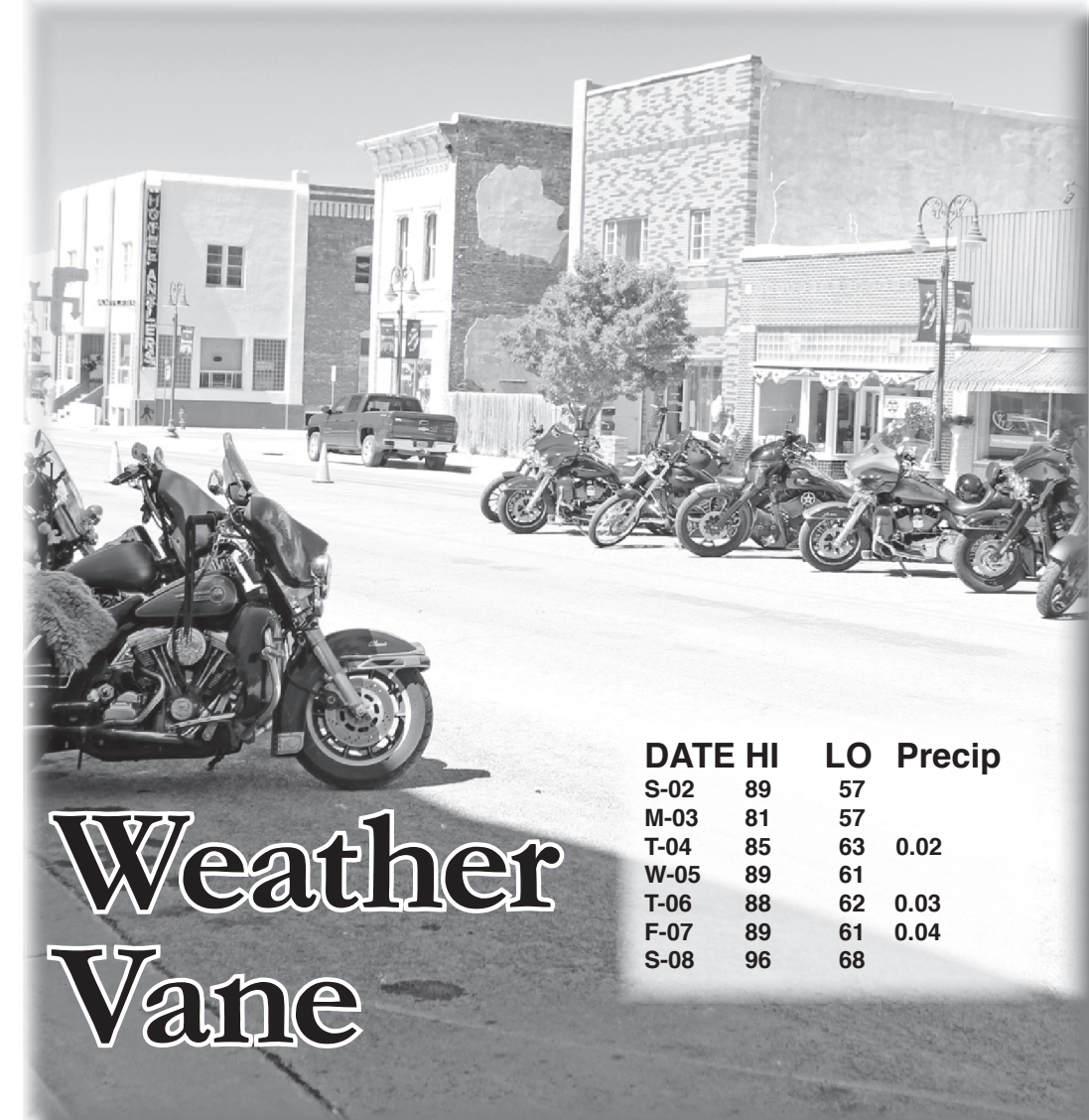
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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT WITH CONTRACTOR ON PUBLIC WORKS

All creditors and other interested parties take notice that the State of Wyoming, Wyoming Game and Fish Commission, has accepted as completed according to the plans and specifications and rules set forth in the contract therefore, the following work project:

The project is the new construction of the Newcastle Game Warden Station, G&F Engr. No. 05.26.03 located on Musser Rd, approximately 1 mile north of Newcastle, Wyoming, in Weston County, Wyoming, by Powder River Construction, Inc., 4001 E. Collins Road, Gillette, WY 82718.

Upon the forty-first (41st) day after the first publication of this notice, which day is the 8th day of September, 2020, the State of Wyoming, Wyoming Game and Fish Commission will pay to the contractor the full amount due under the contract.

STATE OF WYOMING
WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION
By Loren A. Woodin, P.E.
Chief Engineer
Wyoming Game and Fish Commission

(PUBLISH: July 30 and August 6 and 13, 2020)
Revision 12-2016

Public Notice

BLACK HILLS ENERGY PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, notice is hereby given of the Application of Black Hills Wyoming Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (Black Hills or the Company) for approval of its Energy Efficiency Programs, Tariff, and Cost Recovery Mechanism.

Black Hills is a public utility as defined in Wyo. Stat. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C), subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 37-2-112.

Black Hills filed its Application on June 25, 2020, requesting approval of Energy Efficiency Programs, Tariff, and a Cost Recovery Mechanism. The Application was filed pursuant to the general rate cast in Docket No. 30026-2-GR-19 (Record No. 15267) and sections of BH Wyoming Gas P.S.C. Tariff No. 2, Original Sheet Nos. 30 through 30.8.

Anyone desiring to file a public comment, statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must file with the Commission in writing on or before August 19, 2020. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing which you will attend and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or write to the Commission, 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711. Please mention Docket No. 30026-27-GT-20 (Record No. 15549) in your communications.

Dated: July 29, 2020

(Publish August 6 and 13, 2020)

WCSD#1 Warrants

WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 FEDERAL FUND WARRANTS OVER \$500 JULY 2020

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ILLUMINATE EDUCATION, INC	\$1,500.00
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WCSD#1 GENERAL FUND	\$24,660.00
WCSD#1 GENERAL FUND	\$3,144.25
WCSD#1 GENERAL FUND	\$6,288.50
WCSD#1 GENERAL FUND	\$20,980.43
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(Publish August 13, 2020)

Legal Notice

STATE OF WYOMING IN THE DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF WESTON SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Civil Action Case No. CV - 2030
Plaintiff/Petitioner: Casey Smith vs.
Defendant/Respondent: Tanya Louis Black

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice to Tanya Louis Black, Defendant/Respondent
Defendant/Respondent's Most Recently Known Address
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You are notified that a Petition to Establish Custody and Support, Motion to Complete Verified Financial Statement and Order to Complete Verified Financial Statement CV-2030, has been filed in the Wyoming District Court for the Sixth Judicial District, whose address is 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY 82701, seeking to determine custody of K.E.B., born September 9, 2016. Unless you file an Answer or otherwise respond to this Petition to Establish Paternity, Child Custody and Support with the Court and the Petitioner's attorney, Christopher R. Ringer, whose address is 319 South Gillette Ave., Suite 272, Gillette, WY 82716, within 30 days following the last date of publication of this notice, a Default Judgment will be taken against you and custody will be awarded to the Petitioner.

Dated this 20 day of July, 2020
by Clerk of Court: Tina Cote
Clerk of District Court

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August 3
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August 4
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August 5
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August 6
Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Suspicious Activity Reported. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Arrest Warrant Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Injured Deer Reported. VIN Inspection Requested. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Welfare Check Requested. Report of a Dog at Large. VIN Inspection Requested. Report of Found Property. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued.

August 7
Abandoned 911. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Trespass Order Requested. Assist Other Agency. Assist Other Agency. Weed Complaint Made. Medical Assist. Phone Fraud Reported. VIN Inspection Requested. VIN Inspection Requested. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Suspicious Vehicle Reported. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Harassment Reported.

August 8
Arrest Warrant Issued. Hit and Run Accident Reported. Fight Reported. Medical Assist. Medical Assist. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Report Made of Lost Property. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Commercial Burglar Alarm Reported. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Abandoned 911. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Report of a Dog at Large. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Warning, Written Warning Issued. Disorderly Conduct Reported. Welfare Check Requested. Suspicious Activity Reported.



Mill's confession questioned

By Clair McFarland
The Ranger
Via Wyoming News Exchange

RIVERTON — Accused of shooting his friend in the head, Mario Mills, 37, has disputed whether the confession he made during a police interview can be used in court under constitutional parameters.

“Oh (expletive)... I shot Trevor” is the statement of confession Mills gave to a Riverton Police Department detective during his March 26 interview — hours after Mills’ best friend was found dead in the former’s garage on Sunset Drive in Riverton.

Thirty-seven-year-old Trevor Bartlett had been drinking with Mills and his wife the night of March 25. Mills’ wife went to bed before midnight, according to all statements given, and woke sometime after Bartlett had died of a gunshot wound to his left temple.

During his interview, Mills spent about half an hour insisting that Bartlett was “in a dark place” philosophically and had killed himself in the garage after Mills went to bed.

According to a request from the defense for Fremont County District Court Judge Jason Conder to disregard Mills’ RPD interview, Mills was “still drunk from the night before (and) could not remember many details of the night in question.”

The plea argues further that Mills was operating on seven wakeful hours and only two hours of sleep.

“Even so,” wrote defense attorneys “(the detective) started to interrogate an exhausted, hungover Mario about an evening he could barely remember.”

The filing was submitted in late June by Mills’ attorneys Donald Uller, Robert Oldham, and Ryan Semerad.

The dispute soon to be heard by the judge is whether the RPD detective’s actions would have made a reasonable person believe that he was not free to leave the interview.

If Conder decides Mills had reason to believe he was being confined, the interview will be thrown out of the evidence pool because it was not preceded by a reading of Mills’ Miranda rights.

“(The detective) prohibited Mario from leaving the interview room, from talking to his wife or making any phone calls, and even from stepping outside the police station to smoke a cigarette,” the motion reads.

In his own filing dated July 13, Fremont County Attorney Patrick LeBrun, who is pros-

secuting Mills, wrote that those limitations to Mills’ freedom came after, not before, Mills confessed to shooting his friend.

The “defendant was told he could not speak to his wife or have a cigarette, however, these statements were made to him after he had confessed and detailed his killing of Mr. Bartlett,” countered LeBrun, adding that Mills was then “formally placed under arrest” at the end of the interview.

LeBrun also called the detective’s questioning “limited and non-threatening.”

The filing by the defense sheds more detail upon Mills’ relationship with his friend.

“Mario described getting into an argument with Trevor because Trevor wanted to take a spur-of-the-moment trip to Alzada, Montana and Mario did not want to go,” it reads.

Mills told the detective that Bartlett often discussed committing suicide and that he, Mills, often tried to help him out of that thinking.

In a moment of frustration during the drunken argument of March 25-26, Mills remembered taking out his Glock .45 pistol and challenging Bartlett to “just do it already.”

Mills told his interviewer that he said that to scare Bartlett out of suicide, to drive home the reality of it.

“He remembered arguing with Trevor about Trevor wanting to kill himself, taking out the gun, setting the gun down beside Trevor, then heading inside the house to go to bed” around midnight, leaving Bartlett alone in the garage with the gun, the defense filing reads.

Mills changed that story later, and stated that he’d argued with his friend and eventually shot and killed him.

He also said Bartlett had “expressed a desire to kill some of his family and friends,” attorneys wrote.

Defense attorneys listed the detective’s reasons for believing Bartlett hadn’t committed suicide: the blood spatter patterns suggested a distanced shot with the Glock; the bullet entered Bartlett’s left temple although he was a right-handed man; the gun didn’t appear to have been dropped.

Mills’ defense suggested that it was improper for the detective to seek a confession when police had enough evidence to take him into custody.

From that, the defense infers that Mills was, in fact, in a custodial interview and should have been read his Miranda rights. LeBrun disagreed, writing back that the detective “very clearly informed (the) defendant that he was not under arrest.”

Cowboy State Look-In

Courtesy of the Wyoming News Exchange

Call center strained

CHEYENNE (WNE) — Despite Wyoming’s unemployment rate ticking down slightly in recent months, ongoing steep demand for assistance has kept the phone lines busy — and sometimes unreachable — at the state’s Department of Workforce Services.

“We’re getting a lot of calls,” DWS Communications Manager Ty Stockton said Friday. “Quite a few of those are people wanting to make a claim over the phone, and those do take some time. ... But quite a few are people who have an issue or a ques-

tion about something that came up, or they got denied and want to figure out what they did wrong.”

Since the pandemic arrived in mid-March, the department has been the first line of state response for Wyomingites left without work, processing thousands of claims in the initial weeks of the pandemic.

Wyoming’s unemployment rate sat at 7.6% in June, more than double its rate from the same time last year and down from a mid-pandemic high of 9.2% in April.

In May, DWS announced

a partnership with TTEC, a global customer service company, to expand its capacity to handle the influx of callers. When the automated responders are unable to help, callers are deferred to the state’s unemployment experts.

Though the number of initial claims being made has dipped in recent weeks, more than 15,000 continued claims have been filed each week since mid-April. By comparison, about 2,000 continued claims were being filed with DWS at the same time last year.



Black bear activity is up

LARAMIE (WNE) — Black bear activity has increased this summer at Curt Gowdy State Park, located about 30 miles east of Laramie, and park visitors are urged to practice bear-safe habits while camping, hiking and biking.

According to park superintendent Patrick Harrington, the park sits on the edge of bear habitat in the Laramie Range, and visits from black bears are not unheard of. However, more bears than usual have been spotted at the park or in nearby neighborhoods this year.

Cheyenne game warden Spencer Carstens said as many as six bears have been spotted in the area on trail cameras this year and an adult male has been relocated.

Harrington said hikers and bikers may encounter a black bear while on the trail, especially in the vicinity of the Aspen Grove Trailhead on the west side of the park or near water. Trail users should keep dogs on a leash, make noise as they travel and pack out all

their trash.

Campers, meanwhile, should practice bear-safe habits such as keeping a clean camp and storing food, garbage, pet food, cooking equipment and other attractants inside a vehicle, hard-sided camper or bear box.

All of southeast Wyoming is black bear country, from Laramie Peak to the Pole Mountain area, Curt Gowdy State Park, the Snowy Range, the Sierra Madres and North Park.

Harrington said open garbage cans have been removed from the park, while Dumpsters now have straps across them to prohibit bears from opening them.

“We’ve been managing (the bears) by removing that food reward, and it seems like bears are moving out of the park,” he said.

For more information about camping and hiking in bear country, go to wgfd.wyo.gov/Wildlife-in-Wyoming.

Leaders want debate in WY

CHEYENNE (WNE) — Wyoming leaders want the state to host a presidential debate next month.

That was the crux of a letter sent last Friday to the Commission on Presidential Debates by Gov. Mark Gordon, Secretary of State Ed Buchanan and State Treasurer Curt Meier.

“In order to continue preserving fairness and transparency in this year’s presidential election, I am writing today to request that an additional, earlier debate be held in my home state of Wyoming this September,” the letter reads.

The letter’s submission last week came just a few days

after the Trump campaign asked the same commission to hold a debate in the first week in September. However, the commission quickly turned down the proposal in response, according to Politico.

In their letter, Gordon and his colleagues noted the option to vote will be available to Wyoming voters 11 days before the first presidential debate, which will be held Sept. 29 in Cleveland, Ohio.

“Wyomingites who vote early deserve the same opportunity afforded to other states to hear the two competing visions for our country and make a well-informed deci-

sion when casting their vote at the ballot box — especially when one candidate has spent the duration of the campaign avoiding voters and questions from the press,” the letter states.

Despite the commission’s rejection of the initial request to move any dates, leaders in Wyoming and several other states have still seized the moment to make their pitches — and they all seem to have used the same template.

Letters submitted to the commission by state leaders in Alabama and North Carolina were identical to the one submitted by Gordon, Buchanan and Meier.

Goat cull to resume in Sept.

JACKSON (WNE) — Unchaperoned groups of volunteers armed with rifles will be combing the rugged Tetons looking to eradicate the range’s remaining nonnative mountain goats starting in September.

The tightly regulated, ground-based lethal operation takes the place of a more efficient helicopter gunning effort that was underway last winter before U.S. Interior Secretary David Bernhardt stepped in and halted an aerial cull at the urging of Gov. Mark Gordon.

Park officials unveiled Plan B on Thursday: a “qualified volunteer” program open to most Americans that will turn loose teams of two to six people who have passed marksmanship tests and met other standards.

When they encounter the sure-footed, white-coated goats within the designated zones they’re assigned to, volunteers will be encouraged to

shoot and kill as many as possible, as long as the meat is recoverable.

“We want to put these volunteers in areas where they’re going to be successful,” Grand Teton National Park Chief Ranger Michael Nash said, “because that’s the goal of the program.”

The purpose of the cull is to protect an isolated native bighorn sheep herd, which shares habitat with the nonnative goats. Wildlife managers worry that the exotic goats could spread fatal diseases to the sheep, a population occupying the Tetons since the last Ice Age.

The park wants to eliminate the approximately 100 billies, nannies and kids that dwell there. The goat herd has thrived since arriving in the early 2000s, while the sheep population has withered.

Applications for the park’s volunteer goat cull program will be accepted online.

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A. 17 7 2 17 13
 Clue: Bird noise

B. 19 5 5 9 19
 Clue: Small parts of a plant or flower

C. 17 10 10 4
 Clue: Shelter for poultry

D. 5 1 1 19
 Clue: Breakfast food

Answers: A. chick B. seeds C. coop D. eggs

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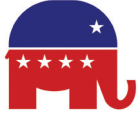
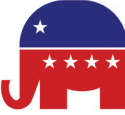
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The 80th Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally officially kicked off Aug. 7, bringing visitors from across the country to the Midwest, with some large groups cruising through the streets of Newcastle in the first few days of the week-long rally. Above, a group rumbled up to the YesWay station at the top of Newcastle's Main Street to gas up before heading out again. Below, local bike enthusiasts Deb and Doug Jorrey pull up to enjoy a meal at Donna's Main Street Diner.



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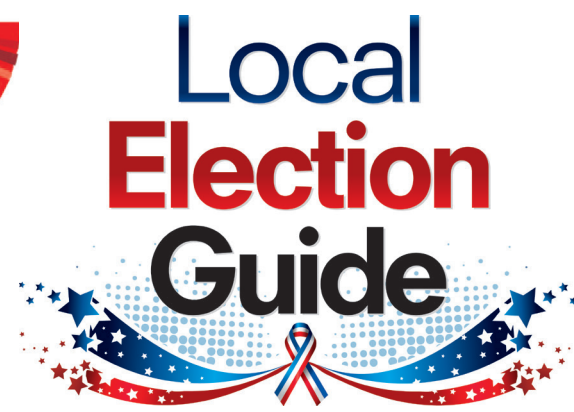
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Weston County Commissioners

Three Candidates
(2) Four-year Terms

VERA HUBER

Family: Married to my husband, Richard, for 44 years. We have three daughters and 7 grandchildren.

Occupation: Associate Broker at A-1 Agency in Newcastle.

Education and/or Experience: My work experience includes banking and finance, executive assistant positions, internal auditing and loan processing. I was employed at Jacobs Ranch Mine in the engineering and maintenance departments as an assistant, and in human resources and security. I have been in real estate sales for a total of 14 years and a business owner for 12 years. I was fortunate enough to work

two years under our county assessor, Tina Conklin, as a field appraiser.

DON TAYLOR

Family: Married, Ruth L. Taylor.
Occupation: Operations manager Coach USA

ED WAGONER

Family: I have been married to the same wonderful woman, Marjorie, for over 40 years. We have four grown children. Three are married and have blessed our family with 11 grandchildren. Our youngest daughter is currently enrolled as a sophomore at Dakota Wesleyan University in

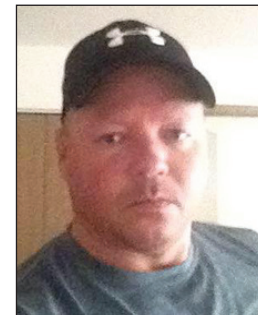
Mitchell, S.D.

Occupation: Self employed with Wagoner Well Service since 2001.

Education and/or Experience: Graduated high school in 1979, moved to Newcastle in 1992 with the local natural gas company. From 1992 to 2008 I was on the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department, and held the following positions: captain, treasurer, assistant chief, and chief. While on the volunteer fire department, I was voted Fireman of the Year by my peers in 1998. I was a Newcastle City councilman for four years and mayor for six years. When the Weston County Solid Waste Board was formed in 2015, I was appointed



Vera Huber



Don Taylor



Ed Wagoner

to that board and have held the position of chairman since its inception. I am currently in my fourth year as a Weston County commissioner and have been the chairman since January 2020, and

currently represent Weston County on the executive board for the Wyoming County Commissioners Association. Also, I am an active member of the local Catholic church.

Question 1: What budget advice would you bring to the commission in times of fiscal concern?

HUBER: We all know there will be difficult decisions ahead where our county budget is concerned. The bottom line is you can't spend what you don't have. Individual budgets will need extra scrutiny. A review of expenditures for the past years could help pinpoint what line items are most crucial. The citizens of our county are good, hard-working people and I believe together we can come up with some great solutions. It's not always about money, it's about hard work, compromise and thinking outside the box.

TAYLOR: I think in any community there are fiscal concerns even in times of fiscal prosperity. I think that in times of concern you have to prioritize community needs along with county operating costs. Cutting budgets may be needed, but I think that you have to prioritize those cuts being careful not to rob Peter to pay Paul and making sure to put needs ahead of wants. Careful consideration of whom and what areas are impacted from the cuts proposed and thinking outside the box for ways to do more with less. Steadily, using common sense and good financial judgment, open to others' ideas and solutions, if they are appropriate.

Having said that, I am a believer of the term you must spend money to make money. You have to invest in the community for the community to thrive.

WAGONER: With the current downturn of our economy, the board of commissioners need to be very conservative with our spending. We need to do this while maintaining our county roads, services, and facilities, as well as keeping the quality employees that we have.

Question 2: In your opinion, what will you bring to the Weston County Commission that is currently lacking?

HUBER: I have experience in balance accounting, employer/employee relations and human resources. I have a basic understanding of the steps taken in setting the county budget, thanks to my time working with our county assessor. I have no personal agenda, but I love where I live and I love the people who live here and I care about their future. I believe this is a great time for new faces in governmental positions like county commissioner. After doing a job for an extended period of time, experience can be a great teacher. On the other hand, that same experience can make some become complacent and decisions made can be weighed

down by established relationships that hamper the process. New faces mean new ideas and fresh outlooks.

TAYLOR: The most important thing I bring to the commission is a fresh perspective. No matter your experience, over time comes complacency. There are tough choices made by your elected officials; some I agree with and some I do not. Even if elected, I will not make everyone happy. It simply is unrealistic. I believe all elected officials should have term limits to avoid complacency, and yes, they should be compensated, but proportionally and realistically. I will bring my past experience working for the government and large agencies to bring some cohesion to the commission, as well as help start better communications with the rest of Weston County and city officials (Upton, Osage and Newcastle). I'm open minded, able to look at the bigger picture so that our community can prosper and grow.

WAGONER: I feel that I would bring continued experience and leadership.

Question 3: Will you vote to create a position for a full-time county prosecuting attorney? Why or why not?

HUBER: Our county attorney, Alex Berger, is in fact our

county attorney and our prosecuting attorney. This means his responsibilities include providing legal representation for the county and its officials, as well as seeking justice in criminal cases and protecting the rights of victims. Along with Mr. Berger, there are two deputy county attorneys to assist in the workload. Because of state budget cuts, we will no longer have staffed public defenders office in Weston County; this is a completely separate issue. However, if the state is making drastic cuts in our legal system, it makes no sense for our county to hire another attorney.

TAYLOR: This is a question I struggle with simply because I believe our county attorney should be doing a lot more in this area. If prosecution doesn't fall under his job description, then I would suggest our current elected officials and the current county attorney have seriously dropped the ball. This should have been identified long before now! Not letting crimes go unpunished. That does not bring justice and closure to victims and safety to a community. If this job is truly not under his job description, I would first do a complete job description of what duties do fall under our county attorney, and then I would look at time management to see exactly what takes up his time. Then, finally, prioritize. Is what he's working on more important

than seeking justice for victims and safety in our community? I understand that our county attorney has to also deal with our county legal issues and commissioners issues, and after review of the above-mentioned, if it's determined that he simply can't find the time to do the workload, then yes, after thorough review of job descriptions and time management, I would be in support of a prosecutor.

WAGONER: With the current financial burden that is looming in the near future, it would be very hard for me to vote for another unfunded position.

Question 4. What is the single most important issue in Weston County?

HUBER: Building our economy and increasing our tax base is not only the most important issue, but it is crucial to the survival of our county and communities. More job opportunities mean a better local economy, a more stable way of life and a stronger tax base, which then enables more spending on roads, schools and other much needed services. Whenever possible, county officials should work with state officials, city officials, business owners and our citizens in finding new ways to attract business and industry to Weston County.

TAYLOR: Weston County needs a niche, a reason to start

a business, a reason to move here. Look around us, we live in one of the more beautiful areas in our country/world! We need to exploit that! We need to increase tourism. The more people that stop in our community the better chance they eat or buy from our businesses or get fuel or stay at our hotels! It's a simple numbers game — are the odds better of your selling something to one or 10 visitors? We must stop with the mind-set, it's a small town keep it that way. You can be a small town and still prosper, look at the rest of the small towns around us! Custer, Deadwood, Red Lodge, Keystone. They are small towns that have figured out how to benefit the most when they can! We need to do the same. We need to reinvest in our community and find ways to improve our infrastructure. We have a lot to offer and a lot to be proud of. Let's showcase our county and start finding ways we can, instead of saying we can't, or we will slowly continue to lose population, revenue and business.

WAGONER: I feel it is very important to maintain our roads, facilities, and services with the lack of funds that are going to be available.

Question 5. How will you make county government more transparent for the people it serves?

— Commissioner, Page 26

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Four Candidates (3) Four-year Terms



Michael Alexander



Darren Downs



Roger Hespe



Tom Voss

MICHAEL ALEXANDER
Family: My wife, Kiyoe, and I have two daughters, Hana (9) and Emma (4).
Occupation: I teach English at the high school.
Education and/or Experience: I have a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Wyoming. The upcoming school year will mark my 10th year teaching at Newcastle High School.

DAREN L. DOWNS
Occupation: Self employed.
Education and/or Experience: High school graduate and small business owner

ROGER HESPE
Family: Wife, Robin; sons, Jared (Tanya) Hespe, Amanda and Josh Jons, Stephen (Hollie) Hespe,

Aaron (Marlee) Hespe, Taylor (Caitlin) Hespe, Channing Jons.
Occupation: Director, Newcastle Ambulance Service
Education and/or Experience: College at Chadron State, IEMT license state of Wyoming, South Dakota and Montana.

TOM VOSS
Family: Wife, Susanne Voss
Occupation: Performing arts promoter
Education and/or Experience: Graduate of Newcastle High; Graduate of the University of Wyoming. Vice-chairman of Republican Party for many years. Precinct committeeman for Republican Party - 20+ yrs. Served on Weston County Planning and Zoning Board. Presently serving on the Newcastle City Council.

Q1. What role do you think the Newcastle City Council plays in economic development for the community?

Alexander: While the city council ought to continue to do what we can to encourage economic development, I believe the best approach for a council member to take is to avoid being an impediment to development. While business owners deserve consistent and fair treatment from the city, when issues arise (ordinance violations, for instance) the city should exercise common sense and look for solutions agreeable to all parties. We must not lose sight of the fact that our community depends on our local businesses.

Downs: No answer

Hespe: The city council should work with community members to promote economic development.

Voss: The city council's role in economics is to help prepare a fertile bed to plant business. We can help with land for a new industrial park, help with roads, water, sewer and other fundamentals for business start up.

Q2. What budget advice would you bring to the council in times of fiscal concern?

Alexander: An increasingly tight budget is the biggest challenge the city council has and will continue to face. The council needs to thoughtfully consider expenditures and allocate funds to those services and other expenses that are most useful and essential. I believe we have done our level best in this regard while realizing that what constitutes "useful" and "essential" may vary somewhat from citizen to citizen. Therefore, if reelected, I will continue to remain open to arguments regarding the city's budget and will continue to weigh the apparent public consensus into each vote I take related to the budget.

Downs: As a business owner I would suggest looking at each

department to see where costs could be trimmed.

Hespe: To stay focused on the goals and plans to provide infrastructure, safety, health and welfare, and taking fiscal concern in setting priorities.

Voss: We just completed the council's budget for 2020-21 and presently it looks as though we will have the funds we'll need to operate. In the event we have less sales tax money we can lower and re-distribute hours to help keep the city's team on the job. Plus, last meeting I proposed a resolution to the council that would declare every legal business in the city "essential" and every employee of those businesses essential. This is an effort to let our governor know we care and we want no further absolute shutdowns of any business.

Q3. What makes you interested in serving on the city council?

Alexander: Having lived and taught here for going on 10 years, Newcastle has become home, and serving on the council allows me to more directly ensure that our little corner of Wyoming continues to be a great place to live and raise a family.

Downs: As someone who has been a citizen of Newcastle for 52+ years and is interested in the growth of our city, I'd like to try and generate interest in getting traffic flow back to our historic Main Street to help promote our downtown businesses.

Hespe: I have a deep commitment to Newcastle and the citizens. It's been a privilege to serve as a city councilman. Thank you Newcastle citizens for your continued support.

Voss: This city needs to develop new revenue sources and a new industrial park. I believe the voters should retain me on the council because of my experience and ability to get some things done.

Q4. How will you make city

government more transparent for the people it serves?

Alexander: In a community the size of ours, it's typically not very difficult to find public information. That being said, I have been and will continue to be expressly willing to share both my thoughts and any other pertinent information with anyone who's interested. All it takes is asking.

Downs: No answer

Hespe: Promoting meeting attendance by the citizens as well as having open meetings that are advertised along with publishing in the paper.

Voss: Unless someone tries asking the police about an ongoing criminal investigation, Newcastle is as transparent as it can be. When the council is meeting about an employee and/or labor questions we are directed by state law to act in closed executive session; most everything else is printed in the *News Letter Journal*.

Q5. Are you willing to consider eliminating the city police force in order to use that money elsewhere?

Alexander: I believe that the Newcastle Police Department is a very worthwhile service and do not believe that the current budget situation, as tight as it is, calls for the discontinuation of said service. As with most expenditures, this could change if the city loses revenue and/or takes on a comparable unexpected and/or necessary cost.

Downs: No answer

Hespe: No. The safety of our community is important. The Newcastle Police Department is a vital asset to Newcastle and our citizens.

Voss: We have a good team of men and women police officers. I would not consider "de-funding" our police force. Any of those cities who have cut way back on law enforcement have found themselves in real trouble.



City of Upton

City Council

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One Candidates (1) Four-year Term



Justin Norman

through their life cycle. As far as going out and finding businesses to come into the community, we have a great organization in the Upton Economic Development Board that does that type of work.

Q2. What budget advice would you bring to the council in times of fiscal concern?

Norman: I just use common business sense in making budget decisions that benefit the good of the people in the town of Upton.

Q3. What makes you interested in serving on the city council?

Norman: I enjoy being a solid voice for the town of Upton. I think it's important to serve the community that I live in.

Q4. How will you make city government more transparent for the people it serves?

Norman: All of the meetings are made public, and that is where the decisions are made, in front of the public, with the community in mind in every decision.

JUSTIN NORMAN
Family: Wife, Katie; daughters, Avril, Ella, and Jaxynn; son, Landon
Occupation: Operations at K&D Perforators, Inc.
Education and/or Experience: Bachelor of Science degree in Finance and Political Science (double major) from the University of Wyoming

Q1. What role do you think the Upton City Council plays in economic development for the community?

Norman: The council plays a significant role in the process when it comes to state or federal dollars going into the project. The council usually needs to sponsor these projects for the funds. The council sponsors and then follows those projects

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| 2-1 Osage Area | Upton Community Center |
| 3-1 Upton Outside | Upton Community Center |
| 4-1 Upton Inside | Weston County Events Center |
| 5-1 Newcastle Inside | Weston County Events Center |
| 5-2 Newcastle Inside | Weston County Events Center |
| 5-3 Newcastle Inside | Weston County Events Center |
| Senate District No. 1/Representative District No. 1 includes the following precincts: | |
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| 3-1 Upton Outside | Upton Community Center |
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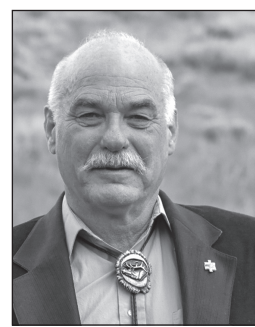
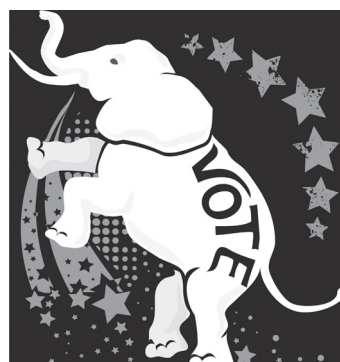
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Identification: Identification is required to register to vote. Bring your Wyoming Driver's License with you or call the County Clerk's office to learn what other identification is acceptable. Provisional ballots will be available at the polls.
Complete sample ballots are available in the Weston County Clerk's office.

Note: See Sample Ballots in the legals pages of this newspaper.



U.S. Senate Wyoming 16 Candidates: 10 Republican; 6 Democrat (1) Six-year Term

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES



R. Mark Armstrong



Devon Cade



John Holtz



Michael Kemler



Cynthia M. Lummis



Bryan E. Miller



Donna Rice



Star Roselli



Robert G. Short



Josh Wheeler

ROBERT MARK ARMSTRONG PG

Family: I have two children and two grandchildren. My son is a carpenter and my daughter is an artist.

Occupation: Geologist, engineer, and business owner

Education/Experience: Went to Colorado School of Mines, doubled in Geology and Petroleum Engineering at University of Wyoming...

JOHN HOLTZ

Family: My grandmother met my grandfather in Gillette in 1919 and her brothers had the livery stable. My grandmother and grandfather moved to Omaha after living in Gillette.

Occupation, Education, Experience: I am an Eagle Scout

and a member of the Christian Legal Society since law school. I obtained the first double-digit firm fixed-price contract in the history of the Hughes Aircraft Company.

I was one of the youngest judges in Wyoming history and helped establish the Circuit Court system of today.

I was president of my college fraternity and the president of the Alumni Association of the Delta Gamma chapter of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity at the University of Wyoming from 1988 to 1992.

I was instrumental in placing the carrying of concealed weapon without a permit for Wyoming residents on the Wyoming Republican platform in 2010. I am a life member of the NRA.

I still drive the car I had as a judge in 1992; it has over 600,000 miles on the original engine and transmission. We have to learn to do more with less.

I was class president at Clark Air Base in the Philippines, where

the Japanese first developed kamikaze tactics as a mass weapon of war. I was on the Bataan Death March 20th anniversary march with three of the original survivors and received the historic trail award.

I graduated high school in Omaha and began college at the University of Maryland, in Munich when my father received orders to be Deputy Inspector General of Security for the United States Air Force in Wiesbaden.

I was a judge for many years in Douglas and I am currently in private practice in Laramie.

CYNTHIA LUMMIS

Family: Together with my late-husband, Al Wiederspahn, I have one daughter, Annaliese Wiederspahn, a son-in-law, Will Cole, and a grandson, affectionately called Gus.

Occupation: Rancher and lawyer

Education and/or Experience: I'm a fourth generation Wyoming native and lifelong rancher. I was born and raised in Laramie County and am a graduate of the University of Wyoming.

helped cofound the Freedom Caucus, championed Wyoming's mineral and energy resources and fought to rein in spending. Prior to serving in Congress, I spent eight years as Wyoming State Treasurer and 14 years as a member of the Wyoming State Legislature.

BRYAN E. MILLER

Family: Susan Miller, married 30 years this December

Occupation: Owner, CEO and consultant for BEM Int'l, LLC

Education and/or Experience: Ranch hand through high school; Air Force Academy graduate, retired officer, Air Refueling and Special Air Mission Pilot, Air Force One Presidential Advance Agent, Civil & Military Contingency Planner, and more over 27 years, earned a bachelor's in biology, completed two master's degrees (Aeronautical Science and Military Operational Arts and History); small business owner, CEO for BEM Int'l, LLC, an energy and infrastructure consulting and facilitation company since 2011;

DONNA RICE

Occupation: Estate planning attorney, small business owner

STAR ROSELLI

I have run a nonprofit foundation for the last two and a half years. This was begun by my self, Star International Peace Foundation. In this I dealt with diplomats, embassies and government officials on in the news issues in Washington, D.C., and beyond, of mostly emergency situations.

ROBERT G. SHORT

Family: Married to Janella, four grown children including one currently at the University of Wyoming

Occupation: Successful small business owner with multiple businesses in Converse County that are in the construction, energy, travel/tourism and retail businesses. I am chairman of the Converse County Commissioners, chairman of the Converse County Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, co-chairman of WCCA Committee on Energy and Environment, serve on multiple boards, and volunteer and work to promote Wyoming.

Q1: How do you plan to support Wyoming while serving in Washington, D.C.?

Armstrong: A senator receives \$500,000 for staff, and I plan to spend a significant part of that on staffed offices in Wyoming. This will help to make sure Wyoming has a real voice in Washington, D.C.

Cade: As your next United States senator, I will support Wyomingites every day by remaining open on public policy, and keeping an open-door policy. I support our men and women in uniform both military including national guard, and police/sheriffs. Push for pro- 2nd Amendment legislation, push back against government surveillance, and limited government.

Holtz: Government is best that governs least. I will strengthen America's defense and reduce the deficit. I would make Social Security non-taxable

once again. I would export our resources to Europe and Israel through the Straits of Gibraltar to broaden our opportunities. Wyoming is an energy treasure trove in an energy short world. Our natural resources should help our friends, not our enemies.

Lummis: The COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on our nation and state, one we will continue to feel for years to come. Supporting Wyoming families, businesses and communities means enacting President Donald Trump's 'America First' agenda and addressing the soft under belly in our supply chains the pandemic exposed. We must bring the development and manufacturing of essential products back to the United States;

Miller: Maintain constant communication with the people of Wyoming, those who are in state government positions that impact daily life in Wyoming, and those who make up our government, the people of Wyoming. The people know the issues they are facing on the ground. Far too often our leaders in our federal and state governments get so involved with their own goals they forget they are public servants who should be representing their constituents. Letters, webinars, town halls, etc. are good ways to maintain

contact, but meeting in person or by picking up the phone and talking directly is best.

Rice: I plan to be present in Wyoming as much as possible when not in session in Washington. I also plan to communicate with, and ask for communications from, Wyoming constituents. My travels during the campaign have indicated open communication is a concern among our citizens. We must stand together to protect the great American legacy for future generations. I particularly want to look for solutions to infrastructure improvement, small business incentives, and ways to improve the economic future of our coal, oil, gas, and mineral industry.

Roselli: I will put a royalty fee on them then deliver a \$600 to \$800 check to every Wyoming family. It's in our ground. Next I would make Wyoming a tourism state by earmarking the monies in Washington to have a national advertising campaign. Skiing and other year-round attractions would lower costs for residents. Next I would bring home the federal funds for our roads like I-25 we have needed repaved roads for over 30 years, as well as our seniors who need the cost of living increase they are not getting from the Senate in 2021. Another way to give more money to Wyoming residents: Our state has the most uranium in the U.S.; I would like to, with the people's permission, use our uranium to get the federal permits in Washington to build a state-of-the-art nuclear power plant. We would sell the power

to the citizens at cost and make a profit by selling the rest at a profit to the five states around us, then we would take a small portion of the profit and give that in a check to the Wyoming residents every month.

Short: My knowledge and experience in the private sectors of Wyoming's economy, where real world experience trumps political talking points. Having worked in the uranium, coal, oil and gas industries I know the importance of energy to our State and nation's prosperity. Second, my focus on enhancing our manufacturing sector wherein I have a great deal of experience and expertise. I have worked overseas and am willing to take the Chinese head on. Finally, food security so we are able to confidently make decisions based on COOL and support Wyoming producers. Please visit www.shortfor307.com to review my policy positions.

Q2: What is the biggest issue facing the federal government that is directly tied to Wyoming?

Armstrong: The debt. If we don't get spending under control our money will be worthless. Article I Section 10 (all currency must be backed by silver or gold) was designed to prohibit the Federal government from just printing money. We haven't had a Federal budget in 14 years. Moving away from baseline budgeting and back to a zero sum performance based budget will start to reduce the size of government. This will require the bureaucracy to justify every dollar spent, wasting taxpayer

money is disrespectful to the taxpayer. The way the federal government is spending money is unsustainable.

Cade: The United States has a \$26 trillion dollar deficit, with an overall \$80 trillion-dollar unfunded debt/interest liability, as Wyoming is facing a \$1.5 billion budget gap. While 20-38 million are unemployed, Wyomingites pay their hard-earned tax dollars and politicians fail to conserve the funds given to them by the public. I'm going to Washington, D.C., to say 'damn it' enough is enough and to drain the swamp. As the next U.S. senator, my first bill will be 'American Reimbursement from China Coronavirus Act,' a bill that would reimburse America trillions in losses. Prior to President Trump other nations used and abused the United States in trade, imports/exports. Those days are over.

Holtz: I would employ a gyroscopic analysis to do the right thing at the right time. We must solve the deficit and strengthen defense. Do we wish to duplicate the hyperinflation of the Weimar Republic where bank notes were used as wallpaper because the currency became worthless? We must elect someone with the courage to risk their career to do the right thing now.

Lummis: In addition to tackling the national debt, which I discuss below, unleashing the full potential of Wyoming's vast energy resources — be it coal, oil, natural gas, uranium or renewables — is essential. Right now, our energy producers are facing a number of challenges I plan to address should I be elected to the U.S. Senate.

This includes implementing recommendations of the President's Nuclear Fuel Working Group to revitalize domestic uranium mining; advancing the research and promotion of carbon capture technologies here in Wyoming; enabling the export of Powder River Basin coal through western ports; and ensuring fair and transparent permitting processes.

Miller: Federal overreach. This topic encompasses impacts on Wyoming's energy, agriculture, and tourism industries, the three largest industries contributing to our economy, jobs, and family life. Two specific ways that I intend to address overreach include: 1) Redesigning the rule-making process to stop unelected, unaccountable, bureaucrats from writing rules that effectively become law without congressional review, many of which target Wyoming's resources; 2) Ending the litigation agenda that plagues mining, transmission, water, and other major land and infrastructure developments by those who weaponize the Environmental Protection Agency. For more about my thoughts, go to bryan-miller4senate.com.

Rice: COVID-19 economic recovery is the biggest issue facing our nation right now. For Wyoming, I want to find ways we can be a part of bringing home essential good production. I'm particularly interested in legislation that allows for local beef processing, as well as other agricultural product processing and sales. Bringing supply chain production as close to use as possible would be good for

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American industry, our jobs outlook, and the health of Main Street America. I advocate incentives, not continued stimulus bills that include paying American workers to stay home. We need our workforce back on the job.

Roselli: Biggest issue is stop the federal laws that control our energy and the processing of our Wyoming cattle. I will pass the prime act for Wyoming, letting our state have slaughter facilities and inspectors to sell Wyoming beef not limited to our state but sold around the country. Our energy, mineral mines, coal, and other sources must be left to Wyoming to run, not the feds.

Short: Loss of revenue and nationwide prosperity associated with off-shoring of manufacturing. We were once a nation of innovative genius and unstoppable drive. We must again become a manufacturing powerhouse. We have outsourced jobs critical to our prosperity and national security, relying on foreign actors to provide us with critical resources for our military, medical and communications. We can no longer live with the belief that cheaper is better. We must not incentivize companies to offshore their manufacturing to maximize their profits, the only winners in these scenarios are investors and the foreign countries where these goods are manufactured.

Q3. What are some ways you can work through your position to give more control back to the states?

Armstrong: Reducing spending in Washington, D.C., will reduce taxes. With less government we have the more freedom. An example of Washington, D.C., over governing is the Department of Education. This agency should be reduced. The local schools

know how to educate our children better than D.C.

Cade: As the Wyoming constitution, the Wyoming legislature has the control of the state. I would not support or vote for any legislation that would interrupt or change that. As the next senator I would work with Gov. Mark Gordon, and soon to be newest colleague Sen. John Barrasso in getting more control to the state, especially in the area of public lands, oil and mineral rights. While also working with tribal chiefs to make sure their voices are also heard and included in the process with Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Holtz: We must follow the Constitution. I would introduce novel concepts, coupled with the courage to do what it takes to solve the problems of America today. I am willing to risk my career to do the right thing. More and more will result in less and less. We must have the courage to stop hyperinflation.

Lummis: My steadfast commitment to upholding the U.S. Constitution and the liberties it protects has always guided my decisions as a lawmaker. This means adhering to the 10th Amendment of the Constitution and upholding the powers of individual states to govern. In the House of Representatives, I worked tirelessly to defend and restore states' rights particularly in regards to the management of their natural resources and wildlife. Wyoming people know far better than bureaucrats in Washington how to manage their land and resources. I will continue to be a fierce advocate for states' rights and local control in the Senate.

Miller: For this question, review the Question 2 reply. I'll add the following initiative as another way to bring more control back to the states.

Congress must revisit the missions of every federal agency and make changes in legislation that ensure the bulk of federal agencies are policy oriented only. Why, because every state's environment is different, thus their regulatory and enforcement needs vary. In addition, almost every state has already mirror imaged federal offices in policy, regulatory, and enforcement roles. Reducing redundancy at the federal level and returning the powers of regulation and enforcement back to the states makes sense.

Rice: First and foremost by defending and being vocal about the application of our Constitution and voting accordingly. The Constitution envisioned small federal government and large local control at both state and city levels. It was visionary, it worked well, and we've grown way past the point of where we should be with federal control.

Roselli: More control to Wyoming by ratifying our state constitution to give the power to our people. The specifics would be written up in our favor.

Short: 1. Energy security and independence for America are fundamental to prosperity and national security. 2. Restoring public trust in elected officials must be a message that we repeat until the trust placed in those elected is warranted. We've witnessed the erosion of trust as our elected leaders seem to work only to enrich themselves. (3) Return to fiscal responsibility and economic growth. We are far too keen to use tax dollars irresponsibly. Unlike many of our elected who have never worked in the private sector let alone owned, grown or operated businesses, I have a record of success.

Q4. Where do you think the federal government

could trim the budget and why?

Armstrong: Everywhere! There has been no federal budget in 14 years! Baseline budgeting has grown government and waste, which continues and must stop. By using a zero sum budget with a performance metric we may have some hope of getting the federal government back inside the Constitution where it belongs. If we do not control federal spending and continue to just print money we are endanger of seeing hyperinflation.

Cade: The federal government could trim 20% of overall budget for all federal agencies which would save it. The government could eliminate "DEA" and absorb those duties or grandfather them to either FBI or Homeland Security. That would save \$2 billion out of \$3 billion dollar budget, the remaining \$1 billion will be for the transfer. It can be done easily since DEA/FBI/HSI/DHS has concurrent jurisdiction. We don't need duplication in government service with a \$18/\$80 trillion-dollar deficit. The federal government could eliminate NIDA, and cut DARPA 60%, which has 220 employees and a \$3 billion budget. I don't think so — the billions saved could pay down the debt.

Holtz: I will follow the Constitution. I will strengthen America's defense and reduce the deficit and uphold the Constitution of the United States of America. I am not afraid to risk my career to do the right thing.

Lummis: Cutting government spending and reducing our national debt are among my top priorities in running for the U.S. Senate. In reality, there is no political will to target specific programs for elimination. There are too many 'sacred cows' in every agency. As a result, shaving off a small portion from every agency and program is the only possible way to get people to coalesce. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I stood up to moderate leadership of my own party to push back against overspending. In the U.S. Senate, I will continue to be a fierce budget hawk.

Miller: Considering that Congress added 25% to our national debt in two months, \$6 trillion, in an irresponsible reaction to a regional pandemic, we have no choice other than cutting the federal budget in almost every area, just like our Wyoming legislators will have to do in 2021. Cuts will be made, programs reduced, and some likely eliminated or pushed back to the States. We start with eliminating redundant programs across government agencies (I do that in my consulting business today), and by auditing programs to ensure they meet with constitutional consistency beginning with the EPA and Department of Education.

Rice: We need to cut across the board in varying degrees. I am an advocate of a strong national defense, border control, and cyber security. These, and other areas solidly within the domain of the federal government should be funded at reasonable levels. There are many areas of service being provided by our federal government right now that might better be handled by private enterprise, however. There's lots of room to trim our federal budget.

Roselli: Wyoming, the federal government has always been able to decrease the budget by greatly eliminating foreign aid, as well as stop supporting the United Nations with our money.

Short: I will rely on my experiences in the private sector of meeting payrolls, living under a budget, and responding to changing revenue projections to evaluate all spending bills that come to the Senate. Partnering with the private sector to encourage growth, while reducing federal overreach and redundancy, will help to balance the budget. We cannot raise taxes on individuals or small businesses in a recession or risk turning the situation into a depression. Budgets are balanced when expenditures do not outpace incomes. In order to increase revenues, we must increase opportunities for companies to build their businesses on our shores.

Q5. What qualifies you to serve in Washington, D.C.?

Armstrong: As an elected official I'm the only candidate that reduced the size of government, not raised taxes, stopped unwise projects, and wrote law to hold government officials accountable. This seemed to change the bureaucracy's culture. As a geologist (PG) and petroleum engineer that has done environmental work for over 30 years, the interaction with government agencies has been nearly daily. Cultures at the USDA, EPA, DEQ, RWQCB, DTSC, Forest Service, Food Safety and Inspection Service do not put the best interest of rural Americans foremost, and that must be changed. I have the knowledge and ability to affect these changes.

Cade: I served as CEO, teacher, VP in construction, school police officer, government auditing investigator, and arbitration judge for Teen Court. I obtained undergrad, and graduate education at Gwynedd Mercy University in business administration. I was always a Conservative, however I was a Democrat who supported President Trump just like Congressman Jeff Van Drew. I publicly supported President Trump for wanting to "Make America Great Again!" Check out my website VoteDevonCade.com.

Holtz: I have international experience and qualifica-

tions unmatched by others. I have negotiated and designed weapons for America's defense. I was the head of the team to redesign the laser range finder, ballistic computer and thermal imaging system of the Army's main battle tank, the M60A3.

Lummis: During my eight years in Congress, I worked day in and day out to defend and advance the conservative values we hold dear. I earned an 'A+' rating from the National Rifle Association and a 100% voting record with Right to Life. I'm ready to roll up my sleeves, head back to Washington and stand shoulder-to-shoulder with President Trump to get our economy booming again and hold China accountable for the devastation their irresponsible actions have caused. I'm proud to be endorsed by U.S. Senators Mike Enzi and John Barrasso as well as over 100 community leaders from all 23 Wyoming counties.

Miller: I'm a God-fearing family man, life-long Wyoming Republican, staunch Conservative, champion of the Constitution, and defender of liberty. I'm a small business owner, retired Air Force officer and pilot, serving in combat, combat support, and disaster relief operations worldwide. I have national and international experience, with deep understanding of Wyoming's legislative and executive branches from years of engagement as a citizen, small business owner, and Party member. Finally, I am the only candidate with the breadth of experience, the tenacity, and the guts to stand up for myself, my nation, and defend the rights of Wyoming's people in Washington, D.C.

Rice: I have 25 years of experience practicing law and managing a private firm in addition to other small business endeavors. I am used to solving problems, managing people and resources, and creating a successful business environment. Prior to law, I worked five years for the State of Wyoming, Employment Security Commission, including time at the state office in Casper, and Job Service offices in both Laramie and Cheyenne. As a student, I worked four sessions as support staff in the Wyoming State Legislature. I'm an independent thinker, able to identify core issues, and find solutions.

Roselli: I have the total ability to put Wyoming first. I have no distractions; I'm unmarried with no children, I will put Wyoming as my priority. I have pledged to sleep in my office and shower in the Senate showers my first 100 days. I'm on Twitter @starroselli1.

Short: I am not a career politician; I am a business owner who has made a career creating jobs in Wyoming. If we want to change Washington, we cannot send the same tired politicians who are beholden to the special interest. As a county commissioner, I bring a wealth of working with people, a tireless pursuit of problem solving, an ability to listen to different viewpoints, and a willingness to adapt to changing situations. As an electrical engineer, I have worked in the fields of technology, energy, manufacturing, agriculture, medical, and others. I understand business, deal making and being accountable.



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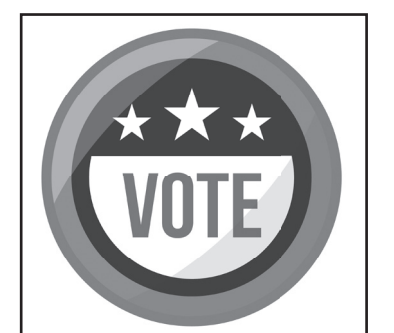


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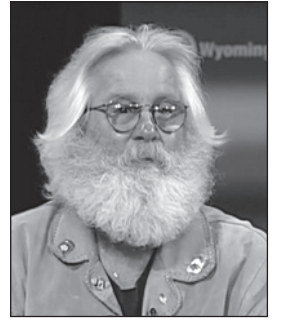
James Kirk DeBrine



Yana Ludwig



Nathan Wendt



Rex Wilde

MERAV BEN-DAVID
Occupation: Professor
Education and/or Experience: I am an award-winning wildlife ecologist and conservationist and have been a professor at the University of Wyoming for 20+ years.

KENNETH R. CASNER
Family: Nancy/Joy and Paul (adults)
Occupation: Business co-owner: Crossing Cafe.
Education and Experience: 13 years of schooling, along with 20 years of political experience.

etc. fully. Previously 15-year letter carrier for USPS & NALC Union man career. U.S. Census in 2009 and 2010, Johnson County, Wyo. Did it to see my county's beauty, doing work to make money for Wyoming!

Education and/or Experience: High school grad. Tested college level reading in elementary grades. Some computer college. Obsolete now. Five years full-time volunteer legal minister. Printed Bibles and preached in New York City four years. So Bible trained wisdom, like Timothy, from childhood, on up.

and to show up for what is right.

Occupation: Nonprofit director, writer, and freelance trainer and consultant.

Education and/or Experience: My 30-year career with nonprofits and cooperatives has mostly focused on sustainability and economic and racial justice. I hold a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University. I've also been a grassroots activist since I was 16. I've worked for community gardens, polluter pay bills, recycling education programs, police reform, public banking, and post-carbon, community-based economic development, and am currently supporting teachers, staff and parents in my county advocating for safe reopening of schools. I've also worked on policy development with the New Economy Coalition, and pushing back against corporate power abuse is a common theme in my work and advocacy.

JAMES KIRK DEBRINE
Family: None in my life; wife deceased to brain tumor, which means no kids possible. So that's why 100% of my time can be given to be a senator for Wyoming and the nation in this 2020 year of mega crisis!
Occupation: Early retirement when I moved to Wyoming in November 2005, for the rest of my days. Living frugally off savings. 10 years to official retirement monies of many sources. No debts, own home

YANA LUDWIG
Family: I'm married to Matt Stannard, an economic justice consultant, UW law school grad and the former UW debate coach. Between us, we have seven kids, four of whom are in the public schools in Wyoming. My family includes union organizers, an ecologist, a couple doctors, a farmer and several artists. My mom was the first female school board president in a small town and is definitely one of my role models. I was raised to care deeply about the planet and people,

NATHAN WENDT
Family: Married, with a 2-year-old daughter and son to be born in early August.

Occupation: Vice president at the Jackson Hole Center for Global Affairs, a bipartisan organization in Jackson focused on core Wyoming themes such as economic diversification solutions and ramping up clean energy.
Education and/or Experience: I hold a bachelor's degree in Journalism from the University of Colorado at Boulder and an MBA from the City University of New York. Over the past half-decade I have been part of the next generation leadership at the Jackson Hole Center for Global Affairs (JHCGA). JHCGA is a family organization focused on developing

winning strategies for Wyoming, including a long track record in working to hasten the deployment of carbon capture. At JHCGA, I've created Wyoming programs focused on seizing future opportunities, such as the Wyoming Wind Coalition. I've also led initiatives focused on diversifying Wyoming's economy and fostering bipartisan climate solutions, tripled JHCGA's budget and more. Prior to joining JHCGA, I was a management consultant with Deloitte Consulting and Gallup. I have also spent time as an entrepreneur and working for foreign policy think tanks.

Q1: How do you plan to support Wyoming while serving in Washington, D.C.?

Ben-David: First, I will draw on my experience as a scientist when crafting and voting on legislation, to ensure that the way we address our challenges is practical and solution-oriented. Second, I will make sure that my office listens to all Wyomingites — not just the people who support me in this election. I will appoint an outreach liaison to work with Wyoming's indigenous tribes to make sure their needs are heard and addressed. Finally, I will do everything in my power to increase federal investment in Wyoming's economy, schools, farms, and public lands.

Casner: Accurate representation for Wyoming as a leader known as a statesman, not a politician, so the voters' votes count for all people

DeBrine: Wyoming, like the rest of the nation, needs Medicare for all. Using and vastly improving the Medicare framework already in place nationally! Remove profit off pain! That is the SOLE reason for health insurance! Wyoming's no ACA if unemployed or early retired. one choice of only BlueCross/ Shield insurance if employed. Which lose if serious illness makes you lose job, which will happen! High deductibles mean people not seek check-ups. Denials and caps of payments is why health costs are the number one reason for personal bankruptcies in the U.S.A.! This can only be achieved on the national level!

Ludwig: We need to get real about the fact that coal is a beloved Wyoming family member that is in hospice. Politicians lying about this hinders our ability to plan well and protect coal miners' interests. It's never going to be what it once was, and oil and natural gas are similarly in decline. Diversifying our economy means wind and solar, robust rural broadband to expand our economic potential, and legal-

izing marijuana. Those all mean revenues. I also advocate for states being able to more easily charter public banks, and for worker ownership, both of which stabilize local economies.

Wendt: I plan to serve Wyoming by being an independent thinking and acting senator — not following either party or focusing on my reelection. Instead, I will focus on delivering results for Wyomingites in three critical areas: creating good jobs, dramatically reducing the costs of healthcare while expanding access, and strengthening our public education. That is why my platform includes Wyoming specific issues instead of generic national talking points developed by party leadership.

Q2: What is the biggest issue facing the federal government that is directly tied to Wyoming?

Ben-David: COVID-19 and the resulting economic recession. Leaving Americans without the ability to keep their families, feed their homes, and access healthcare, in the middle of a pandemic, is unconscionable. Even before COVID-19, long-term economic trends left thousands of Wyomingites jobless. To address this crisis we should first de-couple health insurance from your job and expand access to healthcare in rural communities. Second, we should develop a federal jobs guarantee. We'll hire people to install solar panels, plug up abandoned wells, repair roads, clean our parks, and lay broadband cables — and we'll pay them well for it.

Casner: The job through leadership.

DeBrine: The pandemic and all it entails! Unlike ALL the Republicans in their debate, I know Wyoming state and local governments will need federal funds to keep Wyomingites safe, and economy running. To return viable conditions again. U.S.A.'s backing of its currency is only its people! As decades off the gold standard, and running deficit, yet still was

leader of the free world! And nations of the globe invested in America still!

Ludwig: The joint crisis of economic instability and climate disruption, which will only be fixed if we see them as connected. We need serious restructuring of our economy, away from the 1% having all of the power, getting all of the profits and having planet-destroying business practices, and toward small businesses, cooperatives and local communities being the center of a new, sustainable economy. COVID-19 revealed both the cracks in our economic system, and the ways that we are not prepared for a nationwide crisis. When we are not prepared, vulnerable populations take the brunt of those effects.

Wendt: While I am running on five specific big ideas to make Wyoming thrive, the first issue that demands leadership is passing reasonable solutions to combat healthcare expenses while expanding access to insurance. Millions of Americans have lost their healthcare during this pandemic, which is exactly when families need access to healthcare the most. For those who have it, it's often too expensive to use. The way to achieve these dual goals of lowering costs while expanding access is by passing Medicare-for-all-who-want-it. This plan harnesses market forces to decide what the best healthcare option is — anyone without insurance is automatically opted-in to Medicare and anyone can join that wants to. Private insurance then has to compete based on their costs, bringing costs down everywhere. I also support price transparency and buying and selling insurance across state lines with minimum standards met.

Q3. What are some ways you can work through your position to give more control back to the states?

Ben-David: Right now we're seeing the federal government send law enforcement into communities without any solicitation from state or local officials.

This is wrong and it's a violation of states' rights. There are, however, areas in which it's better to have federal standards. Education is one such example. We should ensure a high standard of education across the U.S. so that young people can seek opportunities across state lines. Healthcare is another. Many Wyomingites are uninsured, pay high insurance premiums and are unable to get the life-saving treatments because our state legislature is one of few in the country not to expand Medicaid.

Casner: Leadership, listening, actions, plans, programs, and policies would give Wyoming more control.

DeBrine: As the pandemic and risk to our vast nation's population on coastlines. Like all nations that have such, from climate crisis. What states need more control of will have to be examined, under these conditions. Something I will look into. But need support of all Congress! Many things can get worse or better. By time I would be sworn in January 2021! But no family and staff to help. Means I can work hardest for Wyoming and all America!

Ludwig: Establishing a Wyoming public bank. Our campaign released a proposal for this in June that shows we can save a lot of money on infrastructure projects, bring consistent, low-risk revenue into the state budget (of at least \$18 million per year if we were very conservative), and keep hard-earned Wyoming dollars in Wyoming instead of sending them to Wall Street. Similarly, worker ownership is inherently local: too many out of state owners with no real investment in our communities have sucked the life out of our Wyoming communities.

Wendt: First and foremost, I will oppose federal legislation that preempts states from taking action to solve their own issues. This means that the federal government cannot prevent, or invalidate, a state from taking action on an issue. I will also

use my role as a senator to find funding and resources that will allow Wyoming to self-determine how to solve the pressing issues at hand. That means supporting federal programs with minimum strings attached to deliver on issues like providing rural broadband or funding infrastructure projects.

Q4. Where do you think the federal government could trim the budget and why?

Ben-David: Though it may be hard to admit, there's wasteful federal spending at the Pentagon, and in subsidies for fossil fuel and other industries. Reallocating these funds will allow us to invest more heavily in protecting against future national security threats, like cyber terrorism, invest in healthcare and education, and provide long-term benefits to American taxpayers. We can also increase government revenue by making large corporations (such as Apple and Amazon) pay their fair share in taxes. If you and I have to pay our taxes, so should the richest companies on earth.

Casner: Military defense spending and why is simple. Our economy needs to remove the economic benefits of war to the few who make those profits.

DeBrine: Number one need is the overpriced military industrial complex! It should be government run. As USPS worker. I was paid over \$22 per hour at top step, in late '90s. Yet stamps were cheap. For mail across the nation! And USPS the only government agency 100% financed by postage fees and not taxes! Management wasted lots of money. Yet was still super reliable! American spends more than highest expenditure countries on MIC! Including our top enemies and several allies!

Ludwig: Cutting funding of the military (which is over 50% of our federal budget) and the prison industrial complex. I agreed with the recent amendment to the Defense Bill to cut the Pentagon's budget by 10% as a good start. We need to rede-

fine what 'public safety' means, and I support significant police defunding with reallocation to things that actually reduce crime like education, housing and healthcare, and non-punitive, restorative justice. Bailing out and subsidizing huge corporations when people are homeless and have no health care is morally indefensible, and corporations and super wealthy people need to pay their share of taxes.

Wendt: Tackling the federal budget deficit the second the pandemic has passed is of utmost importance. A household can't live off credit cards, and neither can a nation. In order to pay off our debt we must simplify our tax structure and make sure that corporations like Amazon and Apple pay their fair share. We must also explore simple and fair approaches to cutting our debt like the Enzi Penny Plan and the bipartisan Simpson-Bowles plan. I'll lead those efforts as the next U.S. senator.

Q5. What qualifies you to serve in Washington, D.C.?

Ben-David: When I think about who is responsible for the problems our state and our country face, what I see are politicians who put ideology over evidence. I'm not a career politician — I'm a scientist. I have a different skill set and training. Scientists solve problems by asking hard questions, collecting and analyzing information and by developing evidence-based solutions. The need for such a perspective has never been clearer.

Casner: I have run for all state offices in Carbon County, plus two times for governor. I run on my money only so that I won't have a debt on my vote to pay back.

DeBrine: Godly wisdom and honesty. No fear of man, only fear of the God of love! Not a corrupt career politician. Forced to bend to party wants. To advance. So why I only willing

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Senate: Democrats

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to start at the most critical office to help Wyoming and nation in its desperate times! I know biggest city life and state, and smallest town and state peoples. And island life of Hawaii, which means our territory lifestyles too!

Ludwig: I'm a huge fan of public lands, schools, libraries

and the post office; more public infrastructure is better! My 2017 book, "Together Resilient," focuses on locally self-determined responses to climate crisis and includes a jobs-producing Green New Deal. I've stocked grocery shelves for \$10/hour during lean times and know better than any other Senate candidate what it means

to work hard, yet struggle. I'm part of the LGBTQIA+ community, have dealt with disability, and work for racial justice: I will represent more people of Wyoming. Finally, I commit to regular town halls to stay connected to Wyomingites.

Wendt: For the past half-decade, I've been traveling

across our state meeting with leaders, people, and communities about the challenges facing Wyoming and how the state can best adapt and respond to the pressing challenges in job creation, clean energy, and economic diversification. These conversations have compelled me to run because it is clear we need a fresh approach to fix our

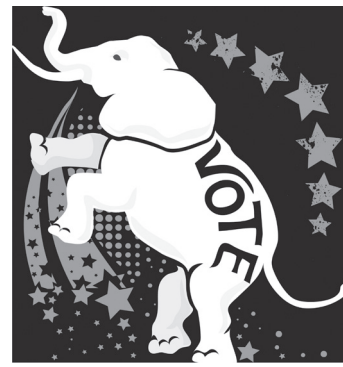
challenges. The status quo of yet another career politician will not improve the quality of life for people living in Wyoming. At 39 years old I am the youngest candidate in this race and pride myself in being an independent leader. I do not believe in being a rubber stamper for either political party, I care about delivering results for

the people of Wyoming. My experiences working in the non-profit sector and business sector combined with my deep love of this state have prepared me to take on the challenges we are facing. If elected I promise to take the best of the old and combine it with new ideas and opportunities that can take Wyoming forward.

U.S. House Wyoming

5 Candidates: 2 Republican; 3 Democrat (1) Two-year Term

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES



Liz Cheney



Blake Stanley

LIZ CHENEY
Liz Cheney serves as Wyoming's lone member of Congress in the U.S. House of Representatives. She was first elected in 2016, on a platform of restoring America's strength and power in the world, and pursuing conservative solutions to create jobs, cut taxes and regulation, and

expand America's energy, mining and agriculture industries. Cheney serves on the House Armed Services Committee and Natural Resources Committee.

In November 2018, Cheney was elected by her colleagues to House leadership as the Chair of the House Republican Conference, the third-

ranking Republican in the House of Representatives.

Prior to her election to Congress, Liz served at the State Department as a Deputy Assistant Secretary of State and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Middle East. She also practiced law at White & Case and at the International

Finance Corporation.

A specialist in national security and foreign policy, she was also a Fox News analyst, and the co-author, along with Vice President Cheney, of *Exceptional: Why The World Needs a Powerful America*. She is a member of the International Board of Advisors at the University

of Wyoming.

Liz and her husband Phil Perry have five children and live in Wilson, Wyoming.

BLAKE STANLEY

No response to questionnaire. Information at stanleyforwyoming.com.

Q1. How do you plan to support Wyoming while serving in Washington, D.C.?

Cheney: I am a proud constitutional conservative with a track record of championing free markets, restoring our liberties, securing our country, and defending our constitutional rights. I have worked with President Trump to cut burdensome red tape and onerous Obama-era environmental regulations and to defend our constitutional rights. I have been a tireless advocate for Wyoming families and our key industries, including ag, energy and tourism, working to protect us from one-size-fits-

all policy handed down from Washington, D.C.

Q2. What is the biggest issue facing the federal government that is directly tied to Wyoming?

Cheney: We face a wide range of challenges, including the public health and economic crises created by COVID, the assault on fossil fuels by those promoting the socialist 'Green New Deal,' the rise of China and Russia as growing national security threats, and attacks on American exceptionalism. Socialist proposals like the 'Green New Deal' would cripple Wyoming energy and ag producers and drive our

state into bankruptcy. I will continue to stand firmly against radical reforms that would harm industries critical to our state and nation.

Q3. What are some ways you can work through your position to give more control back to the states?

Cheney: Burdensome environmental regulations have prevented Wyoming energy and ag industries from operating at their full potential. One-size fits all policies from Washington have hurt all Wyoming families. I have worked with President Trump to repeal regulations on the coal, oil, and gas market and help us utilize our natural

resources for economic gain. We have also worked to return authority over land use decisions to our local communities. As the third-ranking Republican in House leadership, I am giving Wyoming a seat at the table in ensuring legislation and policies reflect the needs of our state on all matters from healthcare to national security to tax and regulatory reform.

Q4. Where do you think the federal government could trim the budget and why?

Cheney: Congress only votes on 27% of the federal budget annually. The rest, over 70%, is automatic mandatory spending.

We must reform our budgeting process if we are ever to get our debt under control. We must also eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse in all programs. There are far too many duplicative and wasteful programs that have been in existence for decades that yield little to no return on investment. Democrats led by Speaker Pelosi have attempted to use the COVID crisis to enact trillions more in federal spending on programs that have nothing to do with COVID. Washington must learn to live within its means like Wyoming families do. That's why I have supported budget reform, no budget/no pay for members of Congress, and a balanced budget amendment.

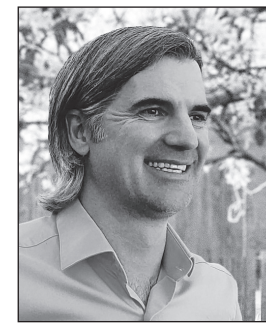
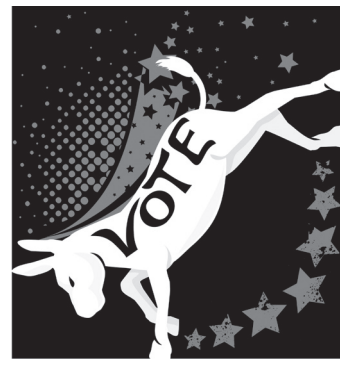
Q5. What qualifies you to serve in Washington, D.C.?

Cheney: I am running for re-election because I am committed to working and fighting for the people of Wyoming in Congress. I will keep fighting against the Democratic Party's far-left socialists who promote a radical vision that would take power away from individuals and give it to Washington, D.C. bureaucrats. There is a lot of work to be done—but I know that working with President Trump, we can continue to build on our wide-ranging record of accomplishment and deliver more victories for the people of our state and individuals across the country.

U.S. House Wyoming

5 Candidates: 2 Republican; 3 Democrat (1) Two-year Term

DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES



Carl Beach



Lynnette Grey Bull



Carol Hafner

CARL BEACH
Occupation: International educator

Education and/or Experience: Double BA, University of Northern Colorado; MA, University College Dublin; MS, Fort Hays State University

LYNNETTE GREYBULL
No response to questionnaire. Information at lynnettegrybull.com.

CAROL HAFNER
Family: My maternal great-grandparents and grandparents farmed. Mom was a nurse. Dad's father worked for the railroad. Dad, a Navy veteran, worked for the post office. I was a hospital volunteer where my mom worked. They valued education. Dad said, "No one can ever take your education away from you." It was a financial struggle earning my Bachelor of Science degree, but, years later, when Dad was sick, careers

enabled me to help them and other relatives during difficult financial times and I continued my education post grad, remembering his advice.

Occupation: I am a retired higher education administrator, college relations; also, recruitment services, international center. As an NEA union member, I also was an officer; College Institutional Planning & Development, Governance, LGBT support; Center for World War II Studies & Conflict Resolution, Holocaust Center media

advisor. Leadership Shore leadership training; Leading Green environmental leadership training. More at: carolhafner.com.

Education/Experience: My BS is Family Consumer Science/Business. While in higher ed, I continued classes (+60) in criminal justice, K-12 teaching (originally returning for dietetics/nursing prerequisites including microbiology (invaluable with COVID-19). Also, biotechnical sales, Merck Pharmaceuticals key

account. So, I know about testing development, procedures and equipment related to today's pandemic. Prior, international/domestic Eastern Airlines flight attendant, then Northwest Orient Airlines, also doing humanitarian aid. I spearheaded assistance to Pittston Coal Mine families during their health benefits strike. Did staff consulting for Kerry for President, Corzine for Governor. Head Start volunteer. Medical cannabis media advisor.

Q1. How do you plan to support Wyoming while serving in Washington D.C.?

Beach: Having been born and raised here as well as having my family here, I plan to support Wyoming by remaining authentically rooted in the state. When my dad and I built our log home in Ryan Park, we knew it had no price tag. And this is how I want to approach my

service to Wyoming: that we have certain values and principles that hold true no matter where you are. I will always call rural Wyoming my home, and I will return here and to small communities across the state to listen to their needs.

Hafner: There is strength in numbers. Many Wyoming issues are also issues elsewhere. Working in tandem to address rural farming needs,

evolving fossil fuel industry job changes, bankrupt/closing coal mines increases urgency to address as multi-state issues. It's also an opportunity to develop solutions that may benefit nearby states regarding regional farming and ranching challenges; a win-win. Food scarcity due to climate changes, processing plant safety, transit and livestock (pigs) illness already are industry issues for collabora-

tion. Outreach via regular town halls utilizing zoom/similar technology to stay connected on Wyoming what's happening/updates in D.C.

Q2. What is the biggest issue facing the federal government that is directly tied to Wyoming?

Beach: Healthcare and in particular, rural healthcare. Recent events have shown that

the U.S. healthcare system needs attention and reform. I am a proponent of single-payer healthcare system for the nation, as this will significantly improve access to and quality of care for people across this state and nation. Since rural healthcare already depends on multiple revenue streams to stay viable, having a national system that funds and supplies healthcare clinics and hospitals equitably would expand rural

emergency and primary care, greatly benefitting many areas around Wyoming.

Hafner: Currently, 44% of Wyoming households are risking eviction. Those who've been unemployed are now joined by those without incomes related to COVID-19, probably without health insurance. Add workers

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who are losing jobs due to decline in energy demand, also losing health coverage. End of the month without resolution for unemployment/stimulus checks; show-down looming with 1% and Republican senators clueless to urgency. Once folks are late on bills, catching up is questionable. Wyoming is fortunate this issue is far more pressing in highly populated urban states so numbers demand action. Time to collectively demand long term-plan past November election.

Q3. What are some ways you can work through your position to give more control back to the states?

Beach: We should continue to respect and maintain the

power given to states by the Constitution and work in Congress to counter any legislation or orders that oversteps those powers. I feel it is my duty as an elective representative to understand the demarcation and stand up for not just our state but all states when that line is crossed.

Hafner: Collaborating and especially supporting bipartisan bills that enable each individual state to determine specific allocations is a key way I can help direct flexible spending to Wyoming. The CARES Act had stipulations that has prevented that discretion for Wyoming's needs. Currently, there is a new bipartisan bill from Democrat Sen. Bob Menendez, the SMART Fund, with \$500 billion in FLEXIBLE FEDERAL FUNDS. Wyoming,

along with every other state, may use the monies to help their state, counties and towns. It includes extended unemployment benefits and eviction protection. Wyoming Rainy Day Fund concerns: this can help!

Q4. Where do you think the federal government could trim the budget and why?

Beach: In order to reduce our national debt as well as reduce deficit spending, we will need to target certain areas of the budget as well as reform others. For example, our recently approved military budget is nearly three times that of China and 15 times that of Russia. Although I want to continue to fund the military and support our national defense, we need recognize real threats as they

exist now and into the future. This includes more emphasis on cyber security and less on defense mechanisms that are remnants of the past.

Hafner: Federal spending and purchases need to be negotiated, especially for health and military purchases. The Pentagon is finally being scrutinized but not sufficiently. Blindly signing off on high ticket or high quantity-no more. Our post-COVID debt will be staggering and spending needs to be qualified. We can still obtain what we need but not ripped off. Prescription drugs remain overpriced and rife with side effects and interactions. Promoting healthy life styles could counter the one of every eight health care dollars spent on diabetes. Medicare for all remains my choice.

Presently, Medicaid expansion in Wyoming would help.

Q5. What qualifies you to serve in Washington D.C.?

Beach: My identity, platform, and vision for Wyoming comes from either having lived through or currently living through the obstacles and issues that many across the state are experiencing: an overreliance on one industry as a source of revenue and how to move forward after that industry has exited your community, lack of infrastructure to engage in a modern economy, including lack of affordable broadband, or, large corporations squeezing our family farms and ranches through agribusiness consolidation. Combined with my longtime experience living abroad as an interna-

tional educator, I am uniquely qualified to present viable, modern solutions to increasingly complex problems.

Hafner: I have an open heart, an educated mind and the highest integrity — a rare combination of values and skills. I have been asked, "would you ever lie for someone?" NO! I had my integrity tested when I worked in higher education. The college president and the Board of Trustees president both went to prison. I was an inadvertent witness — my desk was in the same office. I was questioned, my phone tapped. Then, my office was relocated. I was shaken to the core as all unfolded. But I never compromised my integrity. And never will. More about me: carolhafner.com.

Wyoming State House District 1 2 Candidates (1) Two-year Term

TYLER LINDHOLM
Family: Wife, Charity and children, Willow, Lily, Caleb, and Paul.
Occupation: Rancher/business owner

Education and/or Experience: U.S. Navy veteran

CHIP NEIMAN
Family: Wife, Joni; daughter, Hailey, son-in-law, Jared

Wagner; grandson, Jaden; granddaughter, Shaye; son, Preston; Daughter-in-law/Doni Neiman; Granddaughters/Lucille and Evelyn

Occupation: Rancher/farmer/small business owner

Education and/or Experience: Graduate of Hulett High School. Workforce. Rancher/farmer and small business owner



Tyler Lindholm



Chip Neiman

Q1. What is the biggest issue facing the state of Wyoming?

Lindholm: The biggest issue currently facing the state of Wyoming is its upcoming budget shortfalls. We can address this issue by prioritizing economic development and working to bring more business into the state. However, my job as a legislator is not to create new laws in order to create new jobs. We need to make Wyoming the most attractive state in the nation to start a business, and the way to achieve this growth is through deregulation. Deregulation cost the taxpayers nothing and incentivizes business to flock to the state. I have used this option dozens of times in everything from the minerals industry, agricultural commodities, and financial technology to spur job growth and economic activity in the state.

Neiman: Budget reform, state spending, revenue diversification

Q2. How will you keep your representation local while serving in Cheyenne?

Lindholm: Throughout my brief political career, I have strived to prioritize the people of this district with every decision I have made in Cheyenne. If you look at my campaign contact information the number listed isn't some campaign number, it's my personal phone number. I want the citizens of this district to contact me and let me know what they want out of me when they send me down to Cheyenne each year. As a member of this community, making sure the people of this district feel represented is my number one priority!

Neiman: I will keep a

close relationship with the people of House District 1. Communication and transparency are vital to keep voters informed.

Q3. What budget trimming measures do you think the state could implement in times of financial downturns?

Lindholm: With the decline of revenues from the energy sector, there will have to be some trimming of the budget in order to ensure that the state remains financially solvent. There are multiple areas where we can examine making cuts to the budget, one area, in particular, is the Department of Education. Wyoming currently offers a world-class education to our youth. However, our current education spending is out of control thanks to bureaucrats in Cheyenne. The problems lie with administrative

salaries and the Department of Education's continued requests for increased funding.

Neiman: Reduction in administration, education spending restructure, we must be careful to evaluate each situation and avoid cutting too much or not enough. As I look through the budget and bills that are passed there is a massive amount of government bloat and waste.

Q4. How will you protect local government control from efforts to turn those decisions over to bureaucrats in Cheyenne?

Lindholm: During my time as your state representative, I have done and will continue to do everything in my power to ensure that the unelected bureaucrats in Cheyenne have as little power as possible when it comes to

dictating what decisions local governments are and aren't allowed to make. I am a strong supporter of the local governments of this district and this state and will work to ensure that we continue to have control over our communities at a local level.

Neiman: Keep my constituents informed of legislation and fight governmental overreach and overspending. I don't want to be a politician, I want to be a voice for the people. The attitude is that state government thinks they know more about what we need than we do so they're going to save us from ourselves. House District 1 is unique in that we know what our values are and we expect our representative to listen to us.

Q5. What are some ideas you think are valid to increase the revenue for the state?

Lindholm: One area where the state could both reduce taxes and increase revenue is with the elimination of current sales tax exemptions. The elimination of these exemptions would allow the state to lower its current sales tax by a whole percentage point from 4% to 3%, the elimination of these exemptions would also generate tens of millions of

dollars in revenue for the state. The increased revenue from this move could be used to fill current holes in the state budget. It is a win for the people of Wyoming as well as a win for the budget.

Neiman: Quite honestly the list is huge: rare elements from coal ash, fight to export our coal, develop our uses of natural gas since Wyoming has massive amounts that can be produced and developed for diversification. The volume of protein and fiber that can be produced in our state is staggering, and if we want to increase revenue, we must pass MCOOL (Mandatory Country Of Origin Labeling) providing ag producers and those who supply them a real value return for the quality of meat they produce. We import more beef than we export, and if we can't produce enough to take care of our own needs, why are we allowing our grass to go unused and importing beef from questionable countries while cutting our production? Revenue potential is huge. "We must quit tying our peoples' legs together and then ask them to run a sprint." Too much government overreach and regulations. True leadership is humbly based and servant driven. The voices of Crook and Weston counties will be heard. I ask for your vote on or before Aug. 18.

Wyoming State House District 2 1 Candidate (1) Two-year Term



Hans Hunt

HANS HUNT
Family: Single (girlfriend, Jamie Marchetti)
Occupation: Rancher
Education and/or Experience: BA, University

of Wyoming; lifetime Weston County rancher; Wyoming House of Representatives since 2011; Chairman of House Agriculture Committee

Q1. What is the biggest issue facing Wyoming?

Hunt: The economic downturn as a result of the COVID shutdowns has created the worst economic crisis to hit Wyoming in generations. The resulting loss of jobs, businesses, and state revenue, will be felt for years to come. Additionally, a discussion must be had concerning

the powers of the state health officer. The economic damage and adverse impacts to society as a whole as a result of forced business closures will also be felt for a long time to come.

Q2. How will you keep your representation local while serving in Cheyenne?

Hunt: I have always maintained contact with constituents throughout the session through social media, email, and frequent phone calls with folks at home in Weston County and

throughout House District 2. In addition, I will resume my weekly updates for the local newspaper.

Q3. What budget trimming measures do you think the state could implement in times of financial downturns?

Hunt: As opposed to creating public hardships by closing rest areas (which, as a whole, saves very little money when compared to the entirety of the state's expenses), state departments should be reviewing

nonessential employee positions and cutting needed. There could also be a reduction in purchases of state vehicles and other expenses which are routine, but not absolutely necessary.

Q4. How will you protect local government control from efforts to turn those decisions over to bureaucrats in Cheyenne?

Hunt: First and foremost, by looking at ways to restrict the powers of the state health officer and to transfer more of these

powers to local authorities and elected officials. Now, more than ever, local control is vital to defending not just local decision making, but personal liberty as well.

Q5. What are some ideas you think are valid to increase the revenue for the state?

Hunt: I am open to discussing reasonable increases on voluntary fees (hunting licenses, etc.), but will not support any new taxes or mandatory fee increases.

Please Note
Not all candidates responded to our questionnaire.

Despite repeated calls and emails to candidates, their campaign managers and media directors, some running for office did not respond to our request for answers to our questionnaires by press time. The News Letter Journal feels that the absence of this information denies us the ability to fully and accurately depict the choices available to you, our readers. Please direct any questions to the candidates directly to the candidates themselves.

City of Newcastle

Mayor

Two Candidates (1) Four-year Term

PAM GUALTIERI
Family: husband, Chris Gualtieri (spouse), Blake and Caitlyn Dunham (daughter and son-in-law), Jacob and Caden Esposito (sons), Arianna and Brice (grandchildren).
Occupation: Business owner.
Education and Experience: College (general, business, medical).

DON STEVESON
Family: Wife, Jennifer; daughters, Alaina Steveson, Lauren Steveson, Jessie Steveson Blanchard (husband Jarret), granddaughters, Jayden, Jersey, and Jordan; son, Ryan Steveson (wife Jamie) granddaughter, Aliyah; and grandsons, Tyson and Max. Mother-in-law, Debb Proctor.
Occupation: Process Safety manager, plant fire chief
Education and Experience: Newcastle High School, Casper Welding School, API 570 and API 510 Inspectors, 31 years with Wyoming Refining, 19 years as a welder, and 12 years as the Process Safety manager (since 2008), plant fire chief since 2000, 35 years as a Newcastle volunteer Firefighter and two terms as fire chief. I have served as assistant fire chief, secretary, captain, lieutenant and currently safety officer. I was a drill team member for 15 years. I was also an EMT for the Newcastle Ambulance. Currently, I am

the Local Emergency Planning Committee chairman and have had this position since 2008.

Q1. What role do you think the Newcastle City Council plays in economic development for the community?

Gualtieri: The city council plays a very large role in our community's economic success. Economic development is the engine that helps cities grow successfully. From promoting an environment where small businesses can thrive, to supporting more and better employment opportunities, or offering improved amenities to current and prospective residents and businesses, we have a wealth of resources and strategies to offer current businesses or those looking to relocate.

Steveson: I feel the city council plays a big part to support economic development; the city should be a partner. I believe the entire community should support economic development. I believe, if the city council and the residents of Newcastle support our current business this will show other potential businesses that they will have community support.

Q2. What budget advice would you bring to the council in times of fiscal concern?

Gualtieri: As indicated by my "no" vote on the last two budgets, I believe that we need to rethink our city budget. While ensuring we meet the needs of our community, we need to take a hard look at each line item and vendor with goals of efficiency, transparency, and quality of life.

Steveson: With the economic pitfalls we will face in the coming years, we need to be aware of what our income verses expenditures will be and how we need to adjust what service we want to provide for the city residents. We need to work with our legislatures to let them know the importance of funding to each community and how vital to each community this funding is. We need to be aware of some potential drastic cuts in the budget and what we need vs. wants. Our number one priority should be to work on street repairs; however, this is going to be such a difficult process with the declining revenues we are facing and will face for many more years.

Q3. What makes you interested in serving on the city council?

Gualtieri: I believe I have something to offer the Newcastle community. Bringing a fresh perspective to the old guard. Change is necessary, an essential part of

growth for our community. I am ready to not only face the obstacles that may face our community in the years ahead, but grasp the opportunities that are sure to accompany those challenges. We need to ensure that our community is well prepared for uncertain times that lie ahead.

Steveson: I am and have been very involved in the community affairs in one way or another. I am "Experienced, fair, honest, and committed to this community for 49 years." I believe I have been looking out for what is best for the residents of the City of Newcastle and the county for many years and want to see the challenges we face to keep Newcastle growing. I am the only candidate for mayor who has been committed enough to be at school meetings to find solutions for student issues that kept our students, teachers, and staff safe during the last school year.

Q4. How will you make city government more transparent for the people it serves?

Gualtieri: Bilateral communication is necessary between government and the public. We have more technology than at any point in history. Facebook, radio, email, mail, websites, live streaming meetings and newspaper are



Pam Gualtieri



Don Steveson

all tools we should be using. People should have access to their elected officials.

Steveson: I believe it is very important that all residents know where their tax dollars are being spent and how this is benefiting the community. I am open to share where these monies are being spent to benefit the community needs. I want to be open to what is being done within our community and to be honest and up front with everyone as this is our community in which we live, work, and play.

Q5. Are you willing to consider eliminating the city police force in order to use that money elsewhere?

Gualtieri: No. The results would be as negative as they are predictable, surely increasing crime rates. We already have an illegal drug use issue. Eliminating police could make drug use more rampant.

Property crimes, which have been all but decriminalized, could skyrocket. Response times/waits would be longer. I am in no way supporting this as I would not put our citizens' safety in jeopardy.

Steveson: This is always an option; but, we need to be very careful on this major decision. This will have a huge impact on the community with response times that the sheriff's office would need to cover. There is no state statute that requires the city to support a city law enforcement. There are several city ordinances that the sheriff's office would not be able to enforce due to their jurisdiction. So, this will need to be discussed and how would these city ordinances be enforced. This is not a topic that needs to be taken lightly. There are a lot of factors that need to be looked at before a major decision could be reached. We need to look at what is needed to keep the citizens of our community safe.

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HUBER: The foundation of my platform has been, and will continue to be, transparency and accountability for elected officials. One solution would be to live stream meetings or record them and make the recordings available on a county website for public viewing. This would be a simple and inexpensive way to allow all citizens the ability to participate. Another solu-

tion would be to have some or all meetings later in the day or evening to allow more working people to attend. I believe all boards and entities that are given tax dollars should attend the commissioner meetings regularly to give a report on activities and budget utilization.

TAYLOR: Transparency is easy in this day and age, with

social media at every turn. Facebook, Twitter, the list is long, and as a person who believes in the right to privacy, I think it's very hard managing privacy more than transparency. The key is being honest and open on issues that are on the table. We have current elected officials that are not completely honest about issues, or how they vote on issues that directly affect us as a community. We

serve the community and I think that it's important to put issues out to the community, openly and honestly, without agendas or personal gain, and hear their voice and opinions. Review their opinions fairly and make a decision that includes discussion and logic. Making sure that I don't lose touch with the community I serve by being available and once contacted, make time to return a call.

WAGONER: The county government is very transparent at this time. Citizens need to go to the board with their questions to get answers. Citizens can also be directed to individuals or resources to find them when asked, as all information is open to the public. The citizens should not rely on social media for all their information because more often than not, it is incorrect.

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Tina Cote

TINA COTE
Family: I have a daughter, Zoey, and a son, Sebastian.
Occupation: Clerk of District Court

Education and/or Experience: I graduated from Manchester Central High School, Manchester, N.H., in 1988 and have been employed with the Clerk of District Court for 13 years.

Q1. What qualifies you to hold the elected position you are running for?

Cote: I have 13 years of experience/employment with the Weston County Clerk of District Court. Of those 13 years, I served as the assistant deputy, then as deputy. In November 2019, I was appointed as Clerk of District Court by the Weston County Commissioners after the passing of Clerk Gidget Macke. I have an extensive knowledge of the duties of the office and perform them on a daily basis.

Q2. How will you make county government more transparent for the people it serves?

Cote: I am currently in the

process of updating the Clerk of District Court's web page offered on the Weston County government website. This will help familiarize the public with what the Clerk of District Court offers and provide useful information regarding the judicial system.

Q3. What is one budget trimming measure that you could consider if elected to the position you are running for?

Cote: I would look at the Clerk of District Court overall budget and calculate which area would be most cost effective to cut back on.

Q4. In your opinion, what is the single most important issue in Weston

County?

Cote: I believe a healthy, stable, growing economy is important for Weston County to attract more people and possibly create more job and business opportunities.

Q5. Through your elected position, how could you encourage the City of Newcastle, the Town of Upton, Osage and the county to work together for the best of the community?

Cote: By keeping the lines of communication open through the regularly scheduled monthly meetings and making general communications transparent and open to the public when possible.

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