

## NMS' Anderson is declared nation's best

**Alexis Barker**  
NLJ News Editor

"I love what I do because it's literally the most rewarding thing I could ever think of. My students make just as big

of a difference in my life as I hope I do in theirs," said Keeley Anderson, Newcastle Middle School paraprofessional and intervention specialist. "I want them to know that with me they're safe and that they are important and

cared about above anything else." That love for her students and what she is able to do every day is just one of the many reasons Anderson was named 2022 the Recognizing Inspiring School Employees (RISE) awardee in a cer-

emony on Feb. 23, featuring a presentation from U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona, via Zoom, Gov. Mark Gordon and Brian Schroeder, the state's newly appointed superintendent of public instruction.

"Keeley is a true inspiration, and I congratulate her for her commitment to the students in Newcastle, Wyoming," Schroeder said. "That she is able to

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Gov. Mark Gordon shows Gene Diedrich his commemorative coin, which he presented to the longtime fireman while declaring March 8 Fireman Gene Diedrich Day.

## Governor names Diedrich Day

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NLJ News Editor

In what is believed to be the first day in Wyoming's history dedicated to a firefighter, Gov. Mark Gordon has declared March 8 as Fireman Gene Diedrich Day. Gordon presented the proclamation in a short ceremony at the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department Fire Hall on Feb. 23.

Diedrich began his fire-fighting venture one year before he met his wife, Joyce, and has continued to serve as a Newcastle volunteer firefighter for the past 60 years. Last year, the longtime firefighter was one of the first four inductees into the newly created Wyoming Firefighters Hall of Fame.

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

In addition to serving the Newcastle and Weston County community, Diedrich played an integral role in getting Wyoming

“Sixty years is pretty good; I'm about halfway there.”

— Gene Diedrich

volunteer firefighters a pension while serving as the chairman of the Fire Pension and Mutual Aid Board, according to the proclamation signed by the governor.

Diedrich previously told the News Letter Journal that he is serving in his 30th year as a member of the Wyoming Retirement System's Volunteer Firemen's, EMT and Search and Rescue Pension Fund Board. He has served as the chairman of the board since 2015.

"Whereas, Gene has lobbied for the Wyoming fire service for many years and is an inaugural member of the Wyoming Firefighters Hall of Fame; and whereas, Gene has been a mentor and friend to many firemen and women not only in the City of Newcastle but throughout the entire State

of Wyoming," the proclamation continues.

As previously reported, Diedrich also served as the secretary of the Wyoming State Firemen's Association board in 1976 and was named president in 1984.

"In 1994, the group expanded its officer positions and created an executive secretary position. I have served as the executive secretary since the position was formed," he said.

Diedrich has also received the Distinguished Service Honor Roll award in 2000 from the Newcastle Fire Department. He received the Fireman of the Year award in 2000 and a gold-plated commemorative ax for 50 years of service. He also was awarded a certificate of accomplishment by the state of Wyoming.

Despite his 60 years of service, Diedrich said during the presentation that he has no plans to retire, that he is still going strong and loves serving his community and the state of Wyoming.

"Sixty years is pretty good; I'm about halfway there," Diedrich said, while wiping tears from his eyes.

## Manders requests psych evaluation

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NLJ News Editor

Paul Manders, of Osage, has requested a psychological evaluation to determine his "fitness to proceed," according to court documents dated Feb. 15. The 52-year-old is accused of shooting Vernon Clyde, of Osage, on July 27.

As previously reported, Manders had called 911 to report that he had shot Clyde, in what was said to be the conclusion of an ongoing property dispute between the two men.

On Sept. 30, during his arraignment in Weston County's Sixth Judicial District Court, Manders pleaded not guilty to the charged crime.

In a handwritten letter to the court, dated Feb. 7, Manders said he would like to make a change to his plea from not guilty by self-defense to not guilty by illness or deficiency. "I acquired brain trauma as to where I lost control of my mental faculties as I was unaware of my surroundings to as knowing or comprehending what happening and in the unforeseeable future of lacking the ability to properly process information and or comprehend it," Manders said.

In a subsequent letter, dated Feb. 14, Manders said that his attorney, Rick Weisheimer, is sending him to the Wyoming State Hospital for evaluation. In the same letter, he also requested that his lawyers be replaced, citing incompetency.

According to District Court Clerk Tina Cote, no future court dates are scheduled at this time.

## Legislators move into third week

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NLJ News Editor



With two weeks of the 66th Legislature's budget session over, Sen. Ogden Driskill, R-Devils Tower, said that the Senate planned to wrap up Senate files on Monday, Feb. 28. Friday, Feb. 25, was the last day for bills to be heard by the Committee of the Whole in the house of origin, according to Sen. Cheri Steinmetz, R-Lingle.

This means, she said, that bills from the House will cross over to the Senate and Senate files will cross over the House.

"We have already received the Redistricting Bill from the House, which is House Bill 100," Steinmetz said in an email. "This bill contains a 62-House member and 31-Senate member plan, which adds three legislators to the current makeup of the legislature. Redistricting will be debated in the Senate in the coming week."

She noted that Sen. Charles Scott, R-Casper, has introduced a 30-House, 60-Senate plan that will surely enter the discussion at some point.

The redistricting bill, according to Driskill,

has had tons of turns and changes over the past few months and he expects to see more of the same as the Senate began debate on the bill Monday, Feb. 28.

"The most major difference is whether the body stays with 30 senators and 60 house members as has been the case for the past 30 plus years or goes forward as from the house with an additional two house seats and a new senate seat," Driskill said in an email. "This is not new and was in place in the past. The 62-31 makes it much easier for the state to meet federal guidelines for numbers of people under the one person one vote court decision."

In addition to working on redistricting for the state, Driskill said that the Senate has passed Senate File 1, the budget for the state of

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## NHS students attend state music conference

**Avery Chick**  
NLJ Intern

For three days in January (16-18), three Newcastle High School students attended the Wyoming Music Educators Association's 75th State Music Conference in Rock Springs.

The conference allowed the students to connect with other musicians around the state. In order to qualify for the event conference, all three students had to pass an in-person audition at Thunder Basin High

School a few weeks preceding the conference. The students who would receive the musical accolades were Maggie Lorenz, Duncan Cox and Avery Chick.

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Photo courtesy of Jan Ellis  
**Avery Chick, Maggie Lorenz, and Duncan Cox, students at Newcastle High School, attend the All-State Music Conference in Rock Springs on the 18th of January.**



### WEATHER FORECAST

**Thursday**  
Partly Cloudy  
Hi 55, Lo 37



**Friday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
Hi 53, Lo 26



**Saturday**  
Snow  
Hi 28, Lo 13



**Sunday**  
Cloudy  
Hi 27, Lo 13



**Monday**  
Mostly Sunny  
Hi 38, Lo 21



**Tuesday**  
Partly Cloudy  
Hi 40, Lo 20

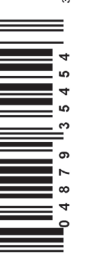


**Wednesday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
Hi 38, Lo 11



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## Back in the swing



Photos by Walter Sprague/NLJ

**Bill Haley and his band played at the Weston County Senior Center on Friday. They hold a dance on the last Friday of each month from 7 to 10 p.m. People bring potluck foods to the dance and enjoy music, fellowship, and of course dancing to the country/western stylings of the band. The event is held from 7 to 10 p.m. Above, Haley, lead singer and acoustic guitarist, and bass guitarist Kenny Fordyce entertain the crowd. Below, Sharon Hieb smiles as she dances with Larry Blessing.**



## Legislators from Page 1 .....

Wyoming and that the bill has moved to the House conference committee. The original budget, prepared and presented by Gov. Mark Gordon, totaled \$2.3 million.

Driskill wrote. “It is a budget that cuts state spending and helps position the state for future leaner times.”

As in previous years, Steinmetz said, it is likely that the House and Senate will pass different amendments, which then requires the mirror budget bills to go to a Joint Conference Committee to hammer out the differences.

“Then, the Conference Committee will come back to the floor of each respective body for approval of the Joint Conference Committee recommendation,” she said. “We still have a long way to go on the budget and on all of the bills as we start hearing the House bills coming over to the Senate. When the Legislature is done with its work, the bills will make their way to the Governor’s office for final approval.”

## Music from Page 1 .....

The audition tested the students’ abilities in music, including overall tone, note accuracy, sight reading and other musical attributes.

“The sight reading is the hardest part of the audition, and it’s really what sets kids apart from each other,” Cox said.

Once chosen, the students then attended the conference in Rock Springs. The conference is similar to other events, such as district clinics.

These events typically consist of a select group of musicians from around the state who perform under a clinician for a couple of days and then put on a concert for the public.

Cox has been selected three times and Chick, twice. Lorenz received her first recognition this year. The three traveled with their instructor, Jan Ellis, to Rock Springs so they could participate in the 2022 conference.

### CLARIFICATIONS

In the Feb. 3 edition of the News Letter Journal, in the front page story “Mental health care access lacking” the amount received by Weston County School District No. 1 was \$12,700, \$10,000 from the Nunn Grant and \$2,700 in match from community donors.

In the Feb. 24 edition of the News Letter Journal in the front page story “District elections coming in May” it was listed that all board openings on the Weston County Health Services Board of Trustees are four year terms. In fact, there is one two-year term and both Loa Dickinson and Jamie Farnsworth are running for that seat.

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community is resolved to hold a line on an autocratic ruler who threatens the delicate balance of world peace.

more argument about whether or not Vladimir Putin contributed to that division — just as he did in Ukraine.

POLL of the WEEK

QUESTION: Should local governments live stream their meetings?

- Yes No

Go to newslj.com to vote! Look for results in next week's News Letter Journal.

RESULTS:

Where are you on the topic of Legislative Redistricting?

- Keep Weston County whole 41% 7 Votes Go ahead and split us 24% 4 Votes Who cares... I'm over it! 35% 6 Votes

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Brian Schroeder: Education's timeless purpose

J.R.R. Tolkien once said of his colleague and friend, C.S. Lewis, "You'll never get to the bottom of him." By that he of course meant that the intellectual and creative capacity of Lewis' mind was so deep, one could never fully exhaust it.



Brian Schroeder Guest Column

"To learn! We go to school to learn." And I would say to them, "That's right! (dramatic pause) But that is only half right!"

The focus of learning is on knowledge, the focus of thinking is on wisdom. To learn in reading is about learning how to read; to think in reading is about distinguishing what is worth reading.

observation while thinking is all about experimentation. But the kind of education that Lewis and his contemporaries received was never a one-dimensional proposition.

or unforgiving is a lot to ask, especially of those who already have a very full plate. But it is part of the teacher's calling and just as important (if not more) as teaching critical thought or cultural literacy.

be overstated because it serves both. When fulfilling its role, it strengthens both our homes and our society. When it does not, it weakens both.

Making sure I exercise my voice in government

As a young person in the United States, I have already seen many opportunities to access those who represent me in government — whether through TeenPact Leadership Schools I have attended in the past or through opportunities I have while working at the News Letter Journal.



Katelynn Slaamot Yearning for Learning

have been privileged to ask them questions. Last week, as Gov. Mark Gordon was in Newcastle to present a national award to a staff member of Newcastle Middle School, I also had the opportunity to ask him a couple of questions that were important to me about some of his energy initiatives in the state of Wyoming.

industries often rely heavily on government subsidies because they can't secure private investors. Fortunately, Gordon said that's not his plan for those funds as of now.


these initiatives could just result in more red tape, regulations, and fines for our coal and oil producers in this state. My dad works in the oil field, and I know many people who also work in those energy industries, so these things have a direct impact on many in the state.

by innovating a new market, you will actually have a durable market." I was very glad to hear he didn't plan to regulate more.



# NEW ADVENTURE

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**Obituaries**

**JOHN J. KANE III**  
July 5, 1947–Feb. 27, 2022  
John J. Kane III passed away Feb. 27, 2022, at Four Corners, Wyo. He was 74 years old.

John was born July 5, 1947, to John J. Kane II (Jack) and Z. Helen Kane in Hot Springs, S.D. He graduated from Edgemont High School in 1966 and went on to graduate from South Dakota State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering.

On April 3, 1971, John married Diane D. Wing in Edgemont. They raised two children, John James IV (J.J.) and Jasmin Nicole.

John and Diane lived in Hot Springs, Brookings, S.D., Topeka, Kan., Kansas City, Kan., Dallas, Texas, Rapid City, S.D., Herndon, Va., and Gillette, Wyo. While in Dallas, John acquired his Professional Engineering License.

Over the years, John worked for state, federal, and private entities, and in 1991 he started his own construction/engineering company (Wyoming Materials and Improvement, Inc.) in Gillette, which he operated until 2005. He continued to work in the construction industry until 2013 when he retired. Upon retirement he resided in a home he and Diane built in the

Black Hills of Wyoming. He enjoyed trap shooting, golf, fly fishing, hiking/camping, gardening, woodworking, photography — and above all else, his grandchildren.

John is survived by his wife, Diane; his children, J.J. (Amy) and Jasmin (Eric Freeman); his grandchildren, Jack Kane, Ari Kane, Mason Freeman, and Venna Freeman; his brothers, Brian Kane (Patti Roselle) and Dan Kane (Rondi Stratton); his sisters, Kathy Amt (Marty-deceased) and Connie Howell (Jack); and his in-laws, Carol VanCleave (Robert), Jane Ann Henderson (Dave-deceased), and Duane Wing (Moneic); and many special nephews, nieces, family members, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Helen; his father-in-law, Duane; his mother-in-law, LaVerna; and several close relatives and friends.

To celebrate his life, a vigil and eulogy will be held March 7 at 4 p.m. at the Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Newcastle, Wyo. The following morning at 10 a.m. a funeral mass will be held, also at the Corpus Christi Catholic Church, with a luncheon to follow.

John was a faithful man of high integrity who used the Ten Commandments and The Beatitudes as the guiding compass for the way he lived his life and for the decisions he made. He dedicated his life to leading others, and with genuine compassion and mentorship, he changed a great many lives. His family said, "John knew how to work

hard, but he also knew how to play hard and found numerous ways to create fun in all that he did. He left a legacy of impressions on the many lives he touched."

A memorial has been established in John's name to benefit the nonprofit Hopeful Deeds Foundation, giving financial assistance to people who wish to grow their family through adoption and also to assist the elderly with dental, hearing, and vision needs; care of P.O. Box 595, Newcastle, WY 82701.

John's ashes will be buried at the Boyd Cemetery near Four Corners in the summer of 2022.

**EDITH SHEPHERD**  
July 25, 1931–Feb. 27, 2022


Edith Shepherd, 90, of Moorcroft, Wyo., passed away on Feb. 27, 2022.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 11, at the First Presbyterian Church in Moorcroft. Burial will take place at Black Hills National Cemetery at 2:30 p.m.

Arrangements are under the care of Fidler-Roberts & Isburg Funeral Chapel of Sundance. Online condolences may be written at [fidler-isburgfuneralchapels.com](http://fidler-isburgfuneralchapels.com).

**ALLEN VOTROUBEK**  
May 4, 1947–Feb. 17, 2022

Allen Votroubek, 74, passed away Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022, in Newcastle. Services will be at a later date.



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## Getting ready

Photos by Kim Dean/NLJ

The nice temperature on Feb. 12 brought adults and kids to the Par Pacific Wyoming Refining Co. Ice Rink, which is tucked in behind the Loaf 'n Jug plaza off Washington Boulevard in Newcastle. Skaters can bring their own skates or rent them for a nominal fee. Billy Jackson was available to help skaters get the correct size and kind of skates they desired. With recent warmer weather, there may not be many more opportunities to ice skate until next winter, although plans are to keep the rink open as much as possible between now and the end of March.

Above, Scott McGuire grooms the rink for skaters. Right, a young skater waits patiently for his skates to be put on.

# faith & values

**Daily Devotional Reading**

March 4 Psalm 30	March 8 Psalm 38
March 5 Psalm 31	March 9 Psalm 39
March 6 Psalm 32	March 10 Psalm 41
March 7 Psalm 35	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 pm
- **BAHA'I FAITH:** Firesides (Open to All) 1st & 3rd Fridays 7:30 pm at 15 Skyview Dr, 746-3626
- **CAMBRIA COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH:** 19 Stampede St. 746-2321. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship 10:30 am; Youth (6-12 grades) and Adult Bible Study Sunday Evening 6-7 pm; Wednesday Night Youth and Adult Bible Study 6 pm; Life Recovery Bible Study Sunday Night 7 pm
- **CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH:** S. Summit & Winthrop Streets. 746-9684. [haydishall@hotmail.com](mailto:haydishall@hotmail.com). Service times: Sunday 10 a.m.
- **CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Pastor Rob Carr, 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9 am
- **CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS:** Bishop Ty Checketts, 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:** Pastor Wayne Wilson, 301 Delaware, 746-9663. Adult Sunday School 9:30 am; Prayer 10:15 am; Worship 10:45 am; Prayer Service Tuesday 6 PM; Undeclared Youth/children's ministry (3 years old- 12th Grade) Wednesday 6:00 pm
- **CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Brian Hess, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5 pm; Sunday Mass 8 am; Weekday Mass 7 am
- **COUNTRY CHURCH:** Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley and Micah Popma, 746-9712. Worship 10 am
- **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:** Interim Pastor Ben Roberts, 903 S. Summit, 746-2188. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Evening Service 6 pm;

- AWANA Clubs Wednesday 6:30 pm
- **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Rev. Ron Sample, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Adult Bible Study 8:45 am; Traditional Church Services 10:00 am; 10:15 am Children's Church; Youth Group Sunday evenings 5:30-7 pm
- **GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Jon Andersen, 12 Old Hwy. 85, Evangelical Free Church, Bible Study 9:15 am, Worship 10:30 am. Call 949-0869
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- **ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Brian Hess, Upton. Sunday Mass 5 pm
- **UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Donnie Holt, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Worship 9 am; Fellowship 10 am
- **VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH:** Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366

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This vintage photograph depicts an old school telephone operator. No other outline information is given.

# Recapture

## A PIECE OF HISTORY

### 25 Years Ago March 6, 1997

School Superintendent Doug Cobb explained some facts of educational life to parents and teachers at last Wednesday's school board meeting. Declining enrollments combined with stagnant funding have left the Newcastle school system with little maneuvering room.

The Newcastle City Council voted to purchase a \$250,000 fire truck at their regular meeting on Monday. But Fire Chief Bob Fawcett told the council that with the money he has set aside for the past few years and with the help of a matching grant, the city need only kick in \$80,000 out of their current budget.

Petite and dimpled, Dessa Taylor doesn't fit the textbook image of a brainy kid. No horn-rimmed glasses. No plastic pocket protector sticking out of her shirt pocket. Her fingers aren't even ink-stained. But Newcastle's first National Merit Scholar finalist in about 20 years has a 4.0 grade point average and is the likely candidate for valedictorian of the

### Class of 1997.

The Newcastle Boys' Basketball Team finished its regular season this weekend, losing tightly fought contest to the Glenrock Herders. The game opened with both teams exchanging baskets on their way to a 16 to 16 tie at the end of the first quarter.

The Newcastle Freshman Girls basketball team finished third out of eight teams in a recent tournament. In the first game of competition against Rawlins the girls won 65-39. The Scoring for Newcastle was Melissa Christensen with 20 points, Sarah Farber with 19 points, Joni Lunney with 13 points, Heidi Underberg with 7 points, Kara Townsend with 4 points and Val Thorson with 2 points.

### 50 Years Ago March 2, 1972

The Newcastle Dogies are the 1972 class A swimming champions of Wyoming. Coach Pete Kozisek's swimmers are the champions in 1970 and finished second in 1971. The Dogies with 77 points were

in a tough battle throughout the state meet in Cheyenne as they won the crown by only one and one-half points over Thermopolis, the 1971 champions with 75 1/2 points.

A Cowboy Joe Club meeting will be held Thursday, Mar. 9, at the Newcastle Country Club. The Newcastle Sideline Club is sponsoring the dinner-meeting for the Cowboy Joe Club.

The Newcastle Dogies won the Absaroka basketball conference last weekend with wins over Douglas and Lusk. The Dogies ended the regular season with a 7-1 conference record and a 12-6 overall record.

The Newcastle Dogies had four state champions but not enough points for the class A state wrestling championship last weekend at Casper. Newcastle finished in second place.

A beard growing contest is being sponsored again this year by the Newcastle Jaycees. The contest will be held in conjunction with the July 4 celebration. The Jaycees are urging all men in the area to grow a beard, mustache, sideburns,

etc., whichever is preferred.

Tuesday Clay George and Harold Honey were in Belle Fourche to have the car aligned. Herb Quest was in Belle Fourche Saturday afternoon for repair parts.

Mrs. Bessie Popham, Mrs. Georgia Clark and Patty were at the livestock sale at Belle Fourche Thursday.

Mrs. Wayne Peterson was a caller at the Harry Clingan and W.L. Ammerman homes Friday afternoon in Upton.

Phyllis and Clyde Bayne celebrated Clyde's birthday by eating out at the Long Branch on Tuesday evening.

Vanetta Reutner was an overnight guest of Wanda Hutt on Wednesday evening. Jessie and Kenneth Whitney and Mrs. Martin visited at the Orin Carr home on Wednesday evening.

### 100 Years Ago March 2, 1922

E.F. Coyle resigned as cashier of the First National Bank, taking effect Wednesday, March 1. Mr. Coyle has been connected in various capacities of that institution for the past thirteen years, of which he has been cashier about five years. Mr. Coyle, through all the years of his service has been most courteous and obliging to the bank's customers and we feel sure his presence there will be greatly missed.

When you wrote 2-22-22 last Wednesday did you stop to think that you would not write these figures again until February 22, 2022? Not until another century rolls around the combination of figures that the calendar makes possible can be used as an abbreviation of the dates.

R.P. Sedgwick has recently taken charge of the Riddle herd of a thousand southern steers and is looking after the stock at the 4W ranch on the Cheyenne River. This is the same herd Mr. Sedgwick pastured last year and Mr. Riddle is very fortunate again to secure his services. These cattle have been in charge since early fall of Omar Glover, Mac Barbour and Tommie Bruce.

Sunday, February 26, occurred the marriage of Mr. Thomas Howard Bruce of Hampshire, Wyo., to Mrs. Mabel Batton of Everest, Kan., at the home of the bride. The groom is a popular stockman of Weston County and the bride, while a newcomer to Wyoming, recently filed on a homestead on Wild Cat. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce expect to make Newcastle their home about April 1.

The Maris Garage received a car load of Chevrolet cars this morning from the factory and will be unloaded tomorrow. The shipment consists of four touring 4-90 cars, one roadster 4-90 and one F.B. touring 4-90.

Another of a series of entertainments to be given by the Library Club will be the old-fashioned dance St. Patrick's night, March 17. Mrs. Coffey is chairman of the committee in charge.

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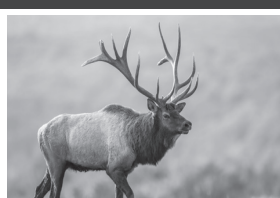
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## WHAT'S UP

March 2022

### Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

<b>Fri. Mar. 4</b>	8AM 9AM 1PM 5:30PM	TOPS #322 Caramel Rolls Bridge BINGO	W.C. Senior Center W.C. Senior Center W.C. Senior Center VFW Hall
<b>Sat. Mar. 5</b>	5PM	Newcastle Area Chamber Banquet	W.C. Event Center
<b>Mon. Mar. 7</b>	9AM 1PM 7PM 7PM	Exercise Class Dominoes Alcoholics Anonymous Newcastle City Council	W.C. Senior Center W.C. Senior Center W.C. Senior Center City Council Chambers
<b>Tues. Mar. 8</b>	8AM 10:30AM 11AM 1PM 1:30PM 3PM 6PM 6PM	Veterans' Breakfast Alzheimers/Dementia Support Story time Bridge Dirt Daubers Meeting WC Natural Resource District Mtg WC Humane Society American Legion Meeting	W.C. Senior Center Zoom W.C. Library W.C. Senior Center W.C. Library Location TBD Humane Society Shelter Newcastle Lodge & Convention Center
<b>Wed. Mar. 9</b>	6:30-8:30AM 9AM 9AM-1PM	Wellness Wednesday Exercise Class GiGi's Closet	WCHS W.C. Senior Center First United Methodist Church
<b>Thur. Mar. 10</b>	7AM 1PM 7PM	TOPS #218 Crafts Alcoholics Anonymous	W.C. Senior Center W.C. Senior Center Senior Center

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On Feb. 23, Wyoming Gov. Mark Gordon, accompanied by newly appointed State Superintendent of Public Instruction Brian Schroeder and several other members of his staff, came to Newcastle to recognize both Keeley Anderson and Gene Deidtrich (see Page 1). During his visit the group met with Weston County School District No. 1 staff, students and board members, toured the local schools and met with the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department to present Diedtrich with an award. The group began their visit with a luncheon at Newcastle Lodge & Convention Center, sponsored by WCSD No. 1, where Schroeder spoke to attendees and expressed his pleasure with the people and state of Wyoming.

Photos by Alexis Barker and Katelynn Slaamot/NLJ



A day with the governor



Clockwise, from top left: Joyce Diedtrich took time to visit with Gov. Mark Gordon following her husband's presentation at the Newcastle Fire Hall; Wyoming State Superintendent of Public Instruction Brian Schroeder at the luncheon; Michael Pearlman, communications director, and Lachelle Brant, education senior policy advisor, joined the governor on his visit; Newcastle High School science instructor Jim Stith jumped at the opportunity to tell Gordon about all of the amazing things the school's science department has been able to complete in recent years, including working with NASA and creating a maker's space; Gordon visits with first-graders at Newcastle Elementary School; and members of the NVFD sport their dress uniforms for Diedtrich's presentation.

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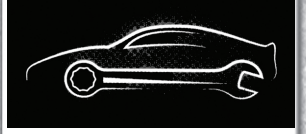
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## Clean-up



Photo by Kim Dean/NLJ

The Newcastle city crew didn't let the frigid below zero temperatures stop them from removing snow on Main Street in the morning hours of Feb. 24.



Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ

Newcastle Middle School intervention specialist Keeley Anderson posed for photos with NMS Principal Tyler Bartlett, Weston County School District No. 1 Superintendent Brad LaCroix, Gov. Mark Gordon, and newly appointed State Superintendent of Public Instruction Brian Schroeder following the presentation in which she was awarded the RISE award.

## Anderson from Page 1

connect with students in such a distinct and supportive way just goes to show why she has been nominated – and awarded – this honor. She allows her students to succeed, and that in itself is a true testament to her character.”

Notified during a surprise presentation and surrounded by coworkers, students and family, Anderson wiped tears from her face as Cardona announced her as the winner.

“Education support professionals deserve appreciation today and every day. Especially amid the pandemic, their contributions to school communities have been extraordinary and have helped schools remain open for in-person learning,” Cardona said. “It’s an honor for me to present Keeley with this well-deserved award.”

“It is an honor to be able to recognize someone who is dedicated to her school community,” Gordon said during the presentation. “Keeley’s tireless commitment to encourage students and her willingness to take on additional duties reflects the excellence of Wyoming’s school employees, whose actions have lasting positive impacts on students’ lives.”

Anderson began her career as a substitute teacher with Weston County School District No. 1 in 2016. She worked as a special education paraprofessional the following year until she took her current position as intervention specialist in 2019. As an intervention specialist, according to a press release announcing her award, she works to prioritize students in the school who need additional support to be successful.

Anderson also leads Newcastle Middle School’s in-school-suspension program, works in the district’s summer maintenance department and served as head volleyball coach at Newcastle High School.

During the pandemic, Anderson took on even more duties as she became the key communicator and liaison for students placed on quarantine. She helped them to manage their work remotely and transition back into the classroom.

A 2009 graduate of Newcastle High School, Anderson grew up in the community and Superintendent Brad LaCroix said that her grandma, Ann Sedgwick, had once told him that she was going to work for him one day. He is happy that he was able to experience something like that with Anderson.

“The biggest thing to say about her, at least from my side, is she has always been blessed with incredible talent and that day (award day) we actually got to celebrate that particular individual being recognized for everything she does for young people and it was on a national stage. I believe that is a first, at least for me, and I know it was a first for her,” LaCroix said. “She is an amazing young woman who has done great things for our young people, and we hope she continues

to be a part of our district.”

And LaCroix is not the only one that touts Anderson and her ability to work with young people.

“Keeley has a unique ability to connect with students and get them to see that she is on their side,” said Tyler Bartlett, Newcastle Middle School principal and nominator. “She helps instill qualities like integrity and character, while empowering students to advocate for themselves and learn how to solve their own problems. Ironically, it is when her students no longer need her that we know she has succeeded.”

Anderson, who was still shocked 12 hours after the presentation, said she couldn’t do everything she does without the support of the school, staff and students.

“I feel incredibly thankful to be a part of Newcastle Middle School and to have a boss like Tyler,” she said. “He always makes sure that we all know how appreciated we are, no matter what our role is at NMS. It’s the staff and students who help bring out the best in me, and it’s them who make me look forward to walking through the doors each day.”

The Recognizing Inspiring School Employees, or RISE award, was created by Congress with the Recognizing Achievement in Classified School Employees Act in April 2019. The act states that “prior to May 31 each year ... the Secretary (of education) shall select a classified school employee to receive the Recognizing Inspiring School Employees Award for the year,” according to a press release from the U.S. Department of Education.

During the annual award’s second year, Anderson was selected from 25 nominations across 15 states. Nominees included employees in various departments, including paraprofessionals, clerical and administrative services, transportation services, food and nutrition services, custodial and maintenance services, security services, health and student services, technical services and skilled trade professionals.

“Governors’ offices determined their state-specific process for selecting up to two nominees, and they will again be asked to submit nominees by Nov. 1, documenting excellence in the following areas: a) Work performance; b) School and community involvement; c) Leadership and commitment; d) Local support (from co-workers, school administrators, community members, etc., who speak to the nominee’s exemplary work); and e) Enhancement of classified school employees’ image in the community and schools,” the release states.

More information on the award, including how to submit nominations for the 2022-23 cycle, is available on the U.S. Department of Education website.



# Sports

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## SPORTS SCHEDULES

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It's that time of year, that wonderful time of year when the culminating events for all the winter sports are taking place and teams and athletes are accomplishing fantastic feats in or on their various fields of play. Champions are being crowned and we fans get to marvel in their accomplishments.

On the biggest stage in the world, we got to spend two weeks watching the best of the best compete in the Winter Olympics in Beijing. We watched the torch being passed from GOATs like



Sonja Karp  
Karpe Dogie

Shawn White, and were introduced to new, young athletes who got to have their time to shine. What was also super cool was that there were Wyoming athletes who were among those elite in China.

Closer to home, we were privileged to see some amazing victories from swimming, wrestling and basketball — and hopefully those victories are only getting started.

Performances that seriously blew my mind a couple of weeks ago came from the 3A State Swim Meet in Gillette.

Lander repeated as state champs for the 26th season in a row! Seriously, it's Lander's pool and we are all just swimming in it.

Lander senior Johnny Kulow broke two of his own state records going 20.07 in the 50 Freestyle and 44.56 in the 100 Free. His time in the 50 Free was less than a second away from breaking a national record. According to Dogie swim coach Doug Scribner, Kulow is headed to Arizona State University to

— See Karpe, Page 10

## Ladies come from behind to win

Sonja Karp  
NLJ Sports Editor

The Dogie Dome was rocking for both of the Lady Dogies' contests last week. Thursday was the rematch against the second ranked Lady Bearcats from Douglas, and on Saturday it was the Buffalo Lady Bison. Both of these games were great for head coach Chad Ostenson's team to have as they prepare for the 3A East Regional tournament this weekend.

Against the Lady 'Cats, Newcastle started out with the lead and aside from a 6-6 tie in the first quarter, never relinquished it. Like the first time they played, the Lady Dogies held as much as a 12-point lead over Douglas, but in the end, came away with a 58-46 victory which is 3 points more than their margin of victory a few weeks ago.

Both teams had to adjust to some tight officiating in the contest as the refs blew the whistle early and often. Newcastle succeeded in doing so more quickly than Douglas as their top two players, Lauren and Alli Olson, found themselves with two quick fouls early in the first quarter.

Lauren would pick up her third on a reach-in with about a minute off the clock in the second quarter which landed her on the bench for the remainder of the half.

"We made the adjustment fairly quickly, and I was really tickled that you could see our kids being juniors and adjusting where they had a few younger kids who it took a little longer," Ostenson began. "We also suffered some foul trouble with Tiernan [Stanton] and Jayde [Harrington], but we were able to adjust to that as well."

Newcastle jumped out to an early lead after which Douglas tied it up, but the Lady Dogies ended their first quarter scoring slump and finished it off with the 10-8 lead. With Lauren on the bench, Ostenson's crew extended their lead to 26-17 at the end of the half.

"They were calling things pretty close, and the girls were able to capitalize on their opportunities in the first half," Ostenson said. "Then we stayed steady and just kept to business when they made their run in the third quarter."

And run the Lady 'Cats did when they emerged for second half action. Lauren Olson was back on the court and she quickly made up for lost time as she led her team on an 18-12 run against the Lady Dogies in the third quarter to draw within 3 by the time it came to a close. Fortunately, the Lady Dogies weathered that run and went on one of their own in the final frame

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Photo by Nicole McFarland/NLJ

Hunter McFarland drives to the hoop past Chloe Collins of Douglas on Thursday. The Lady Dogies had control of the number two Lady Bearcats for the entire contest and came away with a solid win.

## Womack is state wrestling champ

Sonja Karp  
NLJ Sports Editor

Josh Womack finished his senior season with only three losses, a regional championship and capped it off with a state championship in the 220 weight class. He led Newcastle/Upton to an 11th place finish at the 3A State Wrestling tournament last weekend with his 2-0 title win over Carson Tims of Mt. View, handing the senior his second loss of the season.

"My goal all year was to win the title, so that was my mind-set going in," Womack said. "I knew that I'd come this far and I had to leave everything out on the mat. I went as hard as I could and left no regrets."

His trip to the championship began with Womack dominating his opponents in the first and quarter-final rounds, where he wrestled a total of 1:02 between the two matches. In his semi-final round, Christian Peterson of Worland put up more of a fight, but Womack was able to get the pin at 5:25 into the match.

"I'd wrestled him at the beginning of the season, and he's a tough opponent and a really nice guy," Womack said,

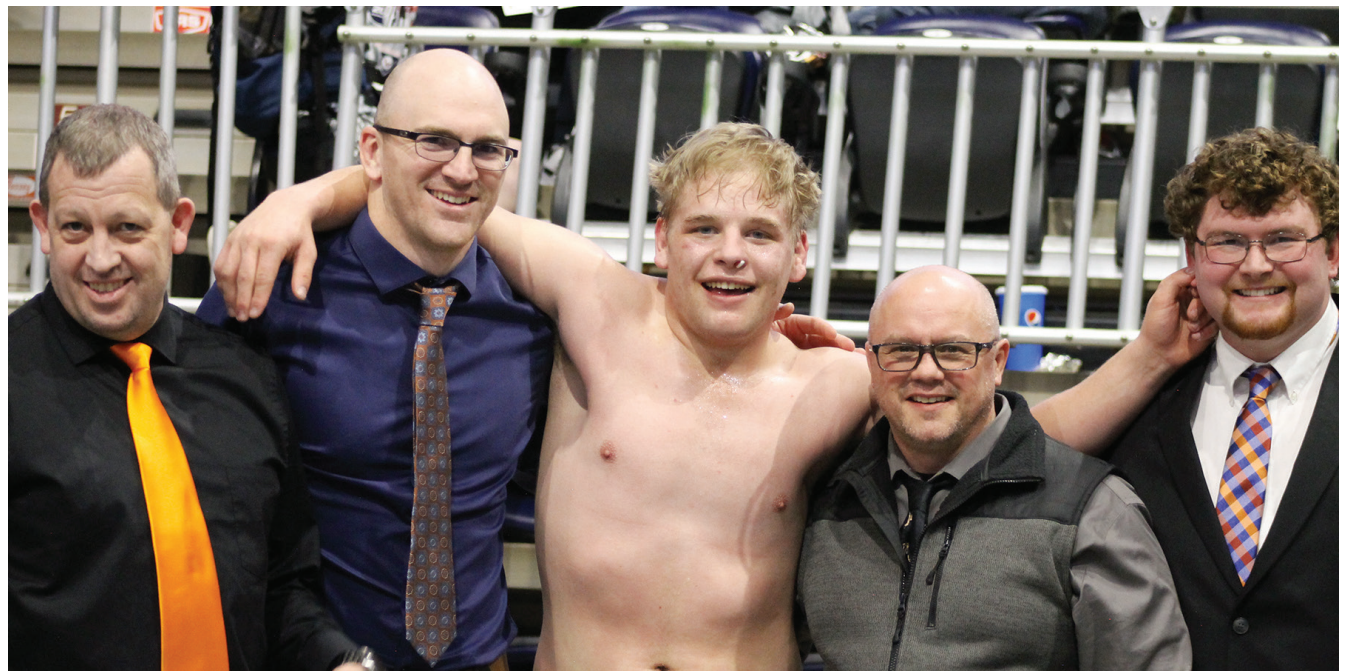


Photo courtesy of Kim Vrana

Josh Womack and his coaches were all smiles after he wrapped up the 3A 220-pound state championship Saturday in Casper. Pictured, from left, are Jason Wheeler, Brooks Bowthorpe, Womack, Lee McCoy and Tommy Schlater.

smiling. "I had to keep my momentum going and keep moving to stay in good position. He wanted to throw a big move on me, so I had to keep my hips underneath me."

From there, there was just one match standing between Womack and a state title.

"Josh wrestled a perfect state tournament. He made no mistakes," head

coach Lee McCoy said. "The only time he's lost all season has been when he took a risk, so going into the

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# District to allow sixth-graders to compete in all sports

**Alexis Barker**  
NLJ News Editor

Sixth-graders at Newcastle Middle School will now be able to participate in all middle school sports, starting this spring season with track and soccer, following a vote by the Weston County School District No. 1 board of trustees on Feb. 23. Previously, the youngest grade level at the school was allowed to participate in three sports, cross-country, track and wrestling.

The decision to open athlete participation to all grade levels, according to Principal Tyler Bartlett, is driven by the desire to do what is best for the students, as well as increase interest in school sports.

"I'd say with every decision we make, we're trying to do what we think is best for kids. I think above all else, we hope that allowing sixth graders to participate in all sports helps make their middle school experience that much more enjoyable and beneficial," Bartlett told the News Letter Journal. "In my time at the middle school, we've generally seen that students who are involved in a variety of extracurricular activities are also the ones that do better academically and behaviorally in the classroom, so hopefully this sets up our future sixth graders for even more success."

Sixth graders must learn to

negotiate a new school, which can be a challenge, Bartlett said, but sixth graders who have participated in various sports in the past proved that it can be done.

"None of the extracurricular activities we offer are required, so each child and their family can make their own decision about participating based on what they think is best," Bartlett said.

In addition, allowing sixth graders to participate in school sports will hopefully allow for a better experience for all students and athletes who can now, hopefully, count on more stable participation numbers, he said.

"Over the past several years, we've seen the number of participants decrease in a variety of sports and in most communities," Bartlett said. "The schools in our athletics district (Upton, Moorcroft, Sundance, Wright and Hulett), have allowed sixth graders to participate in sports for some time now. The same is true for South Dakota schools like Custer and Lead-Deadwood."

"So, in some ways, we're just now following suit with surrounding communities. By allowing sixth graders into our programs, we're also potentially easing the burden on club and rec teams that usually must be run by parent volunteers," he continued. "And of course, this also will hopefully help build cohesion and conti-

nity in our athletics programs grades 6-12."


There will be some initial cost for additional equipment, supplies and coaches, but Bartlett said that it should be negligible in the grand scheme of things. Carrie Manders, the district's activities director, told the trustees on Feb. 23 that she estimated \$10,000 would be needed to prepare the sports for additional players.

"Perhaps the biggest concern might be that we'll need more coaches and more officials, so we're hoping interested adults will contact the school to learn more about officiating or coaching opportunities at the middle school," Bartlett said. "Our coaches, teachers, students and parents will have to navigate this change together. We'll start seeing what it looks like this spring, and we'll do the best we can to provide a great experience to anyone who is interested. There will certainly be a learning curve, but we'll try to anticipate potential challenges and learn from the mistakes we make along the way."

Any middle school parents with questions, ideas or concerns are encouraged to reach out to Bartlett at the school directly, as is anyone interested in becoming a coach or official for any of the sports offered at the school.

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## Party with the stars




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**On Friday, Weston County Library hosted a "Star Party" at LAK Lake. Along with the 4.5-inch Orion Starblast telescope that was given to the library, astronomers Daniel and Janet Pullen also brought their 8- to 10-inch Orion Dobsonian scopes for the participants to look through. Daniel gave a tour of about 12 different deep-sky objects ranging from double stars to clusters, to the great Orion Nebula for about a dozen observers to enjoy. Above, Daniel Pullen attaches a lens to a 10-inch Dobsonian Telescope. The Pullens prefer to use the Dobsonian reflector style of scope because of their lightweight construction and ease of set-up and use.**

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swim for Michael Phelps' coach next year.

The 400 Free Relay from Lander also set another state record and Kulow went under 44 seconds in his anchor leg of the race. I'm thinking we have a shot at seeing Johnny on that world stage in the 2024 Summer Olympics.

Weston County has also been represented well. The Upton Bobcats cruised through the regional tournament as champs for the 1A East last weekend, and look poised to repeat as state champs. Is there even any competition out there for the Bobcats?

Newcastle's Josh Womack finished his senior season on Saturday with only three losses and was not only 3A East Regional champion in the 220-pound weight class, but then rolled through the 3A State Tournament to take home a state championship as well.

Womack cruised a little under the radar all season, as he was ranked only third in the state. But at Casper last weekend, he left no doubt as to who was the best.

Then the Lady Dogies finished their regular season on Saturday with only one loss, and went undefeated in the state of Wyoming. There has never been a better regular season record during my 23-year tenure here in Newcastle.

It looked like Buffalo was going to get the better of them on Saturday, but the girls embodied the "Never Say Die, Dogie" mantra as they came from behind making an 8-point run with just 1:21 to play to win their final game of the season by just 1 point.

This talented group of young ladies may also be poised to make history for Newcastle basketball in the next couple of weekends, and I plan to be there to watch it happen.

If you're a sports fan, or even if you're not, these moments where people display such talent, determination, commitment, guts, grit, and every other descriptor you can think of just makes you feel good about being a part of the human race.

# Dogies end season with momentum

**Sonja Karp**  
NLJ Sports Editor

The Dogies had to run the gauntlet in their final week of the regular season as they hosted the No. 1-ranked Douglas Bearcats on Thursday, and the No. 5-ranked Bison of Buffalo on Saturday.

Both teams pulled off big, decisive wins over Newcastle in their first meetings this season, and were able to get two more wins in the Dome — Douglas 74-41 and Buffalo 58-40 — however the Dogies had a much better showing against each, and ended their final game of the regular season with some momentum.

“They are two good basketball teams for sure, especially the Douglas team,” began head coach Allen Von Eye. “They throw a lot at you from scoring from so many positions, to shooting so well from the



Photo by Nicole McFarland/NLJ

**Hogan Tystad attacked the ball down court with his Bison defender riding his hip. Tystad and his team played a great second half against Buffalo and are ready for the regional tournament this weekend.**

perimeter from so many guys, that it makes it hard on your defense.”

The Bearcats showed the depth of their talent by jumping out to a 21-9 lead by the end of the first quarter, and subbing five-for-five players regularly throughout the game. With fresh legs and deep talent, they extended their lead to 44-20 by the half.

“They are an incredibly deep team with at least 10 guys on their roster who are talented enough to start,” Von Eye said. “And somewhere on the floor there was consistently a mismatch and Douglas did a great job of identifying and attacking our weaknesses.”

The Dogies also struggled offensively in the first half. They turned the ball over 11 times to Douglas’ one in the first two quarters of play, and then when they did get themselves a good look inside, or

on the perimeter, they struggled to finish to put points on the board.

“When you can’t get those easy buckets and then you turn it over, it makes it hard. But we came out in the second half and played better,” Von Eye said. “We battled, and did some good things, but that really is a tough team. You are going to have to play some really solid basketball to get done what you need to against them, and they are the number one team for a reason.”

The Bearcats led at the last two quarter stops, 61-30 at the third and ended the contest with a 74-41 win.

“I was just really happy that we fought until the end,” Von Eye said. “We had that effort for 32 minutes and we got to throw a couple of things out there that we wanted to see in live action before regionals so that was good, too.”

The Dogies finished with eight players in the scoring column led by Hayden Overman with 11 followed by Slade Roberson with 8. Aidan Chick and Hogan Tystad were next with 7 points each, Neil Whitney added 4, Braden Jenkins 2 and Avery Chick and Tate Engle each chipped in 1 point apiece.

For their final regular season game, the Dogies took on the Bison on Saturday. Though they are ranked as the No. 5 team in 3A, Von Eye insisted they are not the same caliber team as Douglas. “They are a good team and their defense is really good, but we also know they are a beatable team,” he said. “But, we came out hesitant and on our heels. They extend their zone out on us on top and on the wings which makes it challenging to get the ball inside.”

Again, the Dogies struggled on the offensive end of the court in the first half and ended up down 9-29 at the half.

“They were the aggressor for sure in the first half, but it still felt like we should have been in the game,” said Roberson. “We were getting to the hoop and we had good outside looks too, but we couldn’t get them to fall.”

The second half was a dif-

## NHS Men’s Basketball

**Newcastle v. Douglas 2/24/22: 41-74**  
Slade Roberson: 8 points, 7 rebounds, 1 assist  
Aidan Chick: 7 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, 2 blocks  
Avery Chick: 1 point, 4 rebounds  
Hogan Tystad: 7 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 charge taken  
Tate Engle: 1 point, 4 rebounds  
Hayden Overman: 11 points, 3 rebounds, 3 steals, 1 block  
Quint Perino: 1 rebound  
Braden Jenkins: 2 points  
Neil Whitney: 4 points  
Tate Engle: 2 rebounds

**Newcastle v. Buffalo 2/26/22: 40-58**  
Slade Roberson: 17 points, 10 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals, 2 blocks, 2 charges taken  
Aidan Chick: 13 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals  
Avery Chick: 4 points, 1 rebound  
Hogan Tystad: 4 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist  
Tate Engle: 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 block  
Hayden Overman: 2 points, 1 rebound, 2 steals  
Quint Perino: 4 rebounds  
Braden Jenkins: 2 rebounds



Photo by Nicole McFarland/NLJ

**Quint Perino had to be strong with the basketball against the Bison’s smothering defense last Saturday. Though the Dogies ended up dropping the contest, they finished with a great second half where they out-scored Buffalo by 2.**

ferent story as the Dogies came out on a mission.

“We dug ourselves a 20-point hole in the first half, but we came out and really battled in the second half and we won it in all aspects of the game,” Von Eye said. “We came out with a good offensive possession and followed it with a good defensive possession and then you could see that confidence begin to rise.”

The Dogies were then on the attack mode and good things began to happen. No longer was there any hesitation and it showed in their offensive game, which was night and day from the first half.

“We got ramped up and our energy was where it needed to be in the second half,” Avery Chick said. “We were getting touches, deflections, traps and stuff. I feel like we’ve been getting away from that and from being aggressive on defense, so it’s great we were able to bring it back since we are going into regionals.”

The Dogies out-scored Buffalo 17-13 in the third quarter and in the fourth cut the Bison’s lead to 14 before giving up a few points to end the game in an 18 point deficit. The offense for the Dogies was driven by Roberson and Aidan Chick who scored 12 and 10 points respectively in

the second half.

“At halftime, Coach V just told me to get out of my own way, because I wasn’t scoring like I’m capable of in the first half,” admitted Aidan. “But, it seems like it’s easier to take those shots and those chances when we’re losing because then there’s no pressure about messing up, but if we can score in the first half like we do in the second, it’s a whole different game.”

Roberson ended the game leading his team with 17, and Aidan was close behind with 13. Tystad and Engle each had 4 and Overman chipped in 2 on the night.

This week starts a whole new season as the Dogies begin prep for the 3A East Regional Tournament which tips off Thursday in Burns.

As the No. 3 seed from the Northeast Quadrant, Newcastle will face the Wheatland Bulldogs at noon in their opening contest which is a good draw for the Dogies, having split with them on the season.

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of play.

Stanton fouled out at the end of the third quarter and Harrington at the start of the fourth, so it was up to the smaller players to finish it out — and they stepped up to that challenge.

“When Tiernan fouled out, Jayde was the next man up and she did well. Then when she fouled out, Bailey [Benshoof] came in and did a great job,” Jaylen Ostenson said. “Just having those pieces is going to make our team go where we want to go.”

In the fourth quarter there was never a doubt as to which team would prevail as Newcastle kept a firm grip on the game and turned the tables on Douglas, out-scoring them 18-13 to take the win.

Ostenson finished the night leading all scorers with 26 points, and MacKenzie Conzelman was next with 12. She was closely followed by Hunter McFarland with 10 while Shelby Tidyman added 8 points to her team’s total.

Down 7 points with 1:21 to play may seem daunting, but the Lady Dogies took it all in stride to rally to a 1-point win over the Lady Bison in their final regular season game of the season on Saturday.

“I didn’t expect much less because they are a good team,” admitted Ostenson. “But, there are so many things that we did right against Buffalo. The mental part, the thinking part, the situational basketball, all came together for us.”

The Lady Bison have flown under the radar for much of the season, but Ostenson knew they would be a team who could give his squad some problems — and they did.

“Buffalo’s man-to-man defense is the best we’ve played against all year,” said Jaylen Ostenson. “Their help defense is so good so it makes it tough for us to get into an offensive rhythm. They are a scary team because they have a lot of kids who can score and their defense is great.”

It was a defensive battle on both

sides of the court in the first half with Newcastle carrying a slim 1-point lead at the end of the first quarter and again at the end of the half as the Lady Dogies headed to the locker room with the 18-17 advantage.

The Lady Bison took the advantage in the third quarter, out-scoring Newcastle to finish up ahead 34-33 by the time the fourth quarter got underway.

From there the two teams traded blows but it would be in the final minutes of the game that things took a turn.

With 1:50 to play, Buffalo was able to extend their lead to 7 over Ostenson’s crew, but it was then that the Lady Dogies went to work.

“None of us were really worked up or worried,” Jaylen said. “But we knew we had to find a way to score and we knew that we had to play great defense.”

With just 1:21 to go in the game, Buffalo scored their last point of the night and still held that 7-point lead. Ostenson hit one free-throw shortly after to get within 6 points and then, with 46 seconds on the clock, Conzelman hit only her second 3 of the night but it was a big one as it brought her team to within 3.

“I think that after Mack hit that 3 was when we really knew we could do it,” Jaylen said. “From there it was just a matter of getting it done.”

Next, it was a down-court pass from Ostenson to Conzelman who finished with a layup but couldn’t hit her and-one opportunity so the Lady Dogies were down one with 39 seconds remaining.

During the last two minutes, Newcastle had also sent the Lady Bison to the free-throw line several times in order to regain possession of the ball.

The next sequence of events guaranteed the win for Newcastle. Buffalo missed every time they stepped to the charity stripe, which added up to 10

## NHS Ladies’ Basketball

**Newcastle v. Douglas 2/24/22: 56-48**  
Jaylen Ostenson: 26 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal  
Shelby Tidyman: 8 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals  
Hunter McFarland: 10 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists  
MacKenzie Conzelman: 12 points, 7 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 charge taken  
Tiernan Stanton: 5 rebounds, 1 block  
Bailey Benshoof: 2 rebounds  
Jayde Harrington: 1 rebound, 1 block, 1 charge taken

**Newcastle v. Buffalo 2/26/22: 46-45**  
Jaylen Ostenson: 22 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal, 1 block  
Shelby Tidyman: 7 points, 4 rebounds, 6 assists, 3 steals  
Hunter McFarland: 2 points, 4 rebounds  
MacKenzie Conzelman: 9 points, 2 rebounds  
Tiernan Stanton: 6 points, 7 rebounds, 2 blocks  
Jayde Harrington: 4 rebounds, 1 assist

missed points. Ostenson ended up with the ball on the floor in a scramble and called the team’s last timeout with 31 seconds on the clock to save possession of the ball, and Tidyman calmly hit her only two free-throw attempts of the night to give her team a 1-point lead with 22 seconds left.

And the Lady Dogies had to get it all done without time-outs or without coaching from the sidelines because the Dome was too loud for players to hear anything their coach had to say.

“Chad preps us well for these late-game situations so I don’t think any of us were really too worked up about it,” said Conzelman, smiling. “We had the crowd going and that helped a lot and we knew who we needed to foul because we had a scouting report on them.”

With 1.5 seconds to play, Jaylen was fouled and sent to the free-throw line with her team still up by 1.

“I missed my first one, and then I had to think about what to do next,” Jaylen explained. “I looked at the time left and at the score and thought that it wouldn’t be bad to miss the second one so that they didn’t have a dead clock to put together a play.”

Ostenson did just that and the Lady



Photo by Nicole McFarland/NLJ

**Jayde Harrington stepped up big against both Douglas and Buffalo and against the Bison, had to fight off the toughest defense the Lady Dogies have seen all season.**

Dogies took the 46-45 victory over the Lady Bison.

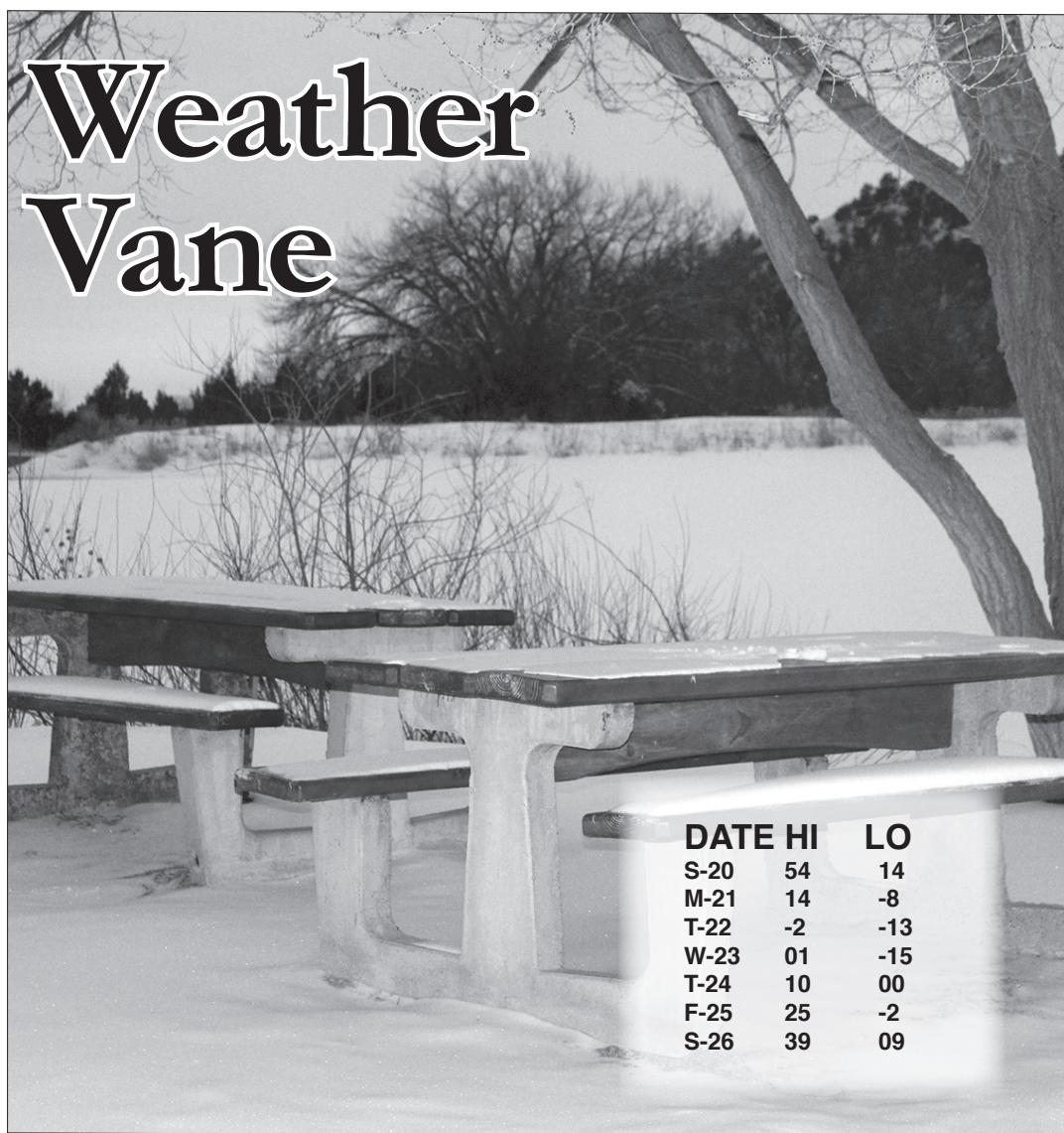
Ostenson led her team with 22 points, Conzelman was next with 9 and Tidyman was close behind with 7. Stanton ended up with 6 while McFarland rounded out scoring with 2 points.

The final two battles of the regular season were just what the Lady Dogies needed as they prepare for the 3A East Regional Tournament this weekend in Burns. As the No. 1 seed from the Northeast Quadrant, Newcastle will tip off against the Lady Outlaws of Rawlins on Thursday at 10:30. A win

will advance them to a semi-final match-up against the winner of the Buffalo/Burns opening game at 3 on Friday, while a loss would pit them against the loser of that contest.

“Now we start zero and zero,” said coach Ostenson. “Regionals is a whole different beast so we will not overlook anyone.”

“Yes we are the No. 1 seed so we have the No. 4 seed going in, but anything can happen at regionals,” added Jaylen. “We just want to go out and do what we do every single day and hopefully things will take care of themselves.”



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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF WYOMING IN AND FOR WESTON COUNTY**

**PROBATE NO. PR - 8270 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RUTH MARIE COY AKA RUTH COY DECEASED**

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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:  
You are hereby notified that on the 7th day of February, 2022 an Application for a Decree of Summary Distribution of Property was filed in the above-named court by a distributee of said decedent. That there will be no administration

of said estate and petitioner seeks to enter a decree of summary distribution of property. If no objection to the Application has been filed within thirty (30) days of the first date of publication, said Decree shall be presented to the Court on April 25, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF WYOMING IN AND FOR WESTON COUNTY**

**PROBATE NO. PR - 8255 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF REGINA GAY SIMPSON DECEASED**

**NOTICE OF PROBATE**

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the 2nd day of December, 2021, the Estate of Regina Gay Simpson was admitted to probate by the abovenamed Court, and that Charles M. Mesko was appointed Administrator thereof.  
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undersigned at 15 S. Sumner, Newcastle, WY 82701.  
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Dated this 10 day of January, 2022  
Charles M. Mesko, Administrator

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF WYOMING IN AND FOR WESTON COUNTY**

**PROBATE NO. PR - 8267 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JACK A. GRIEVES A/K/A JOHN ALVIN GRIEVES DECEASED**

**NOTICE OF PROBATE**

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the 4th day of February 2022 the estate of the above-named Decedent was admitted to probate by the above-named Court, and that Charles A. Grieves a/k/a Chuck Grieves and John D. Grieves a/k/a J.D. Grieves of Weston County, Wyoming were appointed Co-Executors thereof.  
Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the Decedent or to his estate are

requested to make immediate payment to the Estate of Jack A. Grieves a/k/a John Alvin Grieves c/o Mike D. Fuller, Fuller Law Office, P.C., 1401 W. 2nd Street, Suite 2, Gillette, Wyoming 82716.  
Creditors having claims against the Decedent, or the Estate, are required to file them in duplicate with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of said Court, on or before ninety (90) days after the date of the first publication of this notice, and if such claims are not so filed, unless otherwise allowed or paid, they will be forever barred.  
Dated this 9th day of February 2022.  
Charles A. Grieves a/k/a Chuck Grieves & John D. Grieves a/k/a J.D. Grieves, Co-Executors

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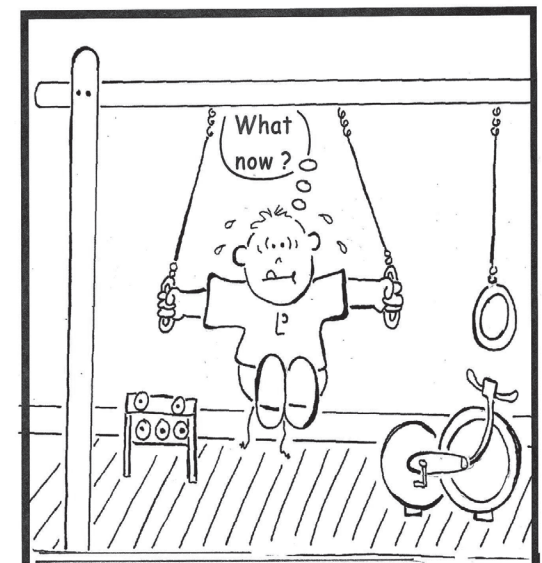
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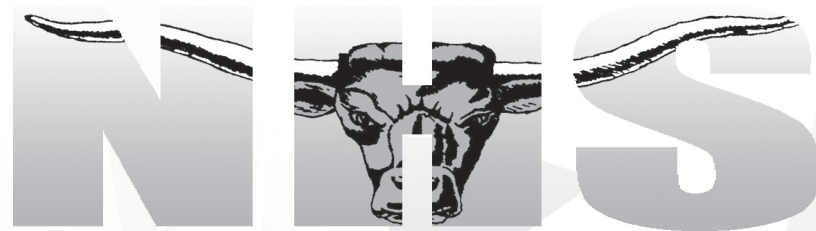
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# Wrestlers from Page 9

championship match he was going to make Tims make the mistakes, and he did.”

In the title match, Tims was giving Womack the respect he had earned throughout the season by trying to stay away from Womack and his signature fireman’s throw.

Womack got a point for an escape in the second period and another point from Tims’ stalling in both the first and second period, which gave him those 2 points overall. Tims almost got an escape in the third period, but Womack put him back on the mat and rode it out to take the win.

“There were a couple of close calls where Tims almost got to his feet, but Josh threw him back to the mat each time, holding him scoreless,” McCoy explained. “He wrestled his match and there was no way the kid was going to beat him. It was pretty special and the perfect way to end a very good high school career.”

Womack’s win ended his senior season with a 47-3 record and his name being added to the Wall of Fame at NHS.

“It took me a second to realize it, but when the ref blew that final whistle, it hit me that I had just won a state title,” Womack said. “It was pretty awesome.”

Freshman Jackson East and junior Jacob Prell also placed for the Dogies/Bobcats. East came out of the gates tough at 120, winning his way into the semi-finals before he ran into an oppo-

“  
My goal all year was to win the title, so that was my mind-set going in,” Womack said. “I knew that I’d come this far and I had to leave everything out on the mat. I went as hard as I could and left no regrets.”

—Josh Womack,  
3A State Wrestling Champion,  
220 Weight Class,

ment who got the better of him.

“Jackson had a great tournament and made the semi-finals, which was huge,” McCoy said. “In the quarters, he wrestled a very good kid from Cody, and Jackson just did what he does. He’s got a motor on him that just goes and goes, and the kid got gassed out and Jackson pinned him.”

In the semi-final match, Jackson was up against the defending state champion who went on to repeat as state champion at the end of the weekend. East battled hard, refusing to give up the pin, but did lose the match by a major decision of 12-3.

In the wrestle-backs, East was pitted against the 3A East Regional champ



Jackson East made the semi-finals of the state tournament last weekend before he lost his first match. The freshman would finish the tournament with a sixth-place finish in the 120-pound class.

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from Rawlins in the consolation semi-finals and he gave up the pin in 2:59 which moved him to the fifth- and sixth-place match where he once again faced Peterson from Cody. This time Peterson was able to get the better of East by a 16-6 major decision landing him with sixth place.

“Jackson didn’t wrestle his best in that match, and Peterson was ready for him this time,” McCoy began. “But I was very happy with how he did, and as just a freshman, he has a promising career ahead of him.”

Jacob Prell (160) also got a win in the first round with a pin over Weston Needham of Douglas in 5:28, but then dropped his quarter-finals by decision, 3-8. From there, he had to fight back through the wrestle-backs where he pinned a Torrington opponent in 4:08, then won by a 4-1 decision against Lannon Braselton of Powell in the blood round to guarantee a place at the state tournament.

“I’d seen the Torrington guy twice before and beat him both times, but coming in I was nervous because I knew what was riding on it,” Prell admitted. “I wrestled a little defensively and then I was down points-wise in the second period but then came back to pin him.”

In the consolation semi-finals, Prell fell to Morgan Hatch of Powell and then in the fifth- and sixth-place match he was once again up against Hazen Camino of Buffalo who defeated him for third place at the regional tournament last weekend.

Prell wrestled Camino tough and ended regulation tied at 1-1, forcing the match into overtime. Overtime wrestling comes down to a sudden victory, meaning that whoever scores the first points wins, and Camino was able to get a takedown on Prell, thus ending the match with the win 3-1.

“He got a double leg on me, and I fought him for a little bit but he ended up taking me down for the win,” Prell explained. “It was awesome to place and I have one more season ahead of me to hopefully win a state title. Placing is a great feeling and it’s awesome to know that I made the top six out of the best 18 wrestlers in the state.”

“All season, Jacob gave his all in every single match and that’s what he continued to do throughout the whole tournament,” McCoy said. “His last match could have gone either way and it was really great to see both kids leave every single bit of try out on the mat. I was very happy for both Jacob and Jackson. They’ve had outstanding seasons and really worked hard so they definitely earned their place on the podium.”

Haven Vrana (106) and Aidan Coberly (145) each fought their way through the wrestle-backs only to fall in the blood round, just one match away from earning a place at the state tournament.

“Haven won a couple of really tough matches and I was proud of how he competed,” McCoy declared. “Aidan wrestled tough and beat a lot of people he wasn’t supposed to beat, so that was a lot of fun.”

Cael Holmes (126) and Cullen Davis (138) each won a match at the tournament before being sidelined while Kyah Miller (113), Walker Simianer (152) and Heath Henkle (220) went two and out.

“Cael had a rough season, but it doesn’t define him. He continued to lead the team all season, which was pretty special,” McCoy acknowledged. “I was super proud of our kids. They wrestled tough and we placed 11th as a team, which is pretty close to what I was thinking. I was hoping to place in the top 10, but we were pretty close, which is great and it was a good way to end the season.”

The Dogies say goodbye to Womack, Holmes and Coberly as well as senior manager Isabella Spencer.

“Isabella turned into our team mom and was pretty important to our success. She wrestled a couple of years so understands the sport well,” McCoy said. “She was a special manager and we will miss her as well as all our seniors.”

“On the ride home, the freshmen couldn’t stop talking about how excited they were for next year and that they were sad it was already over,” he continued. “They are still fired up and that’s great for us as a team. We’ve got kids who are super hungry and want to get better and ready for next year. They are a special group of kids.”




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Above, Cullen Davis (138) was able to wrangle a win at the 3A State Tournament in Casper last weekend. He’ll be among those returning to the team next season with hopes of making another run at the title. Below, Jacob Prell (pictured on the left) worked his way through the 160-pound wrestle backs to clinch sixth place at the 3A East State Tournament last weekend.



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13.	Torrington 56
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15.	Wheatland 51
16.	Mt. View 43
17.	Buffalo 11
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106.	Haven Vrana DNP 2-2
113.	Kyah Miller DNP 0-2
120.	Jackson East 6th Place 2-3
126.	Cael Holmes DNP 1-2
138.	Cullen Davis DNP 1-2
145.	Walker Simianer DNP 0-2
152.	Aidan Coberly DNP 2-2
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220.	Heath Henkle DNP 0-2
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