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WYDOT works on outreach

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

The Wyoming Department of Transportation has several opportunities for local governments to partner with the department for funding or material purchases. WYDOT representatives met June 4-5 with the Newcastle City Council and Weston County Commission to present these partnership options and share the six-year state transportation improvement program, or STIP, with the local government entities.

that the goal of the meetings is to inform the local entities of WYDOT's future plans for the area, as well as to increase awareness of ways that partnerships with WYDOT can save money and achieve transportation goals.

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WYDOT crews continue to work on the Newcastle Marginal project. Currently the crews are rebuilding the intersection near the port of entry with concrete to better maintain the area in the future.



Endowment gets a reboot

Abby Gray
NLJ Correspondent

Seventeen years ago, then-Superintendent Doug Cobb set up the Education Endowment Foundation for Weston County School District #1. It began as a group of five people with the purpose of generating a fund mainly for scholarships.

Community members in Newcastle have always been passionate about giving back to the community, and helping the children of Newcastle get the best education possible, and current WCSD #1 Superintendent Brad LaCroix said it was those exact type of people who started the foundation.

"I believe the idea started where there were some donors who really did have quite a bit of money, like millions of dollars," said LaCroix, a member of the foundation board. "So, they wanted to start an endowment because they wanted to give back."

Two scholarships and a loan made up the majority of what the endowment funded: the retired teacher's scholarship, the Fassbender scholarship, and a Thorson loan.

"As people were doing their

taxes, or class reunions, or the loss of a loved one, they could invest this money with this group and basically tell the group, for example, 'Here is \$25,000 dollars. I want you to do a \$1,000 a year scholarship for 25 years,' but the interest then becomes the endowment," LaCroix said.

Since the formation of the endowment foundation, the group has expanded and reconfigured to try to move toward projects as well as scholarships. This last spring, a new board took over governance of the endowment, with Bob Bonnar as the president, Bill Lambert as the vice-president, Chris French as the secretary, John Riesland as the treasurer, and LaCroix, Mike Baldwin and Jeff Virchow as members of the board of directors for the endowment foundation.

Now, though the endowment foundation will still accept a board. "So, they wanted to start an endowment because they wanted to give back."

"If I wanted to give \$10,000, but I didn't want to give a scholarship, then maybe we

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Fountain Inn owner Falgun Patel shoots the breeze with a couple of young anglers at the hotel's newly stocked fishing pond. The public is allowed access to fish the pond, and Patel said he is excited that his business can offer this recreation opportunity to the community. (Photo by Bob Bonnar/NLJ)

Fishing ponds are open to the public

Hannah Gross
NLJ Correspondent

Just in time for prime fishing season, Newcastle now has two fishing ponds open to the public, one on each side of town thanks to the Fountain Inn's

decision to have the pond at the motel on Newcastle's east side stocked with game fish. Black Elk Pond was created at the golf course on the west side of town a few years ago through a contribution from Wyoming Refining Company.

Both fishing holes should be particularly appealing to kids who are out of school for the summer, and they offer another recreation opportunity for community youth. Newcastle Lodge No.

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Full day of fun scheduled for Labor Day



Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

A full day of family fun is expected to keep families in Newcastle for Labor Day weekend this year. Martha Bickford and Tasha Townsend

are working together to bring local businesses and fun to Main Street on Sept. 1, although details on the event are still being worked out.

Madness on Main was Bickford's idea, stemming from events in her hometown,

that she hopes will become a Newcastle tradition that will carry on for years.

"I came up with the idea from my hometown. They do it every year, and it brings families together. I thought it would be good for Newcastle because

there really is nothing going on during Labor Day weekend in Newcastle," Bickford said. "It is my first time organizing anything like this, and it has continued to grow since the beginning. I am having fun getting it all put together for

the community."

According to both Bickford and Townsend, the one-day event will start at 9 a.m. and last until 10 p.m. The Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department will

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Calvin and the Coal Cars will open RPM Days concert

Abby Gray
NLJ Correspondent

On Saturday, June 9, at 6 p.m., Calvin and the Coal Cars, a traditional country music band, will be opening for 35th and Taylor at the annual R.P.M. Days.

The group hails from the Rocky Mountains in Montana, and the performance in Newcastle will be its biggest gig since the band's formation about three months ago.

"I started writing the music for the band about three years ago, so I've been doing that, and kind of trying things out at doing solo shows myself while we were waiting to get enough material to start a band," lead singer and songwriter Lee Calvin said.

Seth Rhoades, one of the founders of RPM Days, who is the brother-in-law of the group's pedal steel guitar player, Brian Wetzstein. Though they got the gig through a family connection, the RPM Days committee is optimistic the community will welcome their traditional country music with open arms.

"I'm thrilled," Calvin said. "Our thing is, we don't want to be the typical bar band, because we've all done that. We've all done the four hour start at 9:30 get done at 1:30 a.m. type gigs. Since it's all original music, we want to find the people we think are going to be our big fans and we want to get in front of them. So that's why, when the opportunity came up to do RPM Days, we didn't really hesitate."

Though Calvin and the Coal Cars will be making a near six-hour trip, they could not be more happy about it, and are excited to start their band off on the right foot.

"This'll be the biggest show for this band," Calvin said. "We're going to be in front of a lot of people who like our type of music, and that's really important to us. So that's kind of the direction we're going with the

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Calvin and the Coal Cars will be opening for 35th and Taylor, during R.P.M. Days, on June 9. The band, which has its roots in the Rocky Mountains of Montana, will begin their performance at 6 p.m.



WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
Thunderstorms
Hi 82, Lo 58

Friday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 82, Lo 58

Saturday
Thunderstorms
Hi 84, Lo 62

Sunday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 72, Lo 50

Monday
Sunny
Hi 72 Lo 50

Tuesday
Sunny
Hi 78, Lo 55

Wednesday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 87, Lo 59

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Official filings for primary election released

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

Filing for federal, state, county and municipal offices closed on Friday, June 1. Interested candidates had two weeks to file for open positions on the primary ballot in May. Candidate filings for both county and municipal offices continued to flow in through the closing of business Friday, with competition apparent for several local offices.

According to Newcastle Clerk/Treasurer Greg James, seven people put their name in the running for three City Council seats, all at-large. Incumbents Steve Ladwig, Don Steveson and Tom Voss all filed to fill the seats they are currently occupying on the council. Daren Downs, Karl Lacy, Pam Gualtieri and Ann McColley added their names and are challenging the incumbents.

"We have three seats open in this election. During the primary election, there can be an unlimited number of people file and run and be on the primary ballot," James said. "Only a total of six may move on to the general election ballot. That is two people for each available seat."

As for county offices, incumbents Tina Conklin, assessor; Gidget Macke, clerk of district court; Cynthia Crabtree, coroner; and William Curley, attorney,



County Clerk Jill Sellers visits with Theresa Seeley during Sellers' campaign kickoff celebration at the Pizza Barn on Saturday evening. (Photo by Bob Bonnar/NLJ)

will run unopposed in the 2018 election. Last-minute filings by Nicholes Wieburg for sheriff and Elizabeth Sanford for treasurer mean that Sheriff Bryan Colvard and Treasurer Susan Overman, both of whom are seeking reelection, will have competition.

County Clerk Jill Sellers, who is running to be elected to the job she was appointed to, will be challenged by Becky Hadlock. Incumbent Commissioners Tony Barton and Marty Ertman are seeking reelection. Don Taylor and Nathan Todd will also

be on the ballot in hopes of filling one of three open seats on the County Commission.

Ertman is also running for precinct committeewoman, with Linda Curley and Ann Slagle filing also hoping for the job. Barry Peterson, William Curley and Allen Slagle all filed for precinct committeeman.

According to the Wyoming secretary of state's website, incumbent Sen. Ogden Driskill, R-Devils Tower, will have opposition, with Moorcroft's republican candidate Judy

McCullough and Osage's republican candidate Lenard D. Seeley both filing for the Sen. Dist. 1 position.

Both republican Cheri Steinmetz, of Lingle, republican Martin Gubbels, of Torrington, and democratic candidate Marci Shaver of Torrington have filed to fill the Senate District 3 seat left vacant by Curt Meier, R-LaGrange, who is running for state treasurer against Alta's Leland Christensen and Cheyenne's Ron Redo, both republicans.

Tyler Lindholm, R-Sundance, and Hans Hunt, R-Newcastle, will run unopposed in the primary election for House Districts 1 and 2, respectively, according to the secretary of state's website.

Rounding off the state offices are republicans: Sheridan's Bill Dahlin, Jackson's Foster Friess, Cheyenne's Harriet Hageman, Buffalo's Mark Gordon, Cheyenne's Sam Galeotos, Laramie's Taylor Haynes and democratic candidates: Elk Mountain's Kenneth Casner, Cheyenne's Mary Throne, Rock Spring's Michael Green and Cheyenne's Rex Wilde, who are all running for governor.

Incumbent republican Jillian Balow, from Cheyenne, is running unopposed, by both parties, for the office of superintendent of public instruction.

Cheyenne's Edward Buchanan will

face Cheyenne's James Byrd for the secretary of state office while Cheyenne's Kristi Racines, Thermopolis's Nathan Winters and Cheyenne's Jeff Dockter are all running for the office of state auditor.

National offices also have their fair share of competing candidates in the primary election. Incumbent Sen. John Barrasso, a Republican, is seeking his second full six-year term Barrasso was appointed in 2007 to fill the seat of the deceased Craig Thomas. He won a special election in 2008 and then was elected to his first full term in 2012. Challenging Barrasso are republicans: Cheyenne's Anthony Van Risseghem, Cheyenne's Charlie Hardy, Cheyenne's Dave Dodson, Laramie's John Holtz and democratic candidate Wilson's Gary Trauner. Also on the ballot is republican candidate Roque De La Fuente, of San Diego, California.

Incumbent Rep. Liz Cheney, Republican, of Wilson, will face republican candidates Cheyenne's Blake Stanley, Cheyenne's Rod Miller, and democratic candidates Laramie's Greg Hunter and Laramie's Travis Helm.

Filing dates for the four open seats on the Weston County School District No. 1 board of trustees are Aug. 8-28. Candidates should file through the Weston county clerk's office.

WYDOT

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"We are here to emphasize more of the ways to partner with WYDOT. We plan to follow up more than we have in the past and reach out to local entities more than we have," said Taylor, whose territory includes Sheridan, Campbell, Crook and Weston counties and half of Johnson county.

Taylor noted that WYDOT was made aware through other public meetings that it was probably not doing enough local government outreach and, as a result, local governments were not aware of partnership opportunities.

Mark Gillett, assistant chief engineer of operations for WYDOT, explained the different partnerships, which range from bridge replacement to bulk purchases of necessary materials or equipment.

"We really want to build partnerships and relationships with local governments and help local governments with their transportation needs," Gillett said.

According to Gillett, the partnerships are offered to local governments through several different programs. These include the bridge replacement "off system" program, context sensitive amenities, industrial road program, transportation alternatives program, congestion mitigation air-quality program, high-risk rural road program, federal lands access program, commission road improvement program and public transportation program. He noted that the local match on these programs varies.

Gillett reported that two programs that have been utilized by either Weston County or the city of Newcastle are the transportation alternatives program, utilized by Newcastle for the bike paths throughout town, and the congestion mitigation air-quality program used by the county.

"Weston County has participated in the congestion mitigation air-quality program to help with gravel roads, on the air-quality part," Gillett said.

Weston County Projects for 2018-24 currently in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

- 2018: Newcastle Marginal - U.S. 16 Bypass, 2.5 miles of mill and overlay. Estimated cost \$6 million
 - 4-Corners - Newcastle north, 2.5 miles mill and overlay. Estimated cost \$2.7 million
 - 2019: WYO 585, 4-Corners to Sundance, 9.75 miles of mill and overlay. Estimated cost: \$3.1 million
 - 2021: U.S. 85, Lusk to Newcastle, 14.5 miles of mill and overlay. Estimated cost \$6.9 million
- No projects currently in STIP for 2020, 2022, 2023 and 2024

Total currently in STIP for Weston County: \$18,682,624

He explained that the local governments have the opportunity to apply for other partnership opportunities, for instance the commission road improvement program. This program, according to Gillett, is at the discretion of the State Transportation Commission, a seven-member panel of WYDOT personnel. The commission has \$5 million set aside for local governments, typically counties, to apply for to help with transportation needs.

"This money is set aside to help primarily counties, but cities can apply, and there is a minimum 15 percent match," Gillett said.

He noted that when local entities reach out to utilize the commission road improvement program, the commission will ask whether or not roads could be traded instead of the match.

"This is something we haven't done much of in the past but as communities grow things change. It doesn't hurt for the government to look at assets and decide if one entity could take better care of a road than

the other," Gillett said.

He maintained that this is a question local government entities should expect if they are to go after commission road improvement program monies.

Local governments also can partner with WYDOT, through what it calls a construction partnership, tied directly to WYDOT construction projects in the area, for materials such as recycled asphalt pavement, utility upgrades, fencing, conduit and other materials.

"Whenever we have a project and there are things we can help out with, let us know. We do prefer to know up front so it is included when the project is bid out," Gillett said, noting that local governments should examine the STIP for upcoming projects when determining potential needs that may be helped by a WYDOT partnership.

Local governments can also partner with WYDOT for supply purchases by either piggybacking on a bid or through a joint bid. These supplies include bulk sodium chloride, crack-sealing materials, survey stakes, duty jackets, work wear, road oil, drug and alcohol testing services, solid and liquid anti-icers, reflective sheeting, fabricated steel, propane, fuel (gasoline or diesel), striping paint, paint beads, road salt, vehicles and equipment.

"We buy a lot of supplies in bulk, and you can get in on our contracts," Gillett said.

He explained that there are two ways for local governments to partner for supply purchases. The first is to piggyback on to the contract, and the other is for the local government to inform WYDOT up front before the contract is put together.

"We have a paragraph in our contracts that if another government is to tag onto our order, then they (the providers) will honor the price they gave to WYDOT," Gillette said. "It is nice to know up front. The more you buy, the better price you get."

Anniversary



Farmer's Insurance celebrated its one-year anniversary on Friday, by offering free hot dogs, chips and cold drinks to the public to thank everyone for their business. Above, Mike Freeman, Tanner Baird, Taylor Oliver, and Trina Baird serve up dogs in front of the business, on Main Street in Newcastle. Below, Geraldine and Bill Anderson found a shady spot to enjoy their lunch. (Photos by Pam Penfield/NLJ)



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Opinion

News Letter Journal

Our View

Take your bow

You know me as 'the theatre guy.' I teach acting. I stage plays. I deliver entertainment.

You'd expect a Shakespeare quote from a theater guy, so here it is, from Act-II, Scene-VII of the Bard's comedy As You Like It: "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players."

There could be no better introduction for the Newcastle Legacy Series. As director of the Bird Cage Theatrics Company, I and my colleague Dorothy Walker-Brown have staged some popular funny and tender moments these past eight years. All of our plays were scripted stories that arrived from the outside world. That practice changed last week with The Lynching of Diamond L. Slim, the first of three live re-enactments to arrive this year courtesy of Newcastle's rich Wild West history.

The Newcastle Legacy Series turns on the premise that all of Newcastle is a stage; Newcastle men and women are the players. "They have their exits and their entrances, and one man in his time plays many parts." Western Heritage and the Newcastle Legacy Series believes it's time to remove our players from the dusty pages of history, resuscitate them, and return them to center stage, a stage that would not exist were it not for their exploits and exertions.

The Lynching of Diamond L. Slim played to a packed house. The Legacy Series can claim that honor not because the re-enactment actually filled the streets (wouldn't that be grand!), but because the show stirred hearts, spurred imaginations, and left spectators clamoring for more Newcastle history. So the Legacy Players will be back; with Teddy Roosevelt and the Independence Day parade on July 4, and on Halloween with the Battle of Lightning Creek.

We're looking forward to hosting "Teddy" and can almost smell the gunpowder at Sheriff Miller's Indian fight, but first some unfinished business with Slim. Always, theatre is a collaborative art. Reproducing last week's lynching was made possible because citizens, businesses, city, and county crews made their entrances and played their parts. There are many small roles in making theatre, but never small players; all are necessary and must be accomplished for the show to succeed. Diamond Slim was a success. To all contributors, the Newcastle Legacy Series thanks you heartily.



Shane Sellers
Force multiplier

Letters to the Editor

A few bad apples don't spoil the capitalist bunch

Dear Editor,
Jerry Baird seems to have a rather distorted view of capitalism. (re: "Capitalists are nothing like average people," May 31, 2018, page 2)

Capitalism is the lynchpin of our economy and Capitalists are average people who have found another way to make a living for themselves by selling something they have developed to other people. There are some who try to take advantage of the situation, just as there are in any form of life. It is interesting that some of the biggest frauds are by poor people on poor people.

He contradicts himself by saying the capitalists pay the politicians to keep from having to pay taxes but who are the 10 percent who pay 90 percent of the taxes? That 10 percent who pay the billions in taxes must be the dumb ones who

do not pay the politicians.

I must be one of those capitalists he talks about, but I think I am pretty average. I may have a higher income because I have been fortunate to be a partner in a 70 year old family business. I must be doing something wrong though because I have to pay about 50 percent of my income in taxes.



I do contribute to politicians who I think are trying to run the country in a way I would like it to be run, but I receive no favors from them and am generally happy if a few of them get it right.

I do get some deductions for contributions to the community and to schools, but the contributions are greater than the deductions.

Jerry lumps most of the capitalists in one barrel as bad, but remember they are generally running a company and their first duty is to the hundreds or thousands of shareholders who own stock in the company they run.

—Don Thorson

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"I gave the order to shoot down that plane"

You could hear a pin drop as former Vice-President Dick Cheney described what it was like to be at the White House during the 9-11 crisis that occurred Sept. 11, 2001.

He was speaking to 250 members of the Republican Party at a Lincoln Day dinner in Cody May 25. His daughter, Wyoming's current U. S. Representative Liz Cheney, was interviewing her father as part of a program lined up for that night.

And it was a very big night. Political leaders from all over the state plus candidates for all the major offices were there, along with their entourages.

But this night belonged to Cheney. The former Vice-President, who served with President George W. Bush from 2000 to 2008, received a heart transplant six years ago. He looks vibrant and healthy at the age of 77.

Cheney spoke matter-of-factly as he recounted that fateful day when more than 3,000 American citizens died in terrorist attacks.

Although it certainly was not a funny moment at the time, some folks chuckled when Cheney recalled a burly secret service agent walking into his West Wing office, grabbing him by the collar and his belt and literally hefting him in the air and whisking him out of the room.

The White House staff all knew about the commercial airliners that had crashed into the Twin Towers in New York City, but now it was determined that a hijacked airliner was headed toward Washington D. C.

Cheney went to the war room deep beneath the capitol complex and then was faced with a horrible decision.

"Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta said he thought there were four to six planes that had been hijacked. And I was told an airliner was headed our way. Should our fighters shoot it down?" Cheney recalled being asked.

"I gave the order to shoot down that plane," he recalled.

The fighters were too late to intercept the first airliner, which ultimately crashed into the Pentagon. The second airliner was the famous Flight 93, whose passengers had been called by relatives telling them about the Twin Towers crashes.

"Those brave souls took their own plane down, killing themselves but saving countless others," Cheney concluded.

Cheney, who has resided in Jackson for years, has lived one of the most amazing careers in American politics. He was the youngest presidential chief of staff in history (for President Gerald Ford), a U. S Representative for Wyoming, a Secretary of Defense during the first Gulf War and then Vice-President for eight years during the George W. Bush administration.

When asked what his favorite job was during all these times, he said Secretary of Defense had to top the list.

He heaped massive praise on the members of the military and recalled some interesting times with Gen. Colin Powell, then head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf.

He called the efforts of the American forces "magnificent." He was proud that the USA could do things that no other military force in the world could do.

"We used stealth technology and precision missile

strikes, which no other country possessed," he said.

But Cheney was not the only star of the evening. U. S. Sen. John Barrasso gave a rousing call to action for the true believers in attendance. Barrasso is campaigning for another term in the Senate this year.

Cody's hometown hero, former U. S. Senator Al Simpson, was the emcee and asked Cheney to tell a different version of one of the most famous political stories in Wyoming lore.

Cheney: "Al and I were running for reelection for our two seats during the same campaign period. I had spent the night in Lander at Judge Jack Nicholas' home, but needed to get up early and get to Riverton for a radio interview.

"The radio station was always on the edge of Riverton near the Wind River and I pulled in and dashed through the front door."

"Next thing I knew there was woman in her nightgown. She was vacuuming as I recall. A baby was crawling in the corner. I asked her if this was the radio station?"

"No," the woman said, "they just moved downtown. We just moved here. By the way, who are you?"

Cheney then paused and told the Cody crowd: "My name is Al Simpson and I am running for the Senate. I would very much appreciate your vote."

Then he dashed out of the house and headed downtown to the real radio station building.

Bill Sniffin is a retired newspaper publisher who has penned a number of books about Wyoming. Check out additional columns written by Bill at www.billsniffin.com, and find volumes from his coffee table book series, which have sold over 30,000 copies, for sale at the News Letter Journal.



Bill Sniffin
My Wyoming

Nothing like advertising with staying power

I found it interesting and coincidental that Bill Sniffin's column last week dealt with the extinction of landlines in Wyoming. At the time, I was working on my own column on the very same subject for this week's newspaper.

Several times a year, we have people stop into the News Letter Journal asking us for one of our phone books. If you're not familiar with the phone book that we've published over the years, it is a very small, thin Weston County phone book with listings for Newcastle, Four Corners, Osage, and Upton.

There are maps, an important numbers section, a reverse directory by address and also by phone number, and even a toll-free directory. I still use one at home.

My Mother used to laugh at my little phone book when she visited as she lived in Rochester, New York. Her phone book was a good four inches thick, and that was just the white

pages!

Even though we still get requests for our popular phone books, the last time we published one was in 2008. We've always had plenty of interest from both advertisers and the community to do a new one, but there's a slight problem—no one has landlines anymore.

As small as it was, I believe today we would have trouble filling it as we've all gone digital— or cellular, as the case may be— and have given up our landlines.

A few weeks ago, a gentleman came to the newspaper office and asked for a whole box of phone books that they needed people to have access to - STAT!

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That evening, I looked through

our most recent phone book, and was proud to see that nearly every, single advertiser that ran an ad in the phone book is still in business today! That's ten years, and that's pretty great.

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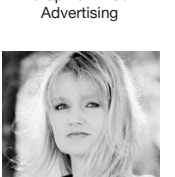
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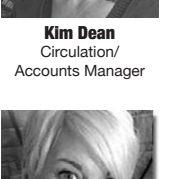
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Obituaries

PATRICK A. DOWDY
Aug. 1, 1927–May 29, 2018

Patrick A. Dowdy, 90, of Sheridan, Wyo., passed away on May 29, 2018, at the Sheridan Memorial Hospital.



Patrick Dowdy

Patrick was delivered by a mid-wife near Hudson, Colo., on Aug. 1, 1927, born to Will and Ada Dowdy. He married Estelene Campbell on Sept. 22, 1950, at Brighton, Colo. To this union two sons were born Rickey Wayne and Randall Dean.

Patrick is survived by his sons, Rick (Carolynn) Dowdy of Sheridan, and Randy (Christine) Dowdy of Douglas, Wyo.; granddaughter, Danette (Gary) Hall; great-grandchildren, Evan and Alexis of Montgomery, Texas; a brother, Jim Dowdy of Thermopolis, Wyo.; and a sister, Lola (Stan) Cordingly of Thermopolis.

At Patrick's request, no services will be held. Inurnment will be at the Black Hills National Cemetery.

Online condolences may be written at www.kanefuneral.com. Kane Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements.

JUNE (GOULD) STREETS
June 30, 1921–May 31, 2018

June Streets, resident of Newcastle, Wyo., died May 31, 2018, at Weston County Manor. Services will be held at Weston County Senior Center, 629 Pine St. in Newcastle on Wednesday, June 6, at 2 p.m. Interment will be held at Custer Cemetery, Custer, S.D., following services.

June was born June 30, 1921, in Millboro, S.D., to Myrtle Fern Anderson and Alan Jerred. On Oct. 6, 1940, she married Hershel Gould, son of Mary and W.M. Gould. They were married in Chadron, Neb. They lived in Custer until 1941, then moved to Newcastle, but they also lived briefly in Hot Springs, S.D., Fort Sill, Okla., and Golden, Colo., before returning to Newcastle to raise their family



June Streets

until the present. Hershel served in the Army in 1945 at Fort Sill.

June's first husband of 49 years, Hershel Gould, died May 29, 1989. She married Ray Streets on March 5, 1995; he died on July 9, 2014. Together they shared 12 children, 28 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren, and as well as many nieces and nephews.

June was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers, one sister, two husbands, one daughter-in-law, and one grandson, Danny Stith.

June is survived by her three children and their wives and husbands, Jerry Gould, Scottsdale, Ariz., Richard and Barbara Gould, Newcastle, and LeAnn and Pete Kenagy, Osage, Wyo; seven grandchildren and their wives, Patrick and Amy Gould, Jason Gould, Mike Stith, Matt and Melissa Gould, Tom and Jessica Gould, Pat and Ginger Nixon, and Christopher and Fern Gould. June had a multitude of great-grandchildren.

The family requests a memorial to Weston Manor Nursing Home Activities Fund for a special project, in lieu of flowers.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Mrs. June M. Gould, please visit the Sympathy Store at Worden Funeral Homes website, wordenfuneral-directors.com.

CONNIE ANNE WENZEL
May 7, 1966–May 21, 2018

Connie was born in Newcastle, on May 7, 1966, four hours and forty minutes before her mother's birthday on Mother's Day. She passed away peacefully into God's arms on May 21, 2018 at Northern Colorado Medical Center in the burn unit.

Connie was a very sensitive child fearful of falling and loud noises. She faced many challenges throughout her life. Connie related well to older people and claimed many as grandma and grandpa. Connie attended school in Newcastle, graduating with the class of 1984. She continued her education



Connie Wenzel

at Eastern Wyoming College and Black Hills State earning a bachelor's degree in Special and Elementary Education. She taught in Sheridan, Casper, and Laramie, Wyoming and White River, South Dakota. She married Christopher Wenzel in Newcastle in 1993. They later divorced.

Her most joyous accomplishment was the birth of her daughter Jessica Mae and the time she was able to spend with her. Connie was active in community affairs in Torrington and was especially proud of starting the paper pantry at the First United Methodist Church. She was always known for her kind and compassionate nature.

Left to mourn are her daughter Jessica Mae Wenzel of Torrington, parents Wilbur and Norma Lease of Newcastle, brother Harold Lease of Gillette, sisters Julie Lease-Firebaugh (Bob) of Fort Collins, and Brenda Kennedy (Joe) of Casper, nieces Krystal Masters (Tom) of Fort Collins and Abigail Kennedy.

Service was held at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 26 at the First United Methodist Church in Newcastle. Rev. Dr. Robert Firebaugh and Rev. Michael Jarrell officiated. A luncheon was held at the Newcastle Senior Citizen's Center immediately following the service. A memorial service was also held at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 1 at the First United Methodist Church in Torrington, officiated by Rev. Jeffrey Wayland. Memorials have been established for the benefit of mental health services, Western States Burn Center (North Colorado Medical Center in Greeley, CO) or Goshen County Volunteer Fire Department. A fund has been established to defray burial cost. Contributions can be made at Pinnacle Bank in Newcastle or Torrington.

ANITA A. WETZEL
Dec. 26, 1926–Feb. 3, 2018

Anita A. Wetzel, born Dec. 26, 1926, passed away on Feb. 3, 2018, in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Graveside services will be held June 9 at 11 a.m. at the Greenwood Cemetery in Newcastle, Wyo. The family will gather at 2411 W. Main St. in Newcastle following the service.

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Daily Devotional Reading

June 7 Acts 23:12-35	June 11 Acts 26:1-18
June 8 Acts 24:1-27	June 12 Acts 26:19-32
June 9 Acts 25:1-12	June 13 Acts 27:1-12
June 10 Acts 25:13-27	Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society

- **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 6:00 pm.
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- **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 6:00-7:00 pm; Wednesday Night Youth and Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm; Life Recovery Bible Study Sunday Night 7:00 pm.
- **CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL:** Fr. Tom Campbell, S. Summit & Winthrop Streets. 746-9684. haydishall@hotmail.com. Service times: Holy Eucharist 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays 10:00 a.m.; Morning prayer 2nd & 4th Sundays 10:00 a.m.
- **CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Pastor Tsena Dinssa, 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9:00 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:** Wayne Wilson, 301 Delaware, 746-5542. Sunday School 9:30 am; Prayer Service 10:15 am; Worship 10:45 am; Youth Group Wednesday 6:30 pm.
- **CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Tim Martinson, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5:00 pm; Sunday Mass 5:00 pm; Weekday Mass 8:00 am.
- **COUNTRY CHURCH:** Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley and Micah Popma, 746-9712. Worship 10:00 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; AWANA Clubs 6:30 pm.

- **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Michael Jarrell, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Adult Bible Study 8:45 am; Traditional Church Services 10:00 am; 10:15 am Children's Church; 11:30 a.m. Casual Worship Service, Youth Group Sunday evenings 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- **GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Jon Andersen, Evangelical Free Church meets at the Weston County Senior Services; Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship 11 am. Call 746-8091.
- **KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES:** 5018 US Hwy 16, 746-2319 or 746-4517. Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Congregation Bible Study, Theocratic Ministry School and Service Meeting. Sunday Public Talk 10:00 am; Watchtower 11:00 am.
- **NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sun. Worship 10:00 am; Wed. Night Prayer.
- **OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH:** 348 Sheridan St. in Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship 11:00 am and 6:00 pm.
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- **ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Tim Martinson, Upton. Sunday Mass 11:30 am.
- **UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Rev. Sharee Johnson, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Bible Study and Sunday School 9:00 am; Worship 10:00 am; Fellowship 11:00 am; Last Sunday of August no church in Upton; Worship at 11:00 am at Rev. Johnson's home in Custer.
- **VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH:** Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366.

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Summer Street has been opened to Winthrop Street this week.

The public School will close on Friday of next week, June 9th.

Mr. McGrew, uncle of F.G. Benefield, came in on the excursion.

Treasurer Frank has quite a lengthy and interesting article in today's paper.

Crawford Newlin & Jas. E. Grant started for the World's Fair the first of the week.

Geo. Bissell was in Newcastle on business this week. He reports the roundup as progressing finally.

Quite a number of our citizens took advantage of the excursion rates & went to Sheridan Wednesday.

June 6, 1918

George Herd, who unloaded about 24,000 head of sheep at Moorcroft early in April and later trailed them to the Tom Arnold ranch in Niobrara County, caused an extra ride of a day and a half for County Assessor Faulkner to locate them & made the assessment of the bunch.

On Tuesday afternoon a wedding was solemnized at the Methodist Church Rev. G.E. Pennell uniting in marriage Sidney B. Morgan & Miss Lizzie Whitehouse.

Pete Perino was down from Cambria last Saturday to attend to business in the county seat.

"Chief" Chris Good, of Cherokee Strip, was a business visitor in the county seat Tuesday.

The dance given at the Armory last Friday evening

for the soldier boys was very well attended.

The Alter Society met at the rectory yesterday afternoon.

The little Sweem baby was operated on the first of the week by Drs. Horton and Wells of Newcastle & Dr. DeWitt of Upton and is getting along nicely and the hopes of its recovery are now very bright.

Mrs. P.J. Kinney & daughter, Ruth, left for

Kinney Lodge last Monday, where they expect to spend the greater part of the Summer.

June 3, 1943

Mrs. Ella Mae Richards left Friday, May 28, from Newcastle for Seattle, Washington, as she was recently selected as the sponsor for a new ship, because she has five sons in the Armed Forces of the United States.

There is a possibility that Wyoming may have a daytime air raid alert soon, it was disclosed last Monday.

Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock the funeral of Mrs. John Wiora was held at the Sedgwick Funeral Home in Newcastle. Mrs. Wiora passed away at her home on Skull Creek on May 27, being nearly 87 years old at the time.

Fisherman's luck was with Don Townsend, of the Osage Oil Fields, last Friday when on a fishing trip to the LAK lake

he landed two 6-pound trout and one 3-pound one.

Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Watson & family of the Prairie were trading with Newcastle merchants on Saturday.

Several high school students from Osage and vicinity attended the annual school picnic at the Flying V on Wednesday, May 26th.

Lucille Titus & Naomi Hemler went to Sheridan Tuesday afternoon where they will spend several days visiting friends.

Clara Kummerle of the Fairview area, closed a successful school year Friday, when the patrons & friends met at the school house, enjoying a picnic dinner including a wiener roast & ice cream.

Several people of the Buckhorn vicinity attended the sale of the Joslin place on Monday.


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Jean Sedjwick, Eleanor Clark, Fluette Holst, Betty Jackson & Evelyn Mihalski School Picnic at the Flying V Ranch 1932. (Photo Courtesy of Anna Miller Museum)

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<i>June 2018</i>		
<i>Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar</i>		
TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thurs 07	1:00 p.m. Community Rec. Open Gym 5:30 p.m. City Planning & Zoning Meeting 5:30 p.m. WC Museum District Meeting 7:00 p.m. Salt Creek Water District 7:30 p.m. Masons #13 Meeting 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	NHS Practice Gym Council Chambers Anna Miller Museum District Office Masonic Lodge WC Senior Center, Family Room
Fri 08	9:00 a.m. Cinnamon Rolls 11:00 a.m. Storyteller Indiana Bones 1:00 p.m. Community Rec. Open Gym 6:00 p.m. RPM Days 7:00 p.m. Bingo	WC Senior Center WC Library NHS Practice Gym WC Fairgrounds VFW Hall
Sat 09	8:00 a.m. Pancake Feed 9:00 a.m. Parade 11:00 a.m. RPM Days - Full Schedule on pg. 10	First State Bank Newcastle Main Street WC Fairgrounds
Sun 10	10:00 a.m. RPM Days - Full Schedule on pg. 10	WC Fairgrounds
Mon 11	1:00 p.m. AARP Meeting 6:30 p.m. WC Fair Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. WC Sportmans Club 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	WC Senior Center WC Fairgrounds Shooting Range WC Senior Center, Family Room
Tues 12	11:00 a.m. How Does Music Make Me Feel 12:00 p.m. Alzheimers/Dementia Sup. Group 1:00 p.m. Artful Gals 1:30 p.m. Dirt Daubers Garden Club 1:00 p.m. Community Rec. Open Gym 3:00 p.m. WC Natural Resource District Mtg. 5:00 p.m. ONEOK Pipeline Open House 6:00 p.m. American Legion Meeting 6:00 p.m. WC Humane Society Meeting 6:30 p.m. Search & Rescue Meeting	WC Library WC Senior Center Senior Housing Call 307-746-2156 NHS Practice Gym USDA Building WC Senior Center Armory Shelter Fire Hall
Wed 13	12:00 p.m. Flowering Fingers Garden Club 1:00 p.m. Creative Handicraft Group 7:00 p.m. Mallo Camp Board 7:00 p.m. WC School District #1 Board Meeting	Call 307-746-2896 WC Senior Center WC Public Health Building Administration Building
Thurs 14	12:00 p.m. Upton Chamber Meeting 1:00 p.m. Community Rec. Open Gym 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	TBA NHS Practice Gym WC Senior Center, Family Room
Fri 15	9:00 a.m. Cinnamon Rolls 1:00 p.m. Community Rec. Open Gym 7:00 p.m. Bingo	WC Senior Center NHS Practice Gym VFW Hall

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 07
Zander Luckow

June 08
Hope Hartley
Martin Tysdal

June 10
Candi Stanton
Cooper Bennett
Kale Sallee
Linda Pehringer
Rick & Ann McColley

June 11
Herb & Chris French
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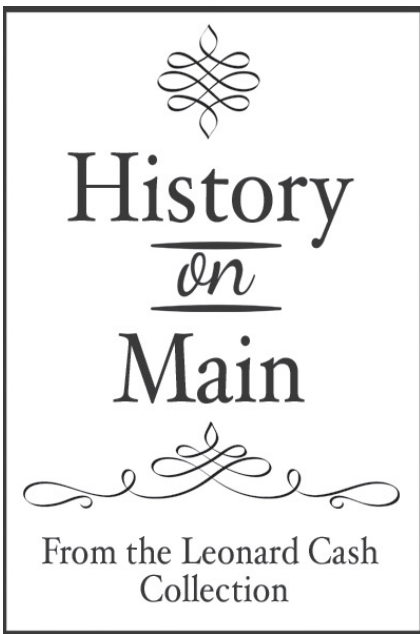
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For the Ages

News Letter Journal

First State Bank's origin in Newcastle



By Bri Brasher
with Leonard Cash
NLJ Reporter

The History on Main series with Leonard Cash takes a bit of a detour starting this week, as we begin covering the timeline of block 7, lots 1 and 2, which are now home to First State Bank. While the lots are set just off of Main Street, the property and its inhabitants have had a significant impact on the city of Newcastle, both historically and in the modern day. First State Bank is situated across the alley from the bank's Main Street parking lot, discussed in the last several installments of the History on Main Series.

While Cash only keeps the Weston County Courthouse records for Main Street businesses in his personal archives, he still has quite the collection of facts, photos and stories for the First State Bank property. His records of the lots begin with the Sanborn Maps, which reference the property as Oliver's feed warehouse around 1936. According to Cash, the property was vacant, except for a few houses until this time. The bank took over occupancy of block 7, lots 1 and 2, in the mid 1950s. The feed warehouse moved out near Newcastle Motors, and First State Bank built its current building.

However, in order to fully understand the history of First State Bank in Newcastle, Cash said it is important to understand the bank's timeline and locations up until the 1950s. First, it must be noted that Weston County Bank was located in Newcastle — before First State Bank — in block 11. Then, when a fire burned most of block 11 in 1912, the establishment moved to block 7, lot 10, in the same building that is now occupied by Cash Box Ceramics. Cash said the bank's residency was fitting, and the building was originally constructed to be a bank in 1890.

Weston County Bank stayed in the Cash Box Ceramics building until 1924 when the examiner closed the bank due to lack of funds. Proprietors of the Weston County Bank tried to rejuvenate the establishment, though Cash said the bank was too far gone. It was then that Newcastle went to a



First State Bank has history of longevity in the Newcastle community, dating back to the 1920's. Leonard Cash detailed the start of the bank in Newcastle, and the timeline will continue in next week's issue. The photo above shows the bank when it was located on the corner of South Seneca and Warren. (Submitted Photo)

new bank — the First State Bank of Newcastle.

The new bank opened with a capital of \$15,000, according to an editorial in the News Letter Journal published on Aug. 14, 1924. Cash explained that First State Bank was one of the first bank franchises in Wyoming to establish after many closed in the Great Depression. The bank opened courtesy of a charter granted by the state, and First State Bank leased the Cash Box Ceramics building.

First State Bank was started by Henry G. Weare, of Spearfish, and his associates, according to an editorial in the News Letter Journal around the time of the bank's opening. The editorial is referenced in the "Fifty Years with First State Bank" pamphlet published in 1974 to celebrate the milestone.

The editorial stated, "Mr. Weare, who is interested in a number of banks in the Black Hills country, is a banker with years of experience in this section of the country, and will undoubtedly make a success of the new undertaking." Weare was the first president of the bank. Cash said Weare lived in Newcastle before the bank's opening.

"He (Weare) had his fingers in a lot of stuff in town, like the service station, and also they had the cleaners for a while," Cash said, adding that Weare also constructed several other buildings in town.

The editorial in the News Letter Journal and celebratory pamphlet also discussed Weare's involvement in banking and background in the cattle industry. The newspaper's editor at the time wrote that "H.G. Weare was also president of the leading bank of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and also connected with the First National Bank of Deadwood, South Dakota, with banks at Spearfish" along with other interests scattered around the area. Weare was the principal stockholder in the Newcastle enterprise, and he was associated with R. Hurtt, W. E. Dickey, John H. Nason and M.C. Roberts. Hurt was to be cashier of First State Bank in Newcastle.

"Weare is an old-time cattleman of the Black Hills Country and at present is associated with L.A. Brown in the cattle business in Crook County. His combination looks like a good one and it is planned to increase the \$15,000 capitalization to \$75,000 when business warrants it," wrote the News Letter Journal editor in 1924. The editor continued, "It will be a relief to our people to have a bank at which they can do business and while for a time a great deal of caution is apt to be exercised in dealing with any bank, we predict confidence in the new situation will be such that business conditions will return to practically normal, very shortly."

News of the bank was announced again in the News Letter Journal on Aug. 28, 1924. The article stated,

"The first five days have seen more than \$23,000 deposited in the bank and this together with their capital gives them a footing of about \$38,000. Eighty-six persons and business firms opened accounts." In the same article, the newspaper noted that many were still skeptical of First State Bank and banking establishments in general, however. One person was even quoted as saying, "I'll put mine (money) in a tin can and bury it."

Community members' hesitancy is understandable, because Cash's records indicate that 46 of the 76 banks in Wyoming closed in the 1920s, and against the odds, First State Bank opened during this time. The First State Bank pamphlet said there were 150 shares at \$100 per share when the bank opened and that Mr. Weare was the major stockholder. Despite the odds, the bank continued to grow positively.

According to the First State Bank pamphlet, as of April of 1926, the total assets of the bank were \$362,902.74. The bank then continued to excel, and a few years later in August of 1930, the establishment purchased the Security State Bank in Newcastle. Cash said the Security State Bank was consolidated. Following the purchase, First State Bank moved across the street to the corner of South Seneca and Main Street on Warren Avenue. The pamphlet referenced the building's exterior clock in writing, "The clock which could be read from

Senior Happenings	
WC Senior Services	
June 8	
Rolls	9 a.m.
Blood Pressure Check	9:30 a.m.
Bridge Ladies	1 p.m.
June 11	
Osteo Exercise	9 a.m.
June 12	
VA Breakfast	8 a.m.
Dementia Support Mtg	10:30 a.m.
Dominoes	1:00 p.m.
June 13	
Osteo Exercise	9 a.m.
Manor Here For Lunch	
Creative Handcrafts After Lunch	
Card Class	4 p.m.
June 14	
FLAG DAY	
Dominoes	1:00 p.m.
Manor	
June 8	
Greedy	10:30 a.m.
Bingo	2 p.m.
Movie	6 p.m.
June 9	
Guggenheim	11 a.m.
Movie	2 p.m.
Bingo	6 p.m.
June 10	
Riddles	11 a.m.
Church	2 p.m.
June 11	
Wii	10:30 a.m.
Hawaii Day	3 p.m.
Bingo	6 p.m.
June 12	
Ceramics	10:30 a.m.
Keepsake Krafters	2 p.m.
Cards	6:15 p.m.
June 13	
Crossword	10:30 a.m.
Bingo	2 p.m.
Dice	6:15 p.m.
June 14	
Cornhole	10:30 a.m.
Manicures	2 p.m.
Resident's Choice	6:15 p.m.

all four directions was a 'landmark.' School children playing along the way to their classes kept a wary eye on the clock on the corner."

New stockholders also joined the bank in 1930, including South Dakotans George Hunter; R.E. Driscoll, who became head of the National Bank of the Black Hills banks throughout the Black Hills region; and Walter Cunningham. C.L. Wood, of Montana, and Andy Hansen, of Newcastle, were also stockholders.

The First State Bank pamphlet stated that in 1931, total assets of the local bank reached \$702,533.69. It was also noted that Charles Dow purchased stock in the bank and was elected to the board of directors to fill a vacancy left by Weare, whose health was failing. Additionally, the pamphlet noted that Hugh Updike of Osage was elected director of the board in 1931. Cash said Updike was the name of an oil company in Weston County founded by Hugh and his brothers.

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Madness

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kick things off with a pancake feed, and the day will close with a street dance on Main Street.

“We want the different businesses to do games or activities, if they want to. We are trying to engage the downtown businesses through the event,” Bickford said.

Also featured during Madness on Main will be a truck pull beginning at noon, a farmers market starting at 10 a.m., a Farmers Insurance pie-eating contest at 2 p.m., a water balloon fight after the pie-eating contest, a KASL lip sync battle, a #NRocks scavenger hunt and a community meal before the dance.

“The truck pull will be a manual truck pull with a five-person team pulling the truck,” Bickford said, “Ladies can do it too, but participants have to be 18 or older.”

The duo is hoping to get teams to sign up for the truck pull in advance, as well as for the pie-eating contest. Bickford joked that by signing up in advance, truck pull teams will have time to get their shirts made and “hit” the weight room to prepare for the event.

The water balloon fight will take place on Main Street, with the hopes of cleaning up the mess from the pie-eating contest that will take place on the stage. Shortly after the balloon fight, the DJ will set up to play music for the remainder of the event while also recognizing different sponsors.

“KASL will be hosting a lip sync battle from 4 to 5 p.m.,” Townsend said, noting that question about this specific event should be directed to Kevin Senger at the radio station.

Throughout the day, individuals will have the opportunity to take part in an #NRocks scavenger hunt. The organizers explained that this is a nationwide social media scavenger hunt similar to geocaching.



Last year, the News Letter Journal hosted an eclipse viewing celebration on Main Street, complete with a water fight, to mark the end of summer and return to school. This year, Martha Bickford and Tasha Townsend are offering Madness on Main in an effort to bring the community together again as summer winds to an end. *NLJ File Photo*

“We will paint #NRocks on one side of the rocks that will be hidden at different businesses downtown,” Townsend said. “People will have to go in and find the rocks and the clue leading the people to the next business will be with the rock.”

She said that individual businesses will have the option to participate in the scavenger hunt but that the goal of the rock hunt is to get people to go into the different downtown businesses.

“This is a great time for businesses to do sidewalk sales, and we will be encouraging businesses to have activities to engage the people attending,” Bickford said. “We will be inviting outlying businesses as well. Those not located on Main Street are more than welcome to bring an activity to Main Street for the event.”

Bickford added that individuals are also welcome to bring an idea for an event as long as they are willing to help coordinate the idea.

To round out the day, Townsend said, a community meal will be served for the price of a donation for those who choose to eat downtown. The “community feed” will start at 5 p.m. before the street dance.

Bickford reported that this first Madness on Main event will be smaller than those they hope to coordinate in the future. Eventually, they want the event to be a full three days over Labor Day weekend, she said.

Anyone interested in sponsoring an activity or getting involved with the Madness on Main event are encouraged to call or text Bickford at 307-941-2118 or Townsend at 307-629-0123.

“On top of being a family event that is fun and exciting, we hope to help Newcastle businesses out by hosting an event like Madness on Main. You don’t have to go out of town to have fun, and hopefully we can get everyone back to that mentality,” Townsend said.

Fishing

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13 is hosting its third annual fishing derby for kids ages 7-12 at Black Elk Pond this weekend in an effort to encourage local kids to use these resources.

The fishing derby will take place June 9, starting at 10 a.m. Registration is at 9:30. The kids will be able to fish — catch-and-release style — until noon. There will be someone to monitor the size of the fish and the number of fish each child catches, according to Leonard Nack, master of the lodge. Based on those assessments, prizes will be given to the kids with the biggest fish and with the most catches.

After fishing, participants will be invited to make their way to the lodge hall for refreshments and more prizes. The prizes will consist mostly of fishing-related equipment, according to Nack, who said the donations for the prizes were made primarily by Wyoming Refinery Co.

“We hope we have a good attendance,” said Nack, who said that about 50 young anglers participated last year, which was more than the first year.

“You’ll always learn something when you’re outdoors,” Nack said, urging parents to bring their children to the event.

On the other side of town, another fishing pond was recently opened up to the public at the Fountain Inn.

According to owner Falgun Patel, the pond has been there for some time, but in the past few years, Patel has been working with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department to make it a fishing pond accessible to the public.

The opening of the pond was delayed because of some paperwork complications, but this year the pond has finally opened. Patel sees it as a way to “give something back to the community,” said that this pond provides Newcastle with a way for families to spend time together.

“It’s something Newcastle needs,” he said. To use the pond, a person just has to show up with a fishing license, Patel said.

Although the pond is ready for public use, Patel is still planning improvements. The water quality is good but could be better, according to Patel. He is also working with Weed and Pest Control to make improvements.

The pond consists mainly of largemouth bass, but Patel said that he hopes to gradually expand the variety of fish swimming beneath the surface.

A number of other ideas have been thrown around to make fishing at the Fountain fun and creative, Patel said, and some of those ideas include getting a prize in relation to the size of fish that was caught or attaining a prize by catching a tagged fish. Nothing has been set in stone yet, but Patel said that he is open to suggestions from the community.

Fun also comes with responsibility, however, and Patel had a request for the community that will be using the pond.

“Try to help us keep it clean — not trash the stuff,” Patel urged.

Both Patel and Nack said that it’s important for the community to be outside, and now Newcastle has two ways to do just that.

Calvin

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band, find the right fans and play in front of them. We’re really thrilled to be down there. It’s going to be really exciting.”

Though R.P.M. Days will mark the biggest performance for the band as a whole, the guys who make up the band are no strangers to big crowds. Calvin has been writing music and playing for about 20 years. His fellow bandmates—Robert James on the drums, Daniel Upton on lead guitar, Matthew Windmueller on bass guitar and Wetzstein on the pedal steel guitar and keyboards—have all been playing right around that long, too.

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— Lee Calvin

what we’ve noticed in all of the guys we love to go watch, when they play you don’t know if they really want to be there or not. There’s kind of no excitement there, and that’s kind of what we want to do,” Calvin laughed. “We want to do the same type of music, but not take ourselves too seriously, and I think we have a good group of guys to do that.”

He said he hopes everybody will stick around after all the other RPM Days activities on Saturday to catch Calvin and the Coal Cars performing their first big show, and hopefully fall in love with their quirky personalities as they perform their fresh, original songs — rarely seen live so far.

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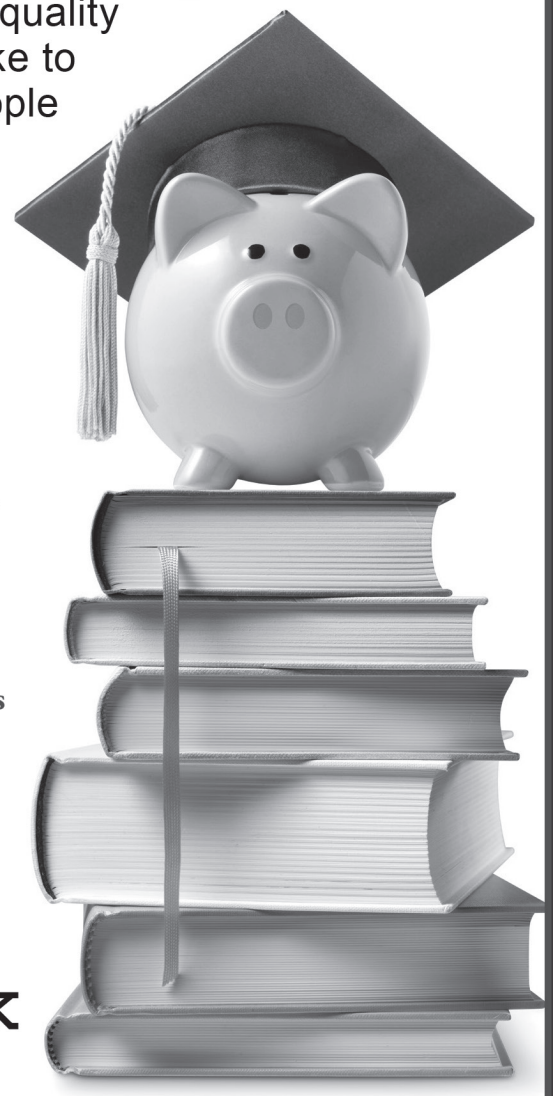
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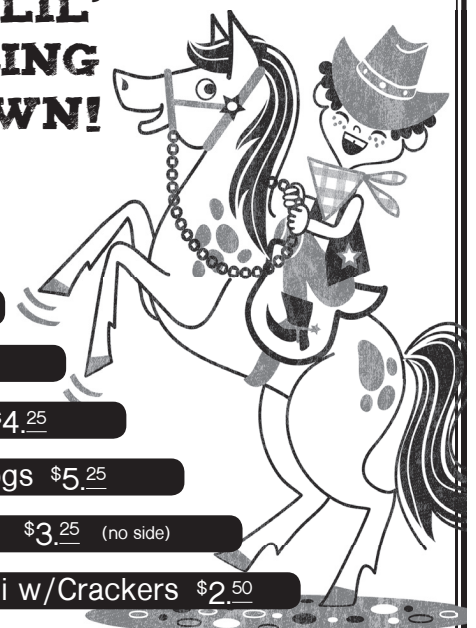
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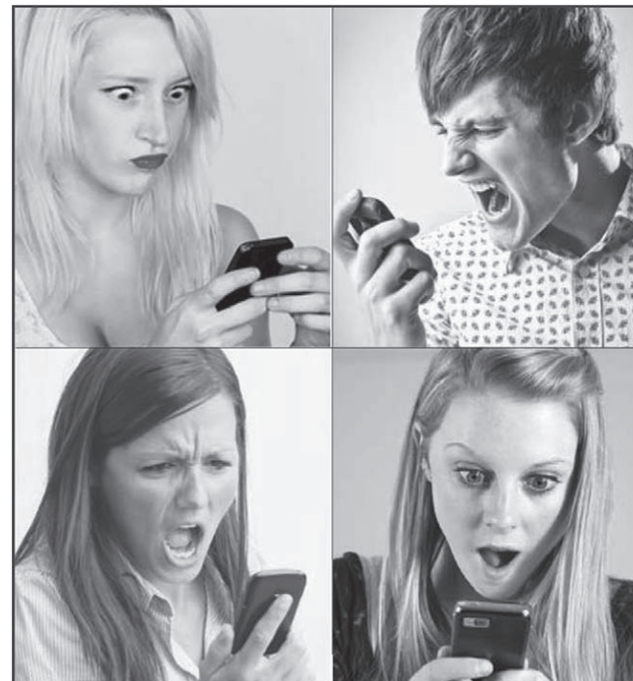


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High School - A Honor Roll - Quarter 4

Behnke, Nathaniel J	Ostenson, Cade M	Mendenhall, Aishwarya L	Deyo, Paige K
Henkle, Sarah R	Prell, Isaac C	Mespelt, Brandon L	Drost, Dylan J
Hofner, Makayla R	Purviance, Peyton R	Pearson, Madison M	Gunderson, Kaeli R
Lacey, Bailey R	Sweet, Kaylee J	Rhoades, Jacob D	Harrington, Tyrell E
Pearson, Emily L	Voelker, Lexus A	Rose, Tara G	Henkle, Rebecca J
Quigley, Cameron R	Wagoner, Makenzie R	Sweet, Sara A	Koester, Lacie M
Rainbolt, Courtney D	Watkins, Brenna A	Tidyman, Dylon J	Laurence, Alaina E
Schraeder, Katherine A	Wilkes, Brady E	Tystad, Peyton R	Liggett, Rya C
Schultz, Erika L	Bennett, Kelsey L	Vandersnick, Tessa M	Moon, Halli N
Tidyman, Bryson A	Cass, Jayme M	Whitney, Markie J	Purviance, Zachary T
Brown, Maxwell L	Coy, Grace M	Auch, Alexandria G	Quigley, Carson R
Dollison, Holly R	Davis, Shelby L	Beastrom, Claire E	Ramsey, Grayson W
Holmes, Reid R	Dawson, Johnna G	Beastrom, Emily C	Ramsey, Gunner M
Houser, Alyssa R	Frye, Bradyn C	Checketts, Sierra K	Stevenson, Alaina J
Johnson, Bryson D	Gross, Hannah	Clyde, Tristin S	Sweet, Morgan M
Lacey, Jake T	Hadlock, Christina S	Corley, Kale A	Voelker, Mercedes A
Liggett, Paige A	Lacey, Lauren A	Cox, James C	Wehri, Hailey Nicole
Martin, Perry J	McGuire, Hailey J	Crinklaw, Peyton E	

High School - B Honor Roll - Quarter 4

Dawson, Trayton B	Roberson, Sawyer S	Smith, Chloe R	Jenkins, Skylar T
Douglas, Shaelee J	Sharpes, Abrienne V	Stith, Shelby L	Jones, Kacy R
Guse, Joseph J	Carter, Jaiden K	Tysdal, Davin E	Kenney, Dillon J
Hebbring, Murray E	Cox, Owen A	Vaughn, Austyn B	Lacey, Abbey A
Marchant, Teigen J	Deveraux, Cooper J	Wainscott, Gunnar F	Lopez, Lara R
Anderson, Arianna R	Dudzinski, Collin J	Williams, Cameron L	Olson, Honesty K
Barker, John R	Hammond, Taryn R	Alarid, Caylee R	Petersen, Alexander D
Boettcher, Alaina E	Harris, Luke M	Anderson, Carolina J	Prell, Conrad L
Dixon, Betoney L	Humes, Emma R	Berry, Breckin M	Quinton, Adam Joseph
Hopper, Sean R	Lee, Jae Hyun	Bock, Carson R	Simmons, Samantha K
Lewis, Michelle L	McFarland, Jory E	Gorman, Kilian E	Townsend, Madison B
McClung, Kaylee G	McLaughlin, Joseph K	Graham, Asia R	Wright, Jaidyn R
Pisciotti, Kolby J	Rushton, Emily N	Hofner, Jillian R	

High School - A Honor Roll - Semester 2

Behnke, Nathaniel J	Martin, Perry J	McGuire, Hailey J	Drost, Dylan J
Douglas, Shaelee J	Ostenson, Cade M	Mendenhall, Aishwarya L	Menderson, Kaeli R
Hebbring, Murray E	Prell, Isaac C	Mespelt, Brandon L	Harrington, Tyrell E
Henkle, Sarah R	Purviance, Peyton R	Pearson, Madison M	Henkle, Rebecca J
Hofner, Makayla R	Sweet, Kaylee J	Rhoades, Jacob D	Jones, Kacy R
Lacey, Bailey R	Voelker, Lexus A	Rose, Tara G	Koester, Lacie M
Marchant, Teigen J	Wagoner, Makenzie R	Sweet, Sara A	Laurence, Alaina E
Pearson, Emily L	Watkins, Brenna A	Tidyman, Dylon J	Liggett, Rya C
Quigley, Cameron R	Wilkes, Brady E	Tysdal, Davin E	Purviance, Zachary T
Rainbolt, Courtney D	Cass, Jayme M	Vandersnick, Tessa M	Quigley, Carson R
Schraeder, Katherine A	Coy, Grace M	Whitney, Markie J	Ramsey, Grayson W
Schultz, Erika L	Davis, Shelby L	Auch, Alexandria G	Ramsey, Gunner M
Tidyman, Bryson A	Dawson, Johnna G	Beastrom, Claire E	Stevenson, Alaina J
Anderson, Arianna R	Deveraux, Cooper J	Beastrom, Emily C	Sweet, Morgan M
Dollison, Holly R	Frye, Bradyn C	Checketts, Sierra K	Voelker, Mercedes A
Holmes, Reid R	Gross, Hannah	Clyde, Tristin S	Wehri, Hailey Nicole
Houser, Alyssa R	Hadlock, Christina S	Corley, Kale A	Wright, Jaidyn R
Lacey, Jake T	Hammond, Taryn R	Cox, James C	
Liggett, Paige A	Harris, Luke M	Crinklaw, Peyton E	
Logan, Talon S	Lacey, Lauren A	Deyo, Paige K	

High School - B Honor Roll - Semester 2

Bock, Abygail E	Jeppesen, Kassidee G	Pitchford, Zane A	Haslam, Whispin D
Corley, Wyatt J	Jerry, Adrianna L	Rushton, Emily N	Hinshaw, Kayne M
Dawson, Trayton B	Johnson, Bryson D	Smith, Chloe R	Hofner, Jillian R
Guse, Joseph J	Lewis, Michelle L	Stith, Shelby L	Hopper, Alexcya R
McCoy, Colton Patrick	Roberson, Sawyer S	Vaughn, Austyn B	Jenkins, Skylar T
Pillen, Tabitha G	Sharpes, Abrienne V	Wainscott, Gunnar F	Kenney, Dillon J
Soderberg, Billy S	Stevenson, Lauren M	Wolfe, Erick J	Lacey, Abbey A
Sweet, Emalee E	Auch, Kylie A	Alarid, Caylee R	Lopez, Lara R
Walker, SheyAnne M	Bennett, Kelsey L	Anderson, Carolina J	Moon, Halli N
Whitney, Lyle E	Cox, Owen A	Berry, Breckin M	Olson, Honesty K
Barker, John R	Deveraux, Jake L	Bock, Carson R	Petersen, Alexander D
Boettcher, Alaina E	Dudzinski, Collin J	Corley, Kale A	Prell, Conrad L
Brown, Maxwell L	Humes, Emma R	Gallardo, Xavin E	Quinton, Adam Joseph
Curren, Kaden D	Lee, Jae Hyun	Gorman, Kilian E	Simmons, Samantha K
Dixon, Betoney L	McFarland, Jory E	Graham, Asia R	
Hopper, Sean R	McLaughlin, Joseph K	Gray, Gavin J	

Middle School - Principal's Honor Roll

Anderson, Ezra M	Henkle, Heath A	Tystad, Hogan E	Strickland, Nathaniel A
Humes, Robert M	Hossfeld, Caleb M	Cass, Bailey A	Tavegie, Pate J
Orsborn, Zade T	Jerry, Lidia J	Day, Julie M	Vanderpool-Mobley, Colton B
Rasmussen, Derrick L	McFarland, Hunter E	Lipp, Jerome J	Wehri, Cole T
Roberson, Slade L	McVay, Gabrielle S	Rose, McKenzie S	Williams, Ava M
Cass, Allyson L	Tavegie, Tell B	Schmitz, Brooklyn L	

Middle School - A Honor Roll

Bonnar, Summer A	Scribner, Travis J	Petersen, Mia E	Crinklaw, Taylor L
Butler, Calla G	Spencer, Isabella R	Prell, Jacob R	Cummings, Ameshia D
Chick, Aidan Elijah	Trotzgruben, Tristan M	Rose, Kathleen E	Drake, Camilla J
Chick, Avery Jasper	Womack, Joshua S	Rushton, Elizabeth C	Garcia, Andrea T
Clark-Brownlow, McKenzie L	Wynia, Logan C	Sellers, Joshua R	Gorman, Quinn J
Dickinson, Taylee E	Checketts, Oakley B	Tidyman, Shelby M	Harrington, Jayde N
Drake, Mathew J	Clyde, Taylor L	Tupa, Storee H	Haugen, Gillianne P
Gorman, Aidan M	Conzelman, Mackenzie K	VanGundy, Kalan E	Leighton, Madison M
Haugen, Emma R	DeTienne, Tiernan E	Wildermuth, Jessica L	Orsborn, Zachary K
Hiser, Callie A	Deyo, Cody C	Beastrom, William J	Prell, Thomas L
Lewis, Rilee S	McConkey, Holden I	Carter, Tara Lynn	Qualheim, Abigail M
Lipp, LaKacee L	Morris, Alyssa R	Cobb, Chad M	Ralls, Lilly A
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Happy retirement!



Debb Proctor stood at the doorway of the dining room at the Country Club for more than two hours and received hugs from the people. Above, she visits with former student, Emmett Daunt, and his mother, Mary Roland, who worked with Debb at Weston County School District #1.



Ann McColley gives a congratulatory hug to Doug Sankey, above, who retired this week from the City of Newcastle. Below, Janice Dummer visits with Sankey.



A retirement celebration was held on May 31 at City Hall for Public Works Commissioner Doug Sankey who spent 37 years working for the City of Newcastle. Sankey admitted he would not miss the 3 a.m. calls that were part of his job, but said he will miss “the guys”. He added that his future plans are to golf more. Ironically enough, two days later Debb Proctor — who doesn’t golf — was honored for her own retirement from teaching at the Newcastle Country Club on June 1. Adding to the irony is that both are graduates of Lead High School in South Dakota who made their way to Newcastle decades ago, and have been significant contributors in the community since making their respective moves.

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Hall of Fame inductees named

Abby Gray
NLJ Correspondent

The 2018 Newcastle High School Hall of Fame members have been selected, and will be inducted into the hall come September.

Those selected were Dr. Lanny Reimer, Thomas Whitley, Gen Roan, Marge Elliott, Inez Tysdal, Jerry Groner, Kelly and Louise Stith, Debb Proctor and Josie Hutchinson-Ahlquist. This years’ legacy family was the Don Jording family.

“We take nominations throughout the year. We changed our deadline this year to May

instead of August, so the families that wanted to come back, or the honorees that wanted to come back, would have more time to prepare for the Hall of Fame induction in September,” Principal Tracy Ragland said.

Those inducted into the Hall of Fame are chosen based on what they have done for the community, and how they were able to contribute to society after leaving Newcastle High School. The 10 members selected this year, in addition to the legacy family, have all left a positive mark on Newcastle High School and the community, and join a powerhouse field of NHS Hall of Fame members inducted in previous years.

Endowment

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could replace the chairs in the auditorium, or maybe we could do the lighting and the sound in there,” LaCroix said. “Something that everyone sort of enjoys and benefits from, but not necessarily a donation in scholarship.”

LaCroix also noted that they are continuing to seek out project ideas, and they are open to any and all suggestions and/or donations from community members to help further benefit Newcastle’s school district and the education of our future.

Bonnar said he hopes to raise awareness of the endowment foundation, and anticipates people will donate more frequently once they understand what the money will be

used for.

“I think the foundation gives us an opportunity to set aside monies that we can use locally to meet needs of students that we identify right here in this community. There are a number of different things we can do with this fund moving forward, and as the fund grows the list of things we can accomplish will as well. I’m excited about the potential the endowment has for children in our school district, and urge people to ask board members more about it,” Bonnar told the News Letter Journal.

He said a small donation was produced by a recent contest sponsored by the Newcastle Lodge and

Convention Center that invited residents to guess the date their new hotel would open, and he hopes more organizations will think of the endowment foundation when making charitable contributions.

“It is like investing your money two times because that is what the foundation will do with it. We invest the monies we receive in the hopes of generating a good rate of return on that investment — which has fortunately been the case to this point. The board will then take those earnings and invest the money in our students, and I don’t think you can get a better return on an investment than one you make in the children of our community,” he smiled.



Renee Blare, an avid reader, tired of not finding books that catered to her Christian views — so she began writing her own. Faith and forgiveness are predominant themes in her fiction, and she strives to keep God at the forefront without being boring or preachy. (Photo by Jen Kocher)

Creating a niche for herself

Jen Kocher
NLJ Correspondent

At some point along the line, local author Renee Blare got tired of reading smut. A pharmacist by trade, she'd spent her entire life reading. As an adult, she got hooked on exotic romances for an escape, if nothing else. The stories started to get to her, though, with all the gratuitous sex and foul language.

"Nothing in these books was helping me," she said, "and I just got tired of reading trash."

A devout Christian, Blare wanted a more spiritual message without being preached at, so she turned to Christian fiction to try to find more meaningful stories to read. Amazon was pretty good at labeling books and giving good recommendations, so she took a chance on one that sounded good, only to realize it was laden with as much smut and coarse language as the books she'd just given up.

"I was really mad that they had labeled it Christian fiction, and I got pretty upset," she said. Her husband James took the brunt of her anger that day, she admitted shyly with a wry smile. "I must have yelled at him for about an hour."

Finally, James had enough and spoke up.

"If you don't like it, then do something about it. Write your own book," he told her.

So, she did. "My first attempt was pretty terrible," she said with a laugh. After pounding out a draft in under six months, while putting in 50-plus hour weeks at the pharmacy, she posted it on an American Christian Writer's forum for an online critique. She got pounded.

"They told me I needed to go back to school and learn to write," she laughed. Her years in pharmacy school and taking science classes had all but erased her ability for prose writing, and her grammar was beyond weak.

So she took matters into her own hands, signed up for an online fiction writing class and tried again.

The next review went much more smoothly, but still there was a lot to learn. She kept at it, and put constructive criti-



A sampling of the books written by local author Renee Blare. (Photo by Jen Kocher)

“You see the Lord at work in all of my books, but you won't be preached at.”

— Renee Blare

cism from her ACW pals to good use. One day the group challenged one another to write a book based on a popular fairy tale, which they submitted for a contest.

Hers won runner-up, and after a publisher contacted her, *The Beast of Stratton* became her first book.

Today, roughly five years later, she is working on her fifth book. It is the third in her *Snowy Range Chronicles*, a series she describes as "where the wild meets the forgiven."

Faith and forgiveness are predominant themes in her fiction, and she strives to keep God at the forefront without being boring or preachy.

"If people want to be told what to do, they can go to church," she said.

For her, stories come out of our everyday life and actions, which leaves plenty of room for redemption, particularly in her stories. Place, too, plays a big role in her stories and all of her books, with the exception of her first, are set in Wyoming. It's a state she considers more rugged than some, especially the weather.

"It fights and has its own personality to deal with," she said, describing the harsh winters, raging fires, rivers and snow. "It's harder to live here, and people have to be prepared."

All of that plays alongside

the characters and story, which are all based on her own life and experiences or news stories she's read. All of her books entail action and mystery with a tiny bit of romance thrown in, but more so, God's divine grace.

"You see the Lord at work in all of my books, but you won't be preached at," she said. Just like in real life, she added, God's hand is much subtler.

Because she dreams all of her scenes, she feels they are direct gifts from God and she's just the messenger. Any time she attempts to take control or intervene, the story inevitably goes wrong.

"This is His way of telling me to back off and let him do his work," she said.

In recent months, doing any type of work has gotten much harder due to a rare immune system disorder that is attacking Renee's spinal nerves as a result of a knee replacement surgery. The pain is fierce, and she has since had to take medical disability from work until it hopefully repairs itself over time.

In the meantime she paints, again something she's taught herself in her copious spare time, and works on the final draft of her fifth novel. Were it not for recent events, it would have been long done.

This weekend, Blare will be speaking with more than 200 authors from across the nation, including Wyoming and South Dakota, on June 7-9 at Wild Deadwood Reads, which is a combination of secular and Christian authors. Readings and activities are scheduled throughout the weekend, but Blare will be speaking and signing books from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at the Mountain Grand.

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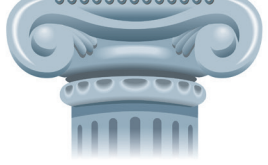
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Marchant earns scholarship

Tiegan Marchant, 2018 graduate of Newcastle High School, was selected as the recipient for the Shad Bruce Memorial Scholarship.

EWC Honor Rolls

Eastern Wyoming College is pleased to announce the honor rolls for the Spring 2018 semester. There were 97 students receiving recognition for achieving high scholastic grades. The President's Honor Roll recognizes students that are full-time (12 or more credit hours) and achieve a 4.0 grade point average. To qualify for the Dean's Honor Roll, students must also be full-time and achieve a grade point average of 3.5, but less than 4.0.

Newcastle's Matthew Anderson, Dwayne Bahe and Norbert Garcia were all named to the President's Honor Roll, and they were joined in being recognized by Travis Balderston, Robert Lovato and Robbie Modrell, all of whom are also from Newcastle.

Eastern Wyoming College announces graduates

Eastern Wyoming College held the 69th annual commencement for candidates on May 4, 2018 in the Fine Arts Auditorium. There were 183 graduates from the Fall 2017, Spring 2018 and Summer 2018 semesters, and a number of students from Weston County were included.

Matthew Anderson, Dwayne Bahe, Travis Balderston, Steven Barela, Summer Cole, Norbert Garcia, Dennis Hanson, Sarah Henkle, Bailey Lacey, Dennis Larkins, Robert Lovato, Maximum Maldonado, Robbie Modrell, Emily Pearson, Courtney Rainbolt and David Vanwey graduated this year, and all are from Newcastle. They were joined by Osage's Shalee Douglas and Upton's Jessica Grubbs.

Summer rec keeping kids busy

Abby Gray
NLJ Correspondent

Summer Recreation 2018 is underway, and director Tamera Allen could not be more excited about it. From pre-school all the way up to ninth grade, there is something for all kids— big and small— to do this summer. Events started on June 4, and they will conclude on August 3.

Allen is proud of the success the program sees year in and year out, and noted that kids within the school district love to participate every summer. They even learn a thing or two while they have fun.

"I think it gives them something to do. It keeps them engaged in the summer months," Allen nodded. "There are so many things that are academically based in the program. I love to see the kids come in and learn fractions through recipes — something that is hands on and real life."

Though Allen sees many kids come out during the summer that also attend

the after school Double A Aces programming during the school year, she said that the program has been so successful that it even attracts kids from out of town and homeschooled children, all of whom come to participate in the fun.

"During the summer we see some kiddos that we don't see throughout the year, some homeschool kiddos, and that's really cool because we see them recurring every summer," Allen said. "Kids come visit their grandparents. Kids come in multiple times, and they are always amazed that we have this program. We are very fortunate that we have this grant to provide this program."

Not only do the children who come to participate love it, but the adults and those who come to help out always enjoy their time playing and learning through the summer recreation program.

"[The kids] love it, and my staff loves it," Allen smiled. "You want your staff to love it as much as the kids do, and they do."

Though the programs are all geared

toward the children who come and participate, Allen also noted that she cares just as much about the families of these children. In fact, one of her main goals throughout the summer is that the kids will leave their activities, and go home and share it with whoever they can.

"I do believe it does give kids a positive thing to do over the summer, and it also gives something for the kids to bring back home and share with their families, and that is huge for me," Allen declared. "For me, the family engagement part is huge."

It is not just small children who can and should participate either. The program is open to pre-school kids and up all the way through middle school and beyond. Recently, a leadership program has begun to give the older kids who participate a little more of a sense of responsibility. Through the leadership program, older kids, like those in middle school or high school, can help walk dogs, be a mentor to some of the younger kids, and have the opportunity to have their voices heard.

"I have people who call and ask if their kid in 9th grade can do it, and absolutely they can," Allen nodded. "They can be a part of the leadership program, or they can come do the activities. Absolutely they can!"

Allen gives a lot of credit to the Newcastle Recreation Board and 21 CCLC, which collaborate to provide funds to the summer recreation program, which helps to make it all possible.

"Our community is very, very fortunate to be able to have a program like this for our kiddos, and I hear that multiple times every summer, where kids wish they had this program in their town. It is a very huge positive offering that our community has for our kids."

If you have any further questions, or would like to pick up a packet to check out all that summer recreation has to offer, visit wcsd1.org, the News Letter Journal, or the Chamber of Commerce. Allen noted she welcomes any calls to answer any question that may arise. Allen can be contacted at (307) 746-6813.

Having a field day



Students in grades K-2 at Newcastle Elementary School participate in several field day activities on the last day of school to close out the year. Above, Serenity Kline makes her way to the bucket with her soaked sponge during the water relay activity on the last day of school. At right, top, Gilberto Martinez bounces away towards the tunnel in the obstacle course. At right, below, Shelby Smith swirls to blow bubbles.



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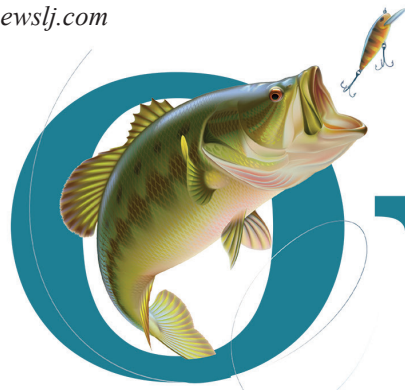
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News Letter Journal Outdoors

Out on two wheels

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

A group of bicycle enthusiasts have joined forces to start a bike club in Newcastle for bikers of all ages and experience levels. Newcastle City Councilman Thomas Voss got the idea when the council recognized Tony Sandovol for reopening Lunatics, a shop featuring bikes and accessories as well as other products related to outdoor activities, on Main Street.

"I thought that the city of Newcastle has supported bike trails in the area, and I decided we could get more people involved," Voss said.

In organizing the club, Voss' first step was to reach out to community recreation director Jessica Bettorf to recruit her help in getting bike enthusiasts in the community to come together.

Bettorf worked with Voss to develop the idea for the club before hosting a registration on Friday, May 25, at the Newcastle Lodge and Convention Center.

"We had a total of 10 people sign up at the event, and I have emailed out registration forms to interested people that could not be there," Bettorf said.

Anyone interested in joining the club can contact Bettorf at 746-6924 or pick up a registration form at Lunatics, 212 W. Main Street.

Voss and Bettorf explained that the club hopes to have family fun rides throughout the summer, with at least one a month. The first ride will be along Salt Creek starting at 8 a.m. on June 30. The club also plans to host different bike racing events, with the first of those during the Back to School Safety Bash on Sept. 8-9.

"We are still finalizing the details on that race, but we plan to use the bike paths throughout town," Bettorf said.

Larger races for the club are in the works. Bettorf said that sometime in 2019 the group plans to host a race on the Flying V Trail, also known as the Fast V.

"There are great possibilities with the club and races, and we have the opportunity to bring people into our community and potentially host a sanctioned bike race on the

— See **Bikes**, Page 13



Go take a hike

I don't usually put much stock in random national holidays (National Spaghetti Day, Single's Awareness Day, National Hug Your Neighbor Day...need I say more), but last Saturday's National Hiking Day caught my attention.

For starters, when was the last time I'd actually taken a hike? Or did anything even remotely involving nature, short of admiring the scenery from the passenger window of a car?

Once upon a time I was a more relaxed, active human being who did a lot of hiking—and actually spent time outdoors. That was in the days before I became an uptight, intense

workaholic whose idea of leisure is picking up a book while downing a glass of wine. Exercise is not something to be enjoyed, but rather endured in a gym or on a treadmill while counting seconds and calories burned (and figuring out what that means for ordering pizza for dinner).

It's become painfully clear that at some point along the line I'd forgotten how to relax and enjoy the simple pleasures, like nature or living in the moment.

Moving to Newcastle has been a good opportunity to reevaluate many

— See **Kocher**, Page 13



Jen Kocher
Just Jen



Clockwise from above: Summer Bonnar guides her nephew, Kazen Barker, up a rocky part of the Serenity Trail; anchored by her trusty companion and flanked by her husband, Jonathan, Lacey Sloan takes advantage of the hike to teach Brecklee Loeb's about the natural resources they encounter along the trail; renowned local mountain man Homer Hastings leads the pack as they set out on the Serenity Trail.

Photos by Bob Bonnar/NLJ



Junior rodeo deadline approaching

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

The 2018 Weston County Fair and Junior Rodeo is just around the corner, scheduled for the first week in August. The registration deadline for the rodeo, held on Aug. 4-5 and beginning at 9 a.m. both days, is July 1.

According to Cassie Hayman, a member of the Weston County Junior

Rodeo board and a former rodeo superintendent, all registration forms must be turned in or postmarked by July 1.

"We have to have a head count for events so we can make sure we have enough stock for contestants," Hayman said, noting that contestant numbers have steadily grown over the years, with 60 entries in 2017, up from 51 in 2016.

She reported that registration forms

can be obtained at the Weston County Extension Office or on the Weston County Junior Rodeo Facebook page. Registration forms can be turned into Superintendents Amanda and Taylor Romine or mailed to P.O. Box 162 in Newcastle. Hayman said that she will also collect registration forms, through pick up or delivery, if needed.

Rules and requirements for the Weston County Junior Rodeo can be

found in the Weston County Fair book. Hayman noted that general guidelines are that contestants must be between the ages of 7 and 17 and must attend school in Weston County or their parents must own land in Weston County.

"The parents of the contestants must own land or pay taxes in Weston

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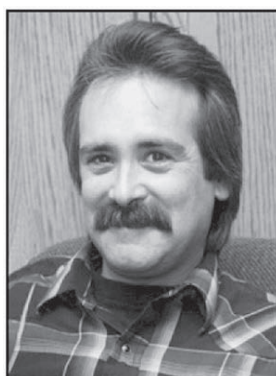
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WHAT
 Annual Mefford Memorial Majors Tournament

WHEN
 June 15-17

WHERE
 Newcastle Baseball Complex

BENEFIT
 Chad Johnson, former Newcastle resident, diagnosed with cancer

Abby Gray
 NLJ Correspondent

On Father's Day weekend, June 15-17, be sure to grab a seat and a raffle ticket or two during the Annual Mefford Memorial Majors Tournament.

The tournament kicks off on Friday, June 15, with two minor league teams squaring off before the major league teams take the fields. This year's tournament will consist of two more teams than last years, bringing the total number to 12 teams. Two teams from Newcastle, one team from Upton, two teams from Belle Fourche, one team from Wright, two teams from Douglas, one team from Buffalo, and one team from Mountain View will be fighting for the championship trophy that will be won on Sunday.

"People are starting to hear about our tournament, and we're wanting to add more (teams.) Right now, with no lights we would have to put it in four or five days, but we try to fit it into three days," Joey Mefford said.

The annual tournament was started by Brian Mefford five years ago to coincide with Cambria Coal Mine days. The brothers invited quite a few teams, but it ended up just being two Newcastle teams and a team from Upton. Since then, the tournament has changed its name, grown tremendously, and is helping out a fellow baseball coach and friend this year.

"Last year we decided to change it to a memorial tournament in honor of my mom and dad," Joey said. "We changed the name to the



Pictured is one of the pistols Scott Johnson has donated to be raffled off to help raise funds for Scott's brother, Chad Johnson. Tickets for the pistols are \$5 for one, or \$12 for 3 tickets, ticket sales will begin when the Annual Mefford Memorial Majors Tournament starts, on June 15. (Photo submitted by Joey Mefford)

Annual Mefford Memorial Majors Tournament. We're going to stick with that from now on."

This year, the tournament will be one big fundraiser for Chad Johnson, a Newcastle native who moved to Douglas and was recently diagnosed with cancer.

"Chad grew up in Newcastle, you know," Joey noted. "Last year was awesome because we had the two brothers, Mitch [Johnson] and Chad. One from Buffalo, Mitch, and Chad brought his team from Douglas. So, last year we had a lot of fun between the Mefford brothers and the Johnson brothers."

Joey noted that baseball has always been a family sport, especially in a town like Newcastle, where family and friends throughout the community means everything.

"When we found out Chad was diagnosed with cancer, we discussed that several people in the community had cancer, and we kind of decided, 'you know what, we're going to do something for Chad,'" Joey nodded. "With Chad being sick, we're going to do anything we can to help him out."

The Meffords are no strangers to cancer, as last October, a tumor was discovered in Brian's son Gage. That being said, both Brian and

Joey were on board and more than willing to do whatever it takes to help alleviate some financial burdens Chad will be facing, as well as hopefully keeping him and his children smiling.

"We know what it's like to go through all the cancer stuff," Joey, Gage's uncle, nodded. "The bills, and the medical costs and all of that. So, this year we decided to call the fundraiser, 'Help a Baseball Buddy.' Everything we get at the tournament, fundraiser wise, is going to go to Chad. We're also going to donate money, on behalf of the Mefford family, to Chad."

Though the Mefford brothers are happy to help a fellow baseball brother, they hope cancer is never the reason they have to help raise funds for someone in or out of the community again. Instead, they hope in future years the money from this tournament can go toward the kids and improvements to the baseball fields.

"Our main goal is helping out the little kids," Joey said. "Our big goal is to someday have lights on the little league fields so we can play later in the evening. We're also working with the city to build playground equipment down there, so the younger kids who don't get to play baseball can

have something to do while their older brothers and sisters play."

Though the playground is just a little goal the Meffords have established, it will also be in memory of the Mefford's mother and father. Ultimately, however, they eventually want to see the fields illuminated, allowing for more teams to come play at the tournament, and for more little league teams to play later at night.

As for Chad, the tournament is expected to raise a great deal of funds to help him out.

"The community gets involved amazingly at our tournament," Joey noted. "Last year we fed anywhere from 400 to 600 people. This year, we're kind of counting on 800 people bringing it in from our community."

Joey also acknowledged how beneficial this influx of people is for the businesses in the community. Wayback Burger told Joey that they were at their busiest during the tournament, as was Isabella's.

On top of food sales at the tournament and other donations, Chad's brother Scott Johnson has donated two pistols that will be raffled off during the tournament. The money raised from the raffle sales will go directly to Chad and his fight against cancer.

As if anyone needs any more reasons to go check out the tournament, there will also be a reunion — for the second year in a row — of former league umpires on Sunday. Dick Crawford, Rob Akers, Glenn Reed, Bob Williams and Doug Sankey will be reunited once more when the championship games get underway.

Not only will the old umpires have fun getting back out there, but Joey noted the best part about the tournament, other than the help to Chad, is how much fun the kids have each year. He expects that to continue this year.

"Last year I had a kid come up to me and tell me: 'This is the best I have ever played, because I had fun,' and that was awesome," Joey smiled.

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High School Rodeo Results

Buffalo High School Rodeo Results May 27-28

GOAT TYING DAY 1
 Laila King — 5th place
 POLE BENDING DAY 1
 Laila King — 6th place
 STEER WRESTLING DAY 1
 Teigen Marchant — 7th place
 TEAM ROPING DAY 1
 Billy Soderberg — 9th place
 Cooper Deveraux — 17th place
 Jake Deveraux — 18th place
 TIE DOWN CALF ROPING DAY 1
 Cooper Deveraux — 2nd place

Billy Soderberg — 9th place
 Jake Deveraux — 10th place
 GOAT TYING DAY 2
 Laila King — 8th place
 STEER WRESTLING DAY 2
 Teigen Marchant — 3rd place
 TEAM ROPING DAY 2
 Billy Soderberg — 13th place
 Cooper Deveraux — 17th place
 Jake Deveraux — 18th place
 TIE DOWN CALF ROPING DAY 2
 Teigen Marchant — 1st place
 Billy Soderberg — 6th place
 Davin Tysdal — 7th place



Pictured is the saddle that will go to one lucky winner from this year's rodeo competition.

County. Last year we had people from Gillette trying to register for the rodeo, and they can't. It is for Weston County youth," Hayman said.

Participants, according to the registration form, are broken into a junior category, for ages 7 to 11, and a senior category, for ages 12 to 17. Hayman noted that all contestants must wear Western attire, including a cowboy hat and Western long-sleeved shirt.

"Misrepresentation of age or residence will disqualify any contestant," the registration form states.

Events for the junior boys include calf riding, pole bending, barrel racing, breakaway roping and goat tying, each requiring an entry fee of

\$8. Junior girls can participate in a keyhole race, pole bending, barrel racing, goat tying and flag racing, each requiring an \$8 entry fee.

Senior boys can choose to participate in events that include rough stock, calf roping (tie down), pole bending, ribbon roping and team roping. Hayman reported that in previous years, chute dogging was available for senior boys, but for the 2018 junior rodeo, that event has been replaced by pole bending.

Senior girls can compete in breakaway roping, pole bending, barrel racing, goat tying and three-girl calf tie. All senior events have a registration fee of \$8 per event.

"All money raised through

entry fees and donated by sponsors go back to the contestants or towards putting on the rodeo," Hayman said.

She noted that locals donate most of the stock used in the rodeo, which helps lessen the cost for hosting it. Sponsors help pay for prizes, buckles and saddles.

Full saddle sponsors for the 2018 rodeo are Pinnacle Bank and Dana Perino, according to

Hayman. Partial saddle donors are First State Bank, Wesco Gas, Val Pollat, 3 Fingers Ranch, Black Hills Exploration and Production, 21 Electric, Par Pacific — Wyoming Refining Co. and Powder River Energy.

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Art as its own reward

■ Students sell their to work to fund scholarship

KateLynn Slaamot
NLJ Correspondent

Promoting student creativity through art is important, according to Jimmie Josephson, Newcastle High School art teacher. To help achieve this goal, an art scholarship, established in 2011, helps students who are going into post-secondary education for the arts.

To raise the scholarship funds, a silent auction has been held every year since 2011, except for 2016. Because it is only awarded to those who are planning on pursuing some sort of college education in one of the art forms, the scholarship has only been awarded twice. In 2014, Chloe Coy received the scholarship, and this year, 2018 graduate Bailey Lacey will receive the scholarship. Her scholarship this year is worth \$1,600, which is the amount that had accumulated from prior years. The money will go directly to the university that the winner will attend to help pay for tuition and fees for art classes.

While many scholarships are sponsored by local businesses and granted to students in academic areas, Josephson said that she wanted to do something different. The silent auction provides an opportunity for personal interaction with members of the community. The auction features student art, and the amount raised varies from year to year, depending on the number of pieces being sold. The students who craft the art receive 60 percent of the proceeds, while 40 percent goes into the scholarship fund. This allows some incentive for the students, while also letting them help their fellow artists.

This year, the silent auction was held on May 21 and 22 at the local art show where students displayed their art. Seven students entered art into the auction, which accumulated to sixteen pieces altogether. \$75.00 was the amount raised that would go to the scholarship fund. That amount was then doubled by a private donor, bringing the total to \$150.00. This year's amount will go toward the fund for the next winner.

"This is a way of advocating the arts," Josephson said. Most scholarships that are awarded are based on academics, and Josephson told the News Letter Journal that she wants to encourage students to express themselves through the arts and to give students the opportunity to cultivate their ability.

Lacey plans to attend Casper College next fall to study both photography and elementary education. She believes that her love of art will enable her to incorporate art into her teaching to help young children learn more effectively.

"I have a passion for photography," said Lacey. In December 2015, she even started a small photography business, offering her skills to the public, whether that be family pictures, senior pictures, or more.

Photography is not her only interest, however. During her time in Josephson's



Above, Katrina, Jay, Morgan, Levi and Bobbi Jo Tysdal check out a table full of art projects during the annual art show May 21 in the Dogie Dome, at Newcastle High School. Below, Julie and Bailey Domina make their way through the wood-working pieces featured at the art show. The two-day event features art pieces from artists in grades K-12 to close the school year.



class, Lacey said, she also enjoyed experimenting with different media— such as acrylics, water color and clay. She also learned through Josephson that each artist has a unique ability and is continually growing in his or her own talent. Lacey also worked on her associate degree through part of high school and took some art classes that counted as college credit. She participated in advanced art with Josephson this school year as well.

"I think it (art) is beneficial just for anyone," Lacey said. She said that she used art as an outlet for her stress, and it helped her to relax and focus on what was important.

"It helps you build new skills," said Lacey, who noted that anyone can try art for something new, and can choose from many options when it comes to different areas of art. It also helps people to express themselves, she said.

However, for some, making art a career isn't quite in reach yet. Rebecca Henkle, a freshman at the high school, dreams to be an artist.

"I took art because I just really love the

subject," Henkle said.

As one who sometimes struggles to know exactly how to communicate her thoughts, Henkle said, art helps her to express herself in the most meaningful way. She enjoys many aspects of art, including painting and drawing. Learning from other artists' work is also beneficial, and she said that it helps one to see what the artist is trying to communicate.

"I think it (silent auction) is really cool," Henkle said, noting that selling her art to help raise funds for the scholarship was a gratifying experience.

The fundraiser gives the student artists the experience of selling their work, while also helping the scholarship recipients achieve their dreams, she said. Henkle entered two pieces into the silent auction—a ceramic bowl and a drawing— which were both sold.

The scholarship has the potential to aid students skilled in art to bring their ambitions into reality and to excel in the field, according to Josephson.

"It (art) has helped me realize that there's so much more that you can do," Lacey said.

Kocher

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things in my life, like actually getting healthy. And in the spirit of this newfound awareness, I decided that National Hiking Day was a perfect opportunity to push myself outside of the box.

So I showed up at the trail-head of Serenity Trail Saturday morning at 9 a.m. with 20 or so others and a half-dozen leashed canines. Weston County Natural Resource District Manager Lacey Sloan and Community Recreation

Director Jessica Bettorf led us on a two-mile hike. Knowing there were prizes to be raffled at the end only increased my enthusiasm while I set off into the woods in an attempt to convene with nature.

Undoing decades of workaholic doesn't come naturally, and though I spent the first mile or so reorganizing my to-do lists and worrying about deadlines, I nonetheless felt a little freedom as I trekked along the path with my fellow

hikers. At some point, I sunk into the breezy cool morning and the fresh smell of pine trees, the sing-song pleasant conversations from the hiker's around me. I began paying attention to the various bird calls and the calming piles of stones purposely placed along the trail. By the end I had finally started to appreciate the simple joys of nature, and of taking the time to relax and get out of your head and pay attention to something bigger.

One shouldn't need a national holiday to be reminded of this but I'm grateful to have this realization here in Weston County, where nature abounds and is so easily accessible.

Sunday I returned to do the four-mile loop, and despite several moments of heavy hyperventilating it was even more pleasant the second time around.

Maybe there's hope for me yet.

Bikes

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trail," Voss said.

Bettorf noted that the club plans to do family fun rides on the trail over the next year to get club members familiar with the trails. Voss added that pamphlets outlining the trails and bike baths are available at the Newcastle City Office, 10 W. Warwick St., or the Kozisek Aquatic Center, 116 Casper Ave.

Bettorf said the club is for bike enthusiasts of all ages and experience levels and that the club provides another opportunity for family fun and recreation locally. She noted that interested parties should pay attention to the community rec Facebook page or the Lunatics Facebook page for information on upcoming events.

More to come from county arts council

In addition to the bike club, Tom Voss has had a hand in organizing the Weston County Arts Council, which has an eight-member board of directors. Voss said that the arts council's focus is to enhance the experience of arts in the community from visual to performing arts. The council's first show will be on Aug. 1 at the Weston County Fairgrounds and will feature art through different venues, including poets, Western music and belly dancers.

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May 14
Open door discovered. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Parking complaint. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. 911 misdial. Minor accident reported. Probation violation reported, One arrest. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Extra patrol requested.
May 15
Traffic hazard reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. 911 hang up. Traffic stop, Citation issued. VIN inspection requested. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued for drug possession. Juvenile problem reported. 911 misdial. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop Written Warning issued.
May 16
Suspicious activity reported. Warrant arrest. VIN inspection requested. Warrant arrest. Traffic stop, One arrest. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Citation issued.

Suspicious activity reported. Assist other agency. Report of dog at large.
May 17
Civil problem reported. Injured cat reported. Medical assist. Arrest Warrant issued. Suspicious activity reported. Vandalism reported. Assist other agency. Weather Warning issued. Vandalism reported. Traffic complaint. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Residential alarm reported.
May 18
Traffic complaint. Report of dog at large. Civil problem reported. Two VIN inspections requested. Report of dog at large, Impounded. Missing dogs reported. Assist other agency. Drunk driver reported. Traffic hazard reported.
May 19
Suspicious activity reported. 911 hand up. 911 misdial. Missing dog reported. Lost property reported. Suspicious activity reported. Traffic stop, Verbal Warning issued. Report of a dog at large. Missing dog reported. Motorist assist.
May 20
Lost property reported. Dog bite reported. Civil standby requested. Noise complaint. Minor accident reported.
May 21
Motorist assist. Three VIN inspections requested. Assist other agency. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, One arrest. Warrant arrest, Citation issued for Possession. Assist other agency. Drunk driver reported. 911 misdial. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Vehicle fire reported. Bus red light runner reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Welfare check requested.

Medical assist.
May 22
Traffic stop, Citation issued. Auto theft reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Minor accident reported, Citation issued. Assist other agency. Theft reported. Ministerial assistance requested. Minor accident reported. Report of a dog at large. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Civil standby requested. Phone threats reported. Hit and Run accident reported.
May 23
Medical assist. Hit and Run Accident reported. Lost property reported. Welfare check requested. Traffic hazard reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Weather Warning issued. Traffic stop, Verbal Warning issued. Suspicious activity reported. Drugs recovered, One Citation issued. Assist other agency. Civil problem reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.
May 24
Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. 911 misdial. Theft reported.

School bus red light runner reported. Assist other agency. Lost property reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Lost property reported.
May 25
Medical assist. VIN inspection requested. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Suspicious activity reported. Parking complaint. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Report of dogs at large, Impounded. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Dead cat reported. Commercial alarm reported. Traffic complaint. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.
May 26
911 hang up. Parking complaint, Citations issued. Vandalism reported. Harassment reported. Traffic complaint.



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WCSD #1 Fed. Warrants

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WCSD #1 Warrants

WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 GENERAL FUND WARRANTS OVER \$500 MAY, 2018

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Bid Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Cambria Improvement & Service District, Newcastle, Wyoming will receive sealed bids for the construction of:

200,00 Gallon Tank, Pump Station, and Water Pipeline

as called for in the specifications for the 200,000 Gallon Tank, Pump Station, and Water Pipeline project at the Cambria I&S District office at 23238 U.S. Hwy 85 until 1:00 P.M. (Local Time) June 26, 2018. Bids will then be opened and read aloud. All bids must be submitted on the forms supplied by the District's Engineer, Camp Creek Engineering, 410 E. Grand Ave, Suite 205, Laramie WY 82070. Envelopes containing bids shall be clearly marked with the name of the bid and shall show the name and address of the bidder. Bids which are not prepared and filed in accordance with the specifications may be rejected. Bids may not be withdrawn after the time fixed for opening. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and the right to waive irregularities in bids received.

Each bid must be accompanied by a bid guarantee as called for in the specifications in the form of a bid bond for not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of such bid, payable to, and to be forfeited to, the Cambria I&S District as liquidated damages if bidder fails to enter into contract within thirty (30) days after award to him/her, or fails at the time of executing the contract to furnish a performance guarantee as approved by the District in the amount of one-hundred percent (100%) of the bid. Facsimile (fax) or other copies of bonds are not acceptable, nor are cashier's checks. No bid will be considered if not accompanied by such bid guarantee.

A complete set of the plans and specifications may be downloaded after May 24, 2018, via the QuestCDN website, Bid Document No. 5776097 which the bidder must login and pay a fee of twenty dollars (\$20). This login and deposit will ensure the plan holders are identified and supplied the possible addendum and notices associated with the project.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on June 19, 2018, 1:00 PM at the District office, 23238 U.S. Hwy 85, Newcastle, WY. Attendance is recommended.

Qualified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) are encouraged to submit bids on this project. Bidders that use a subcontractor(s)/supplier(s) are required to make a good faith effort at soliciting DBE subcontractors/supplier participation. Bidders shall submit the required DBE Good Faith Effort Documentation form and other related forms with their bids.

Pursuant to W.S. 16-6-106, "preference is hereby given to materials, supplies, agricultural products, equipment, machinery and provisions produced, manufactured or grown in Wyoming, or supplied by a resident of the state, quality being equal to articles offered by the competitors outside of the state".

Pursuant to W.S. 16-6-102, If the contract is to be awarded, "the contract shall be awarded to the responsible certified resident making the lowest bid if the certified resident's bid is not more than five percent (5%) higher than that of the lowest responsible nonresident bidder." To be qualified for the preference for Wyoming residents, the bidder must provide verification it is a Wyoming resident.

The Bidder shall submit, with the Bid, the Qualification Form furnished herein completely filled out. To demonstrate qualifications to perform the Work, each Bidder must be prepared to submit within five (5) days of Engineer's request, detailed written statement of evidence such as financial data, a summary of previous experience, present commitments and other such data as may be called for by Engineer.

To be considered responsive, the bid must include the following completed items;

- (a) Required Bid Security in the form of a Bid Bond;
(b) A tabulation of Subcontractors, Suppliers and other persons and organizations required to be identified and defined in the Supplementary Conditions;
(c) Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions.
(d) DBE Good Faith Effort Documentation form
(e) Bidder's List (listing all entities, DBE or not, that submitted a quote to Bidder; see form)
(f) EPA Form 6100-3-DBE Program Subcontractor Performance Forms(s) (if using any DBEs)
(g) EPA Form 6100-4-DBE Program Subcontractor Utilization Form (if using any DBEs)
(h) Copy of Certificate of Residency, if bidding as a resident
(i) Additional items;
Bid Form
Bid Schedule
Acknowledge Addenda, if any

To be qualified as a Wyoming resident; person, partnership, limited partnership, registered limited partnership, registered limited liability company, or corporation, it must be certified by the Wyoming Department of Employment.

Cambria Improvement & Service District By Dan Epperson, President

(Publish May 24, 31 and June 7, 2018)

Bid Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF NEWCASTLE 10 W WARWICK NEWCASTLE, WY 82701

Separate sealed BIDS for the Stampede Street Asphalt Overlay 2018 will be received at Newcastle city office until 5:00 P.M. June 18, 2018. Bids will then be opened by the Newcastle City Council at, 7:45 PM DST June 18, 2018, during the regular council meeting, and read aloud.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

City Engineer's Office, City of Newcastle, 10 West Warwick, Newcastle, WY 82701

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of

The City Engineer, City of Newcastle, 10 West Warwick, Newcastle, WY 82701.

Payment for each set is \$15.00 (non-refundable). Also, contract documents will be available at www.questcdn.com.

A pre-bid meeting will be held June 13, 2018 1:00 P.M at City Hall. Dated: 5/25/2018

Mike Moore, P.E. City Engineer/City of Newcastle, WY

(Publish May 31 and June 7, 2018)

(Publish June 7, 2018)

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION OF REAL PROPERTY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF HARVEY D. GOODE:

You are hereby notified that on May 21, 2018, an Affidavit and Application for a Decree of Distribution of Real Property and Personal Property was filed in the District Court, Sixth Judicial District, Weston County, Wyoming, Probate No. 8135. In the Affidavit and Application, Wendy Joyce Goode, on behalf of the beneficiaries named in the Decedent's Will, claims the real property with a street address of 244 East Warwick Street, Newcastle, WY and the personal property of Harvey D. Goode located in Weston County, Wyoming.

Any objection to the Affidavit and Application must be filed with the Court within 30 days of the date of the first publication of this notice. Dated this 31st day of May, 2018.

Wendy Joyce Goode

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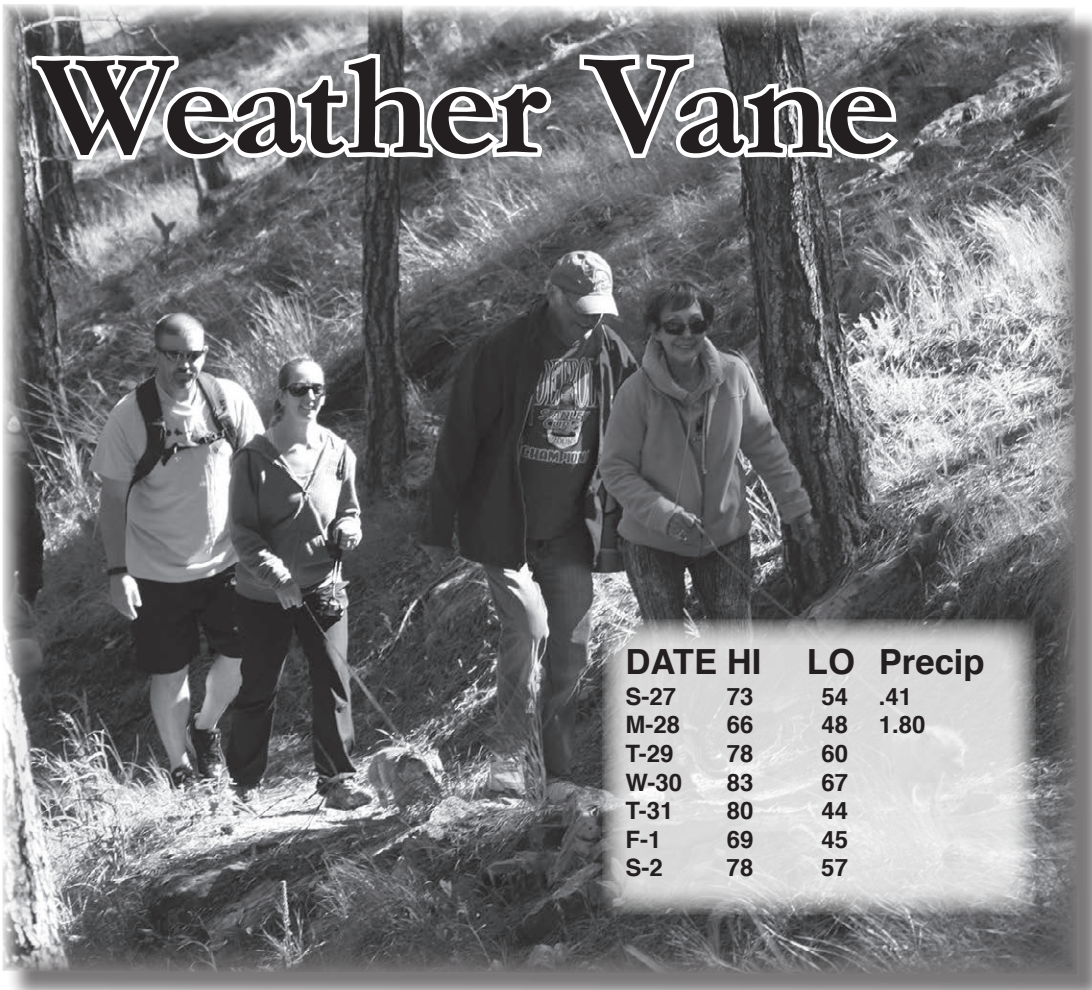


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Foreclosure Notice

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note (the "Note") and a real estate mortgage (the "Mortgage") dated December 16, 2014, executed and delivered by Shaun J. Bird and Misty K. Bird ("Mortgagor") to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Interstate Bank, its successors and assigns, as security for the Note of the same date. The Mortgage was recorded on December 16, 2014, as Reception No. 756691 in Book 356 at Page 0492 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds of Weston County, Wyoming.

The Mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
 Assignment dated: August 22, 2017
 Assignment recorded: August 28, 2017
 Assignment recording information: Reception No. 763625 in Book 374 at Page 829
 All in the records of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds of Weston County, Wyoming.

The Mortgage contains a power of sale that, by reason of the default, the Mortgage declares to have become operative, and no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof, nor has any such suit or proceeding been instituted and the same discontinued.

Written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of this notice of sale is \$84,802.94, plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of this notice of sale.

The property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale. Any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting a bid.

The current Mortgagee, JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as provided by law by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff of Weston County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash on June 19, 2018 at 10:00 AM at the Weston County Courthouse, 1 West Main Street, Newcastle, Wyoming, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage. The mortgaged property is described as follows:

Lot Twenty-One(21) and Lot Twenty-Two(22) in Block One(1) of Gatchell Addition to Newcastle, Wyoming according to the recorded plat thereof, together with improvements and appurtenances thereon.
 Parcel No.: 45612922301300

which has the address of 635 Birch Street, Newcastle, WY 82701 (the undersigned disclaims any liability for any error in the address).

Together with all improvements thereon and all fixtures and appurtenances thereto.
 Date: May 18, 2018

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
 By: Brigham J. Lundberg
 Lundberg & Associates, PC
 3269 S. Main St., Suite 100
 Salt Lake City, UT 84115
 L&A No. 18.71786.1

(Publish May 24, 31, June 6 and 13, 2018)

Deadline for Legals is noon on Friday

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Legal Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) has given Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHE or the Company) authority to adjust the distribution charges for Small General Service (SGS) and Medium General Service (MGS) customers. This approval is subject to notice, protest, investigation, opportunity for hearing, change, refund and such other orders as the Commission may deem appropriate.

On April 16, 2018, BHE filed its Application for authority to adjust the Distribution Use Per Customer Adjustment (DUPCA) rates to implement an increase of \$0.0009 per therm for SGS customers and a decrease of \$0.0025 per therm for MGS customers, both effective June 1, 2018.

The DUPCA applies to customers in the SGS and MGS customer classes in the Company's Wyoming service territory and is applicable for the period June 1, 2018, through May 31, 2019. BHE stated its Application reflects the Company's calculated revenue excess or deficiency that results from a change in the weather normalized use per customer from those levels underlying the determination of base volumetric rates established in Docket No. 30022-148-GR-10.

BHE stated the DUPCA is intended to calculate the revenue excess or deficiency from the weather normalized use per customer and then to calculate the charge or credit necessary to allow BHE to collect the level of revenues from those customers approved by the Commission in 2010.

The estimated 2017 SGS DUPCA revenue excess, netted against balancing account activity projected through May 31, 2018, was \$130,897.43. The estimated 2017 MGS DUPCA revenue excess, netted against balancing account activity projected through May 31, 2018, was \$20,408.60. The proposed rate revisions would increase the Company's projected SGS revenues approximately \$63,607 and decrease MGS revenues approximately \$55,771 for the rate period of June 1, 2018, through May 31, 2019.

The proposed DUPCA rate for SGS customers is a credit of \$0.0019 per therm, and for MGS customers is a credit of \$0.0009 per therm.

BHE's Application is on file at the Commission's offices, located at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and at the Company's office in Casper, Wyoming. The Application is available for inspection by any interested person during regular business hours or online at: <http://psc.state.wy.us/>.

Anyone desiring to file an intervention petition, request for a public hearing, statement, public comment or protest in this matter must file in writing with the Commission on or before July 3, 2018. The petition shall set forth the grounds for the proposed intervention or request for hearing and the position and interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

If you want to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing that you will attend, or want to make a statement, a protest or a public comment, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 711. Please mention Docket No. 30022-307-GA-18 (Record No. 14974) in your communications.
 Dated: June 4, 2018.

(Publish June 7 and 14, 2018)

Fun and Games

FATHER'S DAY

- ACROSS**
- Diner staples
 - Attorneys' org.
 - "_____ farewell," past tense
 - Fully informed
 - Got a blue ribbon
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 - Short version
 - Geisha's sash
 - City-like
 - "Father's Day" (1997) star
 - *Actual day for dad
 - Center of activity
 - Dried-up
 - Joe Louis' punch
 - Spiritless
 - Eggnog spice
 - Tangerine/grapefruit hybrid
 - Home to China
 - *Mercer Ellington's dad played it
 - Old paint hazard
 - Canada's favorite tree
 - Japanese restaurant staple
 - Garment insert
 - 2nd word in fairytale
 - Outback birds
 - Capital of Canada
 - Largest volcano in Europe
 - "I can _____ clearly now..."
 - Affirm with confidence
 - Last month
 - Rainy season streambeds, in Africa
 - *Kirk Douglas' son
 - Wrinkle-prone fabric
 - Declare
 - Blood line
 - Medicinal house plants
 - Rocker Adam
 - Hipbone-related
 - Chowder protein
 - Kum Ba _____
 - This and desist

- DOWN**
- *Dad to J. Lo's twins
 - Pitcher
 - Like a doily
 - Spam destination?
 - Anatomical partition
 - Military no-show
 - *Ziggy Marley's father
 - Liquorice flavor
 - Charlie "_____" Parker
 - Jessica _____ of "Dark Angel"
 - June 6, 1944
 - Literary "even"
 - Adjust, as in piano
 - Perpendicular to the keel
 - Coffin alternative
 - His buddy was Gilligan
 - *Enrique Iglesias' father
 - _____ provocateur
 - "_____ from the past"
 - *Isaac's firstborn
 - *Most precious gift?
 - Disfigures
 - Follow as a consequence
 - One in a gaggle
 - It comes to mind
 - Loads
 - Tedium
 - Mark and Shania
 - Reverential salutation
 - Greek poetry meter
 - Bacon piece
 - Oar holder
 - *Jaden Smith's father
 - Dwarf buffalo
 - Hold as a conviction
 - Bigfoot, e.g.
 - "Si, mi chiamo Mimi," La Bohème
 - Greek Hs
 - Add booze

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Kristi and Emily Kidd and children Kyle and Regan Kidd and children Donnie Jones Donna and Ed Hogue Duane and Kelly Alexander Nadine Slagle

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Vesta Frank

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Music lures children to summer reading program

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The summer reading program at the Weston County Library has been going on for decades, encouraging children to get into the world of reading, according to Brenda Ayres, the library's director. The Collaborative Summer Library Program, which was organized by libraries in Minnesota in 1987, helps libraries across the country take part in a theme for their summer reading programs.

This year's theme, "Libraries Rock," will allow children to delve into the world of music. Amanda Sanford, the children's librarian, said that throughout the summer, there will be fun events for children to attend. During these events, children will get to experience all things musical. Books will be read to them about music, special guests will share on music and instruments, and science experiments will also be included to teach the children about sound and how it works.

Learning more about different genres of music and instruments will enable children to deepen their knowledge and explore something new, Sanford said, and children might even find something that they find an interest in.

Besides the fun-filled events, the program also has a reading side. Reading logs have been available since May 21 and can be obtained through the end of June. Every 20 minutes a child reads or is read to merits a sticker on his or her log. Aug. 3 is the deadline for logs to be turned in, and anyone who finishes receives a prize of a Libraries Rock backpack and a book



Danika Starrhart and her daughter, Jennavee, entertain the pre-schoolers with her Song Bug Song Circle during the Music and Science of Sound event last week at the Weston County Library. Below left, Erin Haynes cuddles with her son, Henry, as they listen. Below right, Amanda Sanford, children's librarian, shares music and song with her daughters, Heidi and Jennifer.

associated with music. They also get to enter a drawing for a larger prize based on age group.

"We're going to do a karaoke party," Sanford said, noting that those who finish the log can also come with their families to a family fun night that will feature popcorn, karaoke and, of course, a fun time.

"It (reading) is the building blocks of most learning," said Sanford, who noted that being able to read enables people to learn more independently and

succeed more in school and in life.

While library employees work hard to make this resourceful program happen, parents say they are also grateful for the educational opportunity. Jackie Guzman, whose daughter Brooklyn has taken part in the summer reading program for about six years, told the News Letter Journal that Brooklyn loves the program.

"Everything evolves from reading," said Guzman.

Guzman also said that once a child can read, great things follow. Children's imagination and vocabulary can be increased, and they can become more well-rounded. Guzman said she was also amazed at the diversity of themes offered through the reading programs, and she thinks that this year's theme will be enjoyable.

"Some people use music to talk," Brooklyn said, explaining that music is important because some people express themselves through music.

The library's summer reading program has been very successful in the past, according to both Sanford and Ayres. Last summer 160 children signed up for the program, and the library would like to see the program succeed again. Sanford said she is grateful for all the sponsors who help make the program happen, contributing to a pleasant summer for children of all ages.

PRESCHOOL SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Storyteller Indiana Bones: June 8 at 11 a.m.: Indiana Bones, a storyteller, will be

at the library to help children learn about "The Magic of Music in Stories."

How Does Music Make Me Feel? June 12 at 11 a.m.: Children will be able to craft some art and listen to music. They will also be able to learn about artists who used music as inspiration.

Sing-Along Music Fun: June 18 at 11 a.m.: Guitarist and vocalist Allen Carlson from Minnesota will be at the library for a sing along.

Exploring Country and Folk Music and Stringed Instruments: June 19 at 11 a.m.: Children can learn about folk music and stringed instruments with Greg Johnson, a professional musician.

Exploring Blues and Jazz Music and Brass Instruments: June 26 at 11 a.m.: Children will be able to learn about blues

and jazz music and brass instruments. Ryan and Sara Whipple will also be at the library.

Exploring Rock N' Roll Music and Percussion Instruments: July 10 at 11 a.m.: Punk rock band from Newcastle, the Hybrids, will come to the library to help children learn about that genre of music. (They will keep the show age-appropriate)

Exploring the Sounds of Nature: July 17 at 11 a.m.: Lacey Sloan, the Weston County Natural Resource Director, will help children learn about animal sounds.

Exploring World Music and Dance: July 24 at 11 a.m.: Children can learn about music from all around the world.

Elementary Summer Reading Program

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Storyteller Indiana Bones: June 8 at 11 a.m.: Indiana Bones the storyteller will be at the library.

How Does Music Make Me Feel? June 13 at 1 p.m.: Children get to produce art, listen to music and learn about artists.

Sing-Along Music Fun: June 18 at 11 a.m.: Allen Carlson, from Minnesota, will make a special appearance.

Exploring Country, Folk and Blue Grass, and Stringed Instruments: June 20 at 1 p.m.: Buffalo Grass, a band from Rapid City will be at the library.

Exploring Blues and Jazz Music and Brass Instruments: June 27 at 1 p.m.: With Ryan and Sara Whipple

Exploring Rock N' Roll Music and Percussion Instruments: July 11 at 1 p.m.: The Hybrids, a rock band from Newcastle, will make an appearance at the library.

Exploring the Sounds of Nature: July 18 at 1 p.m.: Children can learn about animals sounds with Lacey Sloan, the Weston County Natural Resource Director.

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