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District moving back to normal Newcastle schools meet state guidelines for variances

Alexis Barker
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School, activities, cumulative events and recreational opportunities are slowly returning to normal

in Weston County School District No. 1, one year after the COVID-19 pandemic closed schools and halted activities across the nation.

On March 31, Superintendent Brad LaCroix reported to the school board

that the district was within state guidelines for variances to the public health orders issued for COVID-19, allowing for the district to be exempt from those orders.

According to LaCroix, being

exempt from specific guidelines allows for students and teachers to gather in larger groups, allows visitors into the school despite the inability to social distance and discontinues the mask requirement.

“It will emphasize a lot of practice towards personal protection,” LaCroix said.

Trustee Dana Mann-Tavegia asked

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Reunion being planned

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Tracy Olson, class of 1986, and Jennifer Smith, class of 1989, who took over the planning of the Newcastle High School All-School Reunion, have begun holding public meetings to plan the rescheduled 2020 reunion. Last year, they had to make the tough decision to cancel the reunion because of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated public health orders.

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County assists with fire

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Last week Weston County Engine 513 went to South Dakota to aid in the suppression and containment of the Schroeder fire near Rapid City, according to Weston County Fire Warden Daniel Tysdal.

“Initially, Weston County Engine 513 was ordered for the Bobcat fire near Hill City, but then was reassigned to the Schroeder fire near Rapid City. Engine 513 with a crew of two (has) been on the fire since last Wednesday and are expecting to be released sometime mid-week

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Happy hunter



Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ

Rylee Fisher quickly gathers eggs during the 3- and 4-year-old segment of the Easter Egg Hunt at the Weston County Fairgrounds Sunday, sponsored by Cambria Community Baptist Church youth group. More than 2,000 eggs were filled with candy and hidden for six different age groups to gather. See more photos from Easter events on Page 12.

Oil patch preacher bringing ‘great turn-around’



Hannah Gross
NLJ Correspondent

Join Ron Evitt, a “Preacher in the Patch, oil patch that is,” at 7 p.m. April 15-18 at the Weston County Event Center for free, fun-filled evenings of music, laughter and an encouraging message of “a certain

Submitted photo
Riley Dakota and the Sweet Crude Band plays in Tioga, N.D., at a Preacher in the Patch event. He will also be playing in Newcastle at the Weston County Event Center April 15-18 at 7 p.m.

hope in times of uncertain times.”

Music will be provided by Heather Peterson and the Alliance Band, Riley Dakota and the Sweet Crude Band and Rexella Daisy, as well as Christian singer and comedian Tim Lovelace from Nashville, Tennessee. According to event director Cody Roland, each band “has a little bit of different sound,” to provide variety to the program, and Evitt will incorporate skits and sound effects to his message to “bring it to life.” Locals will also be performing skits a few times over the four-day weekend. When the program concludes

at 9 p.m., guests are invited to partake of refreshments provided by local churches.

“It’s a different program every night,” Evitt said.

The theme for this year’s program is “it’s time for a great turn around.” The titles of Evitt’s four messages are “It only takes a little and you’ll be just fine,” “If I had only seen it with my eyes (the power of blessing),” “Three minutes before three” and “The war banner — in times of trouble.”

“Every night is talking about a great turnaround. Each night is a great turnaround,” Evitt

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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
Sunny
Hi 62, Lo 31



Friday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 46, Lo 28



Saturday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 63, Lo 30



Sunday
Partly Cloudy/Wind
Hi 41, Lo 24



Monday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 41, Lo 22



Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 45, Lo 25



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Sally and Clayton Chord, along with daughter Katrina Huft, present awards to Gabby Mendoza, Gabby Drube and Jayden Friendly, all from Thunder Basin High School, for their first-, second- and third-place finishes in the 300 Meter Hurdle, the signature race, at the Laura Chord Memorial Track Meet on March 26 at Newcastle High School. The meet was established to remember Laura Chord who tragically passed away during her junior year at NHS. At the time of her death, Chord was one of the top runners in the state in the 300 Meter Hurdle.

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At the time, Smith said that after holding a Facebook poll, the team decided the best choice was to postpone the event until 2021.

Smith and Olson are now planning to welcome NHS alumni to the popular Newcastle event July 2-4 this year.

"We are still working out details as far as a schedule of events goes. We will get that out as the event gets closer," Smith said, after the team's last meeting. "We are planning quite a few fun events but need confirmation before making them part of our schedule."

Events that are firmly scheduled include the Newcastle Booster Club's fifth annual golf tournament fundraiser on July 2, the parade on July 3 and an auction following the parade. The auction will serve as a fundraiser for the event.

"We are asking each class to donate one item or basket to the silent/live auction that will take place after the parade on Saturday. Details on the location are still being worked out at this time," Smith said. "We are asking that you [donees] provide us details of the item by June 15 so that the individuals who have agreed to organize the auction have time to get bid sheets prepared ahead of time. Even if you can't get us the item/

items by then, we at least need that information."

She said that any questions regarding the auction should be directed to Jennelle Williams-Werner or Alysha Engle, NHS' Future Business Leaders of America adviser. Smith noted that the local FBLA chapter along with the planners have agreed to help the reunion crew with the auction.

According to Smith, in addition to all-school activities, several individual or group events have been planned for the weekend. To get an event on the schedule, Smith said that planners should contact her or Olson.

"We ask that you have that information to us no later than our May meeting. We will then compile a list of what class, location and time and have that information made available in one location during the reunion," Smith said. "If we don't have information by our May meeting, it will be up to the class representatives to get that information out to their classmates."

The group's next planning meeting for the reunion is April 20 at 6 p.m. at the Weston County Events Center.

"If you feel that you can be of any assistance to us before the reunion or during, we would be forever grateful for that," Smith said.



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whether teachers and students who were high risk would be supported when it comes to masks in individual classrooms and personal safety.

"Last spring, we said we would support teachers who are more at risk, students who are more at risk ... My concern is, I feel a responsibility to them. I want to know what teachers can do to protect themselves if we have this waiver," Mann-Tavegia said.

LaCroix explained that shields protecting at-risk individuals have been put in place where needed and that modifications could be made as needed to protect those who would not be able to attend without guidelines.

Trustee Jason Jenkins added that while the school is unable to know exactly who in the district was vaccinated, due to HIPPA regulations, he believed that those who are high risk and most vulnerable would have been vaccinated.

In addition to a more traditional school experience returning to the Newcastle schools, LaCroix reported that prom, graduation and Newcastle High School's spring concerts were all planned for the remaining two months of the 2020-21 school year.

"The focus is going to be on the high school. We are trying to do a spring concert at the high school, but realistically at the elementary school there isn't enough prep time to make it happen," LaCroix said. "We are going to try our damndest to have a regular graduation, awards day and other cumu-

lative activities. I am pretty certain these won't happen at the elementary school, but we are trying really hard for our seniors who lost out on last year too."

With plans for a concert and graduation in the works, Avery Chick, NHS student body president, told the *News Letter Journal* that this year's rustic romance prom will be held on May 28 at the Flying V Lodge. School trustees had previously approved the exploration of an off-campus prom venue for this year's event.

"The junior class chose the 'V' because of the relation to our theme, as well as it not being on school grounds. Having it off school property benefits everyone as we will not have to follow as many restrictions regarding COVID-19," Chick said. "Our theme is rustic romance, which basically is lots of old wood-looking decorations, lighted mason jars and a cool canopy. It can be more clearly seen in the newest version of the movie 'Footloose.'"

While the district's focus might be on the students at the high school, Newcastle Middle School Principal Tyler Bartlett reported that while the regular eighth grade graduation trip to Outlaw Ranch was not possible, the staff were brainstorming other options to celebrate the students' last year before high school.

Newcastle Elementary School Principal Brandy Holmes also reported that the school plans to have track and field days and a trip to Watiki,

allowing the elementary school students to have some of the activities they missed out on last year.

Students aren't the only ones in the community who will benefit from the relaxation of COVID-19 regulations for the school district. During the meeting, the district's recreation director, Teresa Gross, was given permission to move forward with allowing parties to return to the Kozisek Aquatic Center.

Gross reported that several people had asked for parties, and LaCroix said that with the waiver for the school district, no motion was needed to once again allow events at the pool.

The school district's gym had opened late last year, along with the pool for swim lessons and open swim. Gross reported that in February, 640 people had accessed the gym, up from an average of 400 to 500 a month, while some 360 kids used the pool during the same period.

According to LaCroix, the district moving past the guidelines was an exciting moment, offering a sense of normalcy that had been gone for a year. Despite the excitement, he said that the waiver to the guidelines was dependent on the number of COVID-19 cases in the county.

"These (the waiver to the guidelines) can change if the number of COVID-19 cases were to increase in the county," LaCroix said. "This is a focus on full-fledge personal protection."

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Our View

The extra effort is noticed and appreciated

We want to extend appreciation and thanks to the Newcastle City Council for their efforts to set up and run a Zoom link for the council meeting on April 5, at the request of the *News Letter Journal*.

During the heat of the COVID-19 pandemic, several boards switched to

online avenues for meetings, providing easy access for those wishing to stay up to date on local government. This access was especially appreciated by us at the newspaper and the continued use of the online options by other boards, including Weston County School District No. 1, Weston County Health Services and the Local

Emergency Planning Committee, does not go unnoticed.

Having the ability to listen to those meetings and provide the most up-to-date information to the public as quickly as possible is essential in the transparency of not only local but state government as well. As technology changes and grows, the ability to

provide these options only gets easier and we are happy to see Newcastle and Weston County boards embracing the advances.

We know there is extra effort and planning associated with hosting meetings via Zoom and it is crucial that you understand that we notice and appreciate it.

Gordon and the legislature deserve recognition

This week, the legislature passed the supplemental budget. The legislature passes a budget like this every legislative session, but this particular year's bill was especially closely watched.

With Wyoming wrestling with a decline in government revenue, this year's bill is an especially important legislative decision on whether and how to address the decline in government funds. The bill passed this week

resulted in spending cuts of approximately \$430 million, continuing the legislature's recent history of favoring cuts to spending over new or increased sources of revenue. Since around 2015, the legislature has reduced the state budget by over \$1 billion.

This most recent round of spending cuts was made easier by the work of Gov. Mark Gordon. The budget passed by the legislature was largely based on the budget recommendations

submitted by the governor's office. The governor's serious consideration of the state's financial picture and what it would take to keep us on sound fiscal footing certainly helped lead the way and convinced legislators that these cuts were necessary. Budget cuts are always difficult for legislators, as most programs are easy to support.

However, our declining state revenues mean that even good programs must sometimes face reduced funding. Just as all of us must make decisions on what good and necessary things to spend our money on, the state also has to make decisions that sometimes result in good programs losing revenue. It is an unfortunate, but necessary, choice that the legislature must make.

Gov. Gordon's support for these necessary decisions resulted in cuts that were well-considered and minimized disruption to state

government. It is a testament to the good work of the governor's office that, even after both houses considered and voted on the state budget, the final result is still so close to the governor's initial recommendation.

Unfortunately, even with this year's budget cuts, the state's fiscal issues are not solved. These were a necessary and prudent step, but they do not fix our ongoing structural deficit. Either more cuts or new revenue streams will be needed for a long-term balanced budget. These cuts show that the governor — and the legislature that largely adopted his recommendations — is serious about getting us to a permanent financial solution. That should be applauded. Fortunately, we still have funds in our state "rainy day" account to allow the legislature and the governor time to make the further decisions necessary to address our revenue shortfalls.

This legislative session also saw the legislature make other financial decisions for our state. Many of those decisions came from bills that did not pass. For example,

even though it progressed further than ever before, the legislature again declined to pursue Medicaid expansion. Although this year's bill was written such that it would have had triggers and potential withdrawal from the program based on the levels of federal funding received, it still was unable to gain the support necessary to pass.

Other bills aimed at raising revenue also failed. One bill that would have allowed initial work to begin on evaluating tolling Interstate 80 was laid back and appears to be dead. Other legislation would have instituted an increase in the state sales tax once the funds in our state education accounts drops below a certain level. This also failed, but not until substantial discussion had occurred. Education funding remains the elephant in the room when it comes to our state budget, and I would not be surprised if the sales tax bill is introduced again and is seriously considered in the future.

The level of consideration on the sales tax bill suggests that, if the legislature ever does consider broad based funding increases, an increase

in the state sales tax is a likely first step. It would be simple to implement, especially compared to taxes like an individual or corporate income tax, and even though all Wyomingites would bear part of the burden, most of the revenue still comes from large industrial sources. I would not be surprised to see a sales tax increase of 0.5% or 1% in the not-distant future.

In sum, the governor and legislature this session made some of the hard decisions that are necessary in our current financial situation. Gordon especially is deserving of recognition, as his work in developing a fiscally conservative budget recommendation was well enough considered that the legislature made very few changes before passing the supplemental budget. Even though the budget cuts sometimes touch good programs, they were necessary for our financial well-being and are a step in the right direction for our long-term stability. More work will be needed in the future, but the decisions made in this session put us closer to a fiscally sustainable future.

Fundamental fairness: statehood for Washington, D.C.?

The introduction of HR51, a bill to make Washington, D.C., the 51st state — the "Washington,

Douglas Commonwealth" — would grant its 700,000 residents the same rights enjoyed by Americans in every other state — full voting representation in Congress.

This historic measure has triggered intense political and partisan controversy because, if enacted, the likely result would be the election of representatives who are Democratic, black and urban in their orientation.

Make no pretense about what is at stake for the balance of power on Capitol Hill. The election of two Democratic senators would tip the balance of power in Washington where many, and perhaps most, decisions are grounded in political and party considerations. That is why this proposal, which plumbs the depths of the very foundational issues that ignited the American Revolution, requires members of Congress to summon their better angels and address the fundamental question of fairness.

Thomas Paine, among other hyper patriots who articulated the grand cause of revolution against England, famously declared, "No taxation without representation." The rationale behind the rallying cry of the revolution was, to the colonists, a matter of fundamental fairness: They should not be required to pay taxes to England without the right to elect representatives to Parliament.

Imagine circumstances in our time in which Wyoming residents would be forced to pay their share of taxes, demonstrate their patriotism and defense of country by serving in war, work to

build and sustain their communities and, in general, bear the obligations and duties of citizenship, all the while denied the right to vote for members of the House and Senate. Would they hear the voice of Thomas Paine? Would they wonder why they had been stripped of their fundamental right to hold government accountable and, even more fundamentally, the right consent to government that, in reality, is why citizens feel obliged to obey the law in the first place? James Wilson, second in importance only to James Madison as an architect of our Constitution, expressed

the view that the binding power of law flowed from the continuous assent of the subjects of law; the view "that the only reason why a free and independent man was bound by human laws was this — that he bound himself."

Is it to be imagined that the free and independent residents of Wyoming, the very descendants of those who founded the state and recognized before all others the value and importance of equal rights, and lit the way for women's suffrage, that they would endure denial of the fundamental right of representation?

The freedom-loving, independent citizens of Wyoming could hardly contemplate life under such circumstances. Yet, this is the plight of freedom-loving citizens in Washington, D.C. — all 712,000 of them, more than the number of Americans who live in Wyoming, Vermont and Alaska, and comparable to the number of people who live in North Dakota and South Dakota.

Partisanship has its place in the life of American politics, to be sure, but there are moments when it must yield to the greater demands of leadership and the principles of statesmanship. The creation of the Douglas Commonwealth, the 51st state, is such a moment, unless we are to surrender ourselves to self-serving and arbitrary interests that are foreign to the cause of republicanism. Constitutional concerns and

objections to the measure, grounded in the Admissions Clause, the District and Federal Enclaves Clause and the 23rd Amendment, may be adequately addressed by resort to provisions in the text of the Constitution.

The Admissions Clause, Article IV, Section 3, authorizes Congress to admit new states into the Union. This provision vests Congress with broad discretion and does not specify a procedure for granting statehood. Congressional methods for admitting states have varied considerably. In addition, there have been no significant challenges to congressional acts granting statehood, and the Supreme Court has said that the judiciary may generally not review the political actions of the political departments.

The only significant prerequisite in the Admissions Clause is that states must adopt a constitution to comply with the Article IV "guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government." There is an explicit textual limitation regarding the admission of a state, that no new state may be formed within the jurisdiction of another state, but that does not apply to HR51.

The District and Federal Enclaves Clause, found in Article 1, section 8, clause 17, provides that Congress has "exclusive" legislative authority and plenary power, the courts have told us, over the enclaves that it has created, including the District of Columbia, so long as it does not exceed ten miles square. There is no explicit provision requiring Congress to maintain a minimum size for the District of Columbia and, in fact, Congress has on various occasions acted, with the approval of the Supreme Court, to reduce the size of the district. While it is true that the framers of the Constitution wanted Congress to establish a federal district, it is clear that they wanted Congress to determine the appropriate size and place of the District.

Some have argued that granting statehood to D.C. might violate the

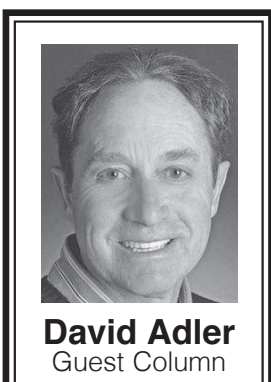
23rd Amendment (1961), which grants the District three electoral votes. The fact that HR51 will greatly reduce the size and population of the District, essentially confining it to the White House, the Capitol Building and a few other buildings, is of no moment since the Enclaves Clause requires no minimum size for the District. The newly-minted Commonwealth will exercise the three electoral votes previously exercised by the District. The factual circumstances inherent in the creation of the new state and the reduction of the size of the district, leaving only a few residents with voting rights, including the president, have essentially rendered the 23rd Amendment a dead letter. But there is nothing unconstitutional in the act of exercising plenary congressional power to change the size of district, or in creating a new state, and thus nothing unconstitutional in cutting the ground from beneath the 23rd Amendment. In fact, HR51 will repeal the statute — 3 U.S.C. section 21 — that provides for the District's participation in federal elections, leaving it without appointed Electors. To tidy up matters, the measure provides expedited procedures for repealing the 23rd Amendment.

Throughout American history, congressional leaders have recognized the need to expand voting representation in order to satisfy the Spirit of 1776, and fulfill the premise and promise of our democracy. The extension of equal rights to citizens in Washington, D.C. will carry on the best of America's traditions — the commitment to fundamental fairness.


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Inyan Kara DAR Chapter History

Submitted by Maxine Kaul

Inyan Kara Chapter, 7004 WY, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was organized the 30th of April 1921 in Newcastle, Wyo., by Mrs. Jessie Berry Webster, organizing regent. There were 12 ladies who had proved their documentation and as many more working on their applications. The membership included ladies from Osage and Upton, Wyo., as well. Mrs. Webster was elected regent.

The chapter name, "Inyan Kara," came from Inyan Kara Mountain which is located north and west of Newcastle going toward Sundance, Wyo. It was a landmark for many, and Gen. George Armstrong Custer once camped on the summit. Evidence of that incident remained for many years. "Inyan Kara" means "A Mountain within a Mountain."

The ladies met in members' homes. Unlike other organizations that had their own meeting place, the DAR did not and still does not. We meet in the respective city libraries for the most part. The Inyan Kara ladies in those early days were very much a part of the community doing their good works for the Society and involved in civic projects. We do our good works to the best of our abilities and are now visible. We do not dress up in our best dresses and white gloves and hold teas and fundraisers as did our sisters many years ago as reported in the old newspapers. It looks like fun, and perhaps we should try it!

Inyan Kara Chapter has placed two commemorative plaques that we are aware of. We have not seen either one. One was placed on the sandstone grave marker at Hank Mason's grave in upper Beaver Creek Canyon some 20-plus miles north of Newcastle. The gentleman was killed by a bear in 1893. The other one was placed on the Church at Inyan Kara. The building was moved to Sundance and remodeled into a home. Numerous attempts have been made to see the plaque and we have been unable to do so. Inyan Kara was a thriving little community for quite a few years during the homestead days. All that remains is the cemetery.

When Maxine Kaul became a member, Betty Urdike and Belle Hester (now Watts) were holding the chapter together. Gillette, Wyo., now shared the chapter identification. Barb Konings was the treasurer and Margaret Ferguson the sec-

retary. Sometimes there were only four ladies in attendance; Betty was the registrar and worked overtime to get members their documentation.

Most of our activities center on veterans. We gather toiletries, books, puzzle books, clothing, and other items to take to Sheridan, Wyo. We send birthday, Valentine, Veterans Day and Christmas cards to the 85 residents at the Veteran Home of Wyoming in Buffalo, Wyo. We also do the same for veteran residents of Mondell Heights Retirement Home and Weston County Manor in Newcastle. We have sent cards and 11 comfort blankets to Landsdahl Army in Germany and to Walter Reed Hospital in Maryland. This year we have sent three boxes to the anysoldier.com, a website that randomly picked female recipients. We participate in the Naturalization Ceremonies in federal court in Gillette. There are usually two but sometimes three. We give them a token of friendship, the regent gives a talk, and along with the American Legion Auxiliary host a reception.

Bobbie Jo Tysdal of Newcastle has served in various offices throughout the years. She now chairs the Good Citizens and Outstanding History students in seven schools. They are Newcastle, Gillette, Upton, Wright, Hulett, Sundance, and Moorcroft.

Inyan Kara has three honorary state regents: Marjorie Sutherland Hays, 1864-1966; Betty Brill Urdike, 1988-1990, and Belle Reeves Hester (now Watts), 1996-1998.

Belle Reeves Hester Watts (Texas) served on the DAR Speakers Staff.

Maxine Kaul of Newcastle has served several terms as charter regent and is an honorary chapter regent. She has served as vice president, secretary, registrar,

chaplain, and historian for the chapter and state chaplain for four years, 2007-2010. She serves as state chairman of Women's Issues for 2010-2012

DAR Sisters

Here is a list of known burials of DAR Sisters buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Newcastle

- Ida Anderson
- Margaret Babbage
- Marie Broby
- Florence Coles
- Gertrude Davis
- Margaret Dodge
- Margery Hayes
- Jennie Kirkwood
- Stella Mann
- Pansy Mikesell
- Laura Roberts
- Yvonne Sedgewick
- Martha Wiltse
- Patricia Smith
- Minnie Graham

Known burials of DAR Sisters buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Upton:
 Sarah Durkee

Since there were members in Upton, Osage, Moorcroft, and Gillette, there are sisters in all the cemeteries. The organization meets solely in Gillette at this time, and is active. There are five members in Newcastle.

DAR scrapbooks and history can be found at the Anna Miller Museum in Newcastle.

Megan Tabler of Gillette has paged at every state conference since 2004, served as junior membership committee chairman 2011-2012, and Seimes Microfilm Center Committee chairman for four years. She is currently regent of Inyan Kara Chapter but has also served as registrar and chaplain.

Irene Tunnell of Newcastle has been secretary for the past 10 years and helps with every project that comes along.

Carol Chadwick of Gillette is our new secretary. Carol also sends cards to the Buffalo veteran's home residents and takes care of the overseas packages.

JoLynn Petterson is currently and for the past two years serving as treasurer. She also takes care of the Gillette Street flower-bed project. The city provides the flowers and organizations plant and care for the displays. The DAR display is out on U.S. Highway 79 south near Dalbey Park in Gillette.

Barb Konings of Colorado tutors English to students and adults.

Cynthia Decker of Gillette helps with the flower garden.

Newcastle members presently inactive are Patricia Smith, Georgia Fisher, and Margaret Ferguson. Gillette members who are inactive are Jerri Moriarty, served as vice regent and regent, Trudi Wilson, a past treasurer, Bette Smith (a nurse who comes when she can), LaVonna Shank, Tessa Peters, Marcia Philips, and Maurine Bietz.

Members residing out of state are

— See DAR Page 6

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Daily Devotional Reading

Apr. 9 Hosea 4:11-5:15	Apr. 13 Hosea 11:12-12:14
Apr. 10 Hosea 9:1-16	Apr. 14 Hosea 13:1-16
Apr. 11 Hosea 9:17-10:15	Apr. 15 Hosea 14:1-9
Apr. 12 Hosea 11:1-11	<i>Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society</i>

- **ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH:** Rev. Norm Brotzman, 216 S. Seneca, 746-2249. Call to Worship 9:30 am; Children's Church during Call to Worship; Faith Rally Sunday 6 pm
- **BAHA'I FAITH:** Firesides (Open to All) 1st & 3rd Fridays 7:30 pm at 15 Skyview Dr, 746-3626
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- **CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH:** Rev. Wendy Owens, S. Summit & Winthrop Streets. 746-9684. haydishall@hotmail.com. Service times: Sunday 10 am
- **CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH:** 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; Celebrate Recovery (18+) & Undeclared Youth (Infant- 12th Grade) Wednesday 6:00 pm
- **CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Brian Hess, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5 pm; Sunday Mass 8 am; Weekday Mass 7 am
- **COUNTRY CHURCH:** Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley and Micah Popma, 746-9712. Worship 10 am
- **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:** Pastor Gary Anderson, 903 S. Summit, 746-2188. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Evening Service 6 pm;

AWANA Clubs Wednesday 6:30 pm

- **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Brenda Torrie, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Adult Bible Study 8:45 am; Traditional Church Services 10:00 am; 10:15 am Children's Church; Youth Group Sunday evenings 5:30-7 pm
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- **NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sun. Worship 10 am; Wed. Night Prayer
- **OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH:** 348 Sheridan St. in Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm
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- **SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST:** Pastor Lester Bently 612-240-7536, 78 Old Hwy 85, Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11 am
- **ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Brian Hess, Upton. Sunday Mass 5 pm
- **UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Rev. Michael Paschall, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Worship 9 am; Fellowship 10 am
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A PIECE OF HISTORY

25 Years Ago April 11, 1996

Public opinion may force a reduction in the number of Weston County Commissioners from five to three. A petition has been circulating in Newcastle, Upton, Osage and the Four Corners area to have this issue on the ballot in November. The commissioners acknowledge that it is an issue of some importance to the public.

Byron and Barbara Swigart of Port Townsend, Wash., and Lonnie and Loa Dickinson of Newcastle are pleased to announce the engagement of their children Brenda Swigart and Tony Dickinson.

Riders and volunteers are needed for the St. Jude Children's Hospital bike-athon May 11, 1996. The ride lasts from 9 a.m. to noon and starts from the Educational Service Center.

Fans of vocal harmony and western poetry will have an opportunity to enjoy a live

performance by some local artists at 7:30, April 13. The Newcastle Lions' Club will be hosting their third Annual Variety Show at that time in the Crouch Auditorium at Newcastle High School.

The students at Kitty Moats Elementary School will be presenting their Spring program, Monday, April 15 at 7 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the school.

On March 27 in Gillette, the Northeast Regional Speech and Parliamentary contests were held. FFA members from Sheridan, Buffalo, Clearmont, Casper, Moorcroft, Wright, Hulett, Douglas and Newcastle competed for the right to represent our region at the state competition to be held in conjunction with the State FFA Leadership Conference April 11-13. John Hansen won first in the Extemporaneous with Dessa Taylor placing second.

A total of 2,354 students from 65 schools are entered

in the 36th annual Inter-High School Scholastic Contest at Chadron State College Friday, April 12. Forty-seven of them will be from Newcastle.

The Blotter: March 23 — A muskrat was reported by a convenience store. Four-five head of sheep were out on Hwy 16. March 28 — Two domestic geese were found at the refinery. A malamute named "Yukon" escaped from his yard.

50 Years Ago April 8, 1971

Sherry Jean Kennedy, the reigning Miss Weston County, will give her farewell Saturday evening, April 10, as the fifth annual Miss Weston County Scholarship Pageant reaches its climax with the crowning of "Miss Weston County 1971."

The annual Easter egg hunt for children of the Newcastle area will be Saturday, Apr. 10. The scramble for eggs will start at 1 in the afternoon at Dow Park in west Newcastle.

The hunt is sponsored by the Newcastle Lions Club.

The Newcastle high school awards banquet will be held Saturday, Apr. 24, at the Gertrude Burns School.

Police Chief Robert Pease has announced the hiring of Larry Thorpe as a policeman for the Newcastle Department. Thorpe, 24, has had one and one half years of police experience and completed a law enforcement academy in Texas and attended several seminars.

Charles Clark of Newcastle suffered head lacerations, bruises and abrasions in a two-vehicle accident Monday afternoon. Clark's pickup was hit broadside at the intersection of U.S. 16 and Oil City road near Osage by a car driven by Gary R. Simmons of Osage.

The 21st annual Fiddler's Frolic has been scheduled in Newcastle on Saturday, Apr. 24. The Frolic will be held at the Odd Fellows Hall with a dance to follow.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Alexander called on Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Nelson on Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bullard and family spent Sunday at dinner and snowmobiling at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Gose and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Watt and Lynnea and Joe were overnight guests on Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Watt and family at Torrington.

Mrs. Mike Clyde and sons of Moorcroft and Mrs. Roy Glenn Julius and Janet and Jerry were in Newcastle on business Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean L. Fulk of Newcastle announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Jane, to James Russell Wesley, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Elmo Wesley of Oshoto.

100 Years Ago April 7, 1921

Carl John of Newcastle, who with his wife is visiting relatives in Palisades, Colo., narrowly escaped death last Friday morning when a three ton truck in which he, with his nephew, Theodore Musgrave, were hauling four-inch pipe, crashed thru a bridge and dropped twenty feet to rocks in the river bed below, landing just on the water's edge. Both the men received terrific shock from the fall and were badly jolted up, each being so severely shaken that they were quite lame and unable to work in the afternoon, although so far as was known neither man received injuries that are serious.

Wyoming's new law enforcement department, created by the legislature of 1921, began functioning Saturday morning under the direction of A.S. Roach, state commissioner of law enforcement. At the same time the state prohibition department passed out of existence, its work being taken over by the law enforcement department.

With the bit resting on the Muddy sand at 925 feet on the Howell lease three miles south of Newcastle, citizens are waiting with keen interest the outcome of operations which will be resumed this morning after a shut-down of two days waiting for the arrival of stockholders of the company.

J.G. Maughan was called to Moorcroft one day this week on legal business. Valentine Kirk, who has been sick for several days, is reported to be greatly improved.

Geo. R. Stuart arrived Friday from Minneapolis and has gone to his homestead at Hampshire. It is reported that the county hospital which is being fitted across the tracks will be opened about the 10th of this month.

The American Legion Dance was well attended last Saturday night and an enjoyable time is reported by everyone.

Florence Hamm finished threshing last Tuesday. Bill and Arthur Crossley made a business trip to the Q.S. ranch last week.

The Field boys made a trip to Newcastle last week after a horse which they recently bought.



Courtesy of Weston County Historical Society/Ruth Griffin Collection

This picture was taken in 1912 or 1913 in Upton in front of the old school building. Ruth Foltz Griffin is on the left, and Maxine Foltz Pridgeon is on the right.

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— Brenna and Shane

WHAT'S UP April 2021

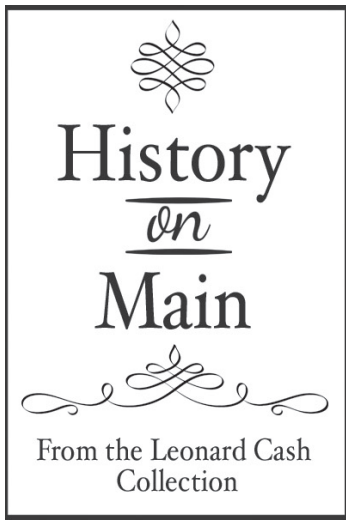
Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

Apr. 5-9	9-5PM	WC Library Used Book Sale	WC Library
Fri Apr. 9	10AM 5:30PM	Mabel Hinz Retirement Celebration BINGO	WC Library VFW Hall
Mon Apr. 12	6:30PM	WC Fair Board	Fairgrounds, WC Event Center
Tues Apr. 13	10:30AM 3PM 6PM	Alzheimers/Dementia Support WC Natural Resource District Mtg WC Humane Society	Zoom Location TBD Shelter
Wed Apr. 14	6:30-8:30AM	Wellness Wednesday	WCHS
Thurs Apr. 15	6PM 6PM 7:30PM	WCHS Board of Trustees MTG Veteran's Memorial Meeting Masons #13	WCHS Four Square Church Masonic Hall
Apr. 15-18	7PM	Preacher in the Patch	Fairgrounds, WC Event Center

For the Ages

News Letter Journal

First State Bank moves to its final location



Hannah Gross
NLJ Correspondent
With Leonard Cash

After six weeks of diving into the history of First State Bank when it was located in the Mondell building on the corner across the street from present-day Cashbox Ceramics, historian Leonard Cash brings its story to a close with the seventh installment of this "History on Main" series.

Starting with a *News Letter Journal* article from Sept. 27, 1951, we have a change of ownership. Jack Deveraux of Montana purchased the majority interest in the bank and was taking charge on Nov. 1. He grew up in western South Dakota and graduated from the University of Nebraska. He served in the U.S. Army, including during World War II, before beginning his banking career with First National Bank in Fairfield, Montana. He worked for various banks in Montana before moving to Newcastle. Although Cunningham and Hurtt were retiring from the board, Deveraux planned to operate the bank under the

same policies.

When Hurtt began working for the bank in 1924, capital stock was \$15,000, but since that time, it had grown to reserves of over \$245,000, and deposits increased during the nearly three-decade span to a total of approximately \$4 million. Hurtt and his associates were "deeply grateful" to the community for "splendid co-operation" in making that growth possible and gave his full support and confidence to the Deveraux leadership.

By June 19, 1952, a new sidewalk in front of the bank was being constructed by Julius Construction Co. because the old one had been condemned by the city.

More changes for the bank took place around March 12, 1953, but this time, the remodels were done to the interior. The high ceiling was lowered, and V.C. Thompson was in charge of the interior work.

Not long after, the April 16, 1953, issue of the paper reported that a contract was awarded to Harold Julien to add a second story to the bank building, which was at the time occupied by Lundberg's Barber shop, Cap 'n' Bottle, Yellowstone Drilling Co. and the Club Café. The second story was to be made of brick and block, containing four air-conditioned and heated offices.

By the end of the month, around April 30, 1953, the "magnificent" clock that stood outside of the bank for 30 years was permanently removed.

Deveraux, who had assumed the role of bank president, announced in the March 4, 1954, *News Letter Journal* that First State Bank purchased a



Photo courtesy of Leonard Cash

After standing outside the bank for 30 years, First State Bank's clock was permanently removed in April of 1953.

lot 50 feet by 140 feet on Sumner Avenue behind the Berry Hotel for a new bank (Cash said this is the present location of the bank).

According to a news report from June 3, 1954, the contract had been awarded to Fulton Construction Co. of Douglas, and the excavation began for the 50-by-100-foot bank building, including a basement.

By the end of the year, on Nov. 25, 1954, the paper reported that the bank was officially opening for business in its new building on Monday morning, Nov. 29. It had called the Mondell location its home for 24 years.

With a new building came a new schedule. Instead of closing at noon for lunch

during the week, the bank was to remain open during that hour, although a lunch break was to still remain intact on Saturdays. The public was invited to attend the open house on Monday. The 5,000-square-foot building was three times the size of the other, including half of a basement with two rental rooms. It had a modernistic design with over-the-teller counters, which had a new type of sloping front and micarta tops. The walls were covered in vinyl plastic wall tile, which was considered a new material in that day, and the lobby and vestibule were covered in ceramic tile. The director's room had actual pigskin leather tile. Twenty-six people were employed at the bank when

it opened in its new building, 21 of whom were women, according to the article.

The same issue of the paper reported that an extensive remodeling of the old bank building was taking place, which when completed, was going to house Newcastle Men's Store (formerly in the Berry Hotel building). A new front with a display window was built, and later it was reported that the store had moved in around December.

That concludes the history of First State Bank in the Mondell building. Because Cash already did a series on First State Bank a few years ago, next week he will move on to the small buildings located behind the bank.

Senior Happenings

WC Senior Services

FRIDAY Apr 9

Exercise Room	8AM
Walking	8-12
Belton	9-11
Rolls	9AM
Bridge	1PM

MONDAY Apr 12

Exercise Class	9AM
Exercise Room	8-12
Walking	8-12

TUESDAY Apr 13

Exercise Room	8AM
Walking	8-12
Dominos	1PM
Bridge	1PM

WEDNESDAY Apr 14

Exercise Class	9AM
Exercise Room	8-12
Walking	8-12

THURSDAY Apr 15

TOPS #218	7AM
Exercise Room	8AM
Walking	8-12

WHAT'S UP CALENDAR

Send your events to design@newslj.com for the News Letter Journal's weekly What's Up Calendar

DAR from Page 4

Margarett An Landholm and Eddie Moody in Nebraska, Leslie Breaux in Oregon, Joan Madrid in Colorado, Anne Kaul and Ruth Schimming in South Dakota, Cassandra Heringer in Texas, Sandra Matthews in Arkansas, Gean Wassman in Montana, and Marilyn Dorr in California. Wyoming residents not in Newcastle or Gillette are Lory Palm and Jane Norman.

We had two centurions until Christmas Day in 2011, when Frances Mead Lovelace (Washington) passed. She was a member of our chapter since 1934. Ruth Schimming resides in South Dakota, the mother of Maurine Bietz and Marilyn Dorr. Other members we lost to death in the past years are Marian Bock (Osage, Wyo.), Denise Mundschenk (Michigan), Marian Reeves (Arizona), and Betty Updike (Arizona) in 2011. Jo Shackelford and Madeline Worden did not renew a few years ago.

Our Chapter has 34 members at present. We are hindered by distance sometimes and weather. It seems that most meetings are in Gillette. We have yearbooks. We follow the order of business. We utilize the American Spirit Magazine and always read the President General's message. Our mascot, Patriotic Parry, a white bear dressed in red, white, and blue, leads us in singing God Bless America.

We participate in as many national programs as possible and support them monetarily to the best of our ability. We have had programs depicting presidents, the flag, and other interesting issues. Some of our members are involved in parades in Gillette on the 4th of July that honors returning soldiers.

Inyan Kara hosted a state conference in 1990, and co-hosted with Sheridan Chapter in 2010 in Sheridan.

Mrs. Jessie Berry Webster presented a beautiful chapter flag to Inyan Kara with the Newcastle, Osage and Upton cities embroidered on it. We have displayed it at conferences.

Our 2012 officers are Megan Tabler, regent, Maxine Kaul, vice president, Irene Tunnell, chaplain, JoLynn Petterson, treasurer; Carol Chadwick, secretary, and Maxine Kaul, registrar and historian. All the committees have not been filled. Our dates to remember such patriotic holidays and important deadlines are listed in our yearbooks as in the NSDAR Mission Statement. The Mission of the Daughters of the American Revolution is to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism. We work very hard to do this. Our Motto: God Home and Country! We can do no less.



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Inyan Kara Chapter, 7004 WY, National Society Daughters of American Revolution will celebrate their 100th anniversary in Newcastle on April 30th.

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Dances are back!



Clockwise from top right: Sandy and Marvin Herman; dancers have plenty of room for twirls and dips; Mary Ann Bourne of Gillette and Howard Craft; Bill Anderson croons while Matt Sharp plays bass; Kim Zehner of Gillette with Louie Doell.



For the first time since COVID-19 hit, the Weston County Senior Center hosted Bill Haley and the Western Ramblers in the main hall. Couples took to the dance floor while the band played a varied selection of country, gospel, and even a bit of rock-a-billy tunes for the audience's enjoyment. Midway through the concert a potluck dinner was also savored. People could dine on fried chicken and other entrées, then enjoy dessert. The dance took place from 7 to 10 p.m. The next dance is scheduled for April 30 at 7 p.m. at the senior center, located at 627 Pine Street in Newcastle. Although not all activities have resumed at the senior center, some have including exercise classes, Dominoes, and hearing aid clinics. See the calendar on Page 6 for more information.



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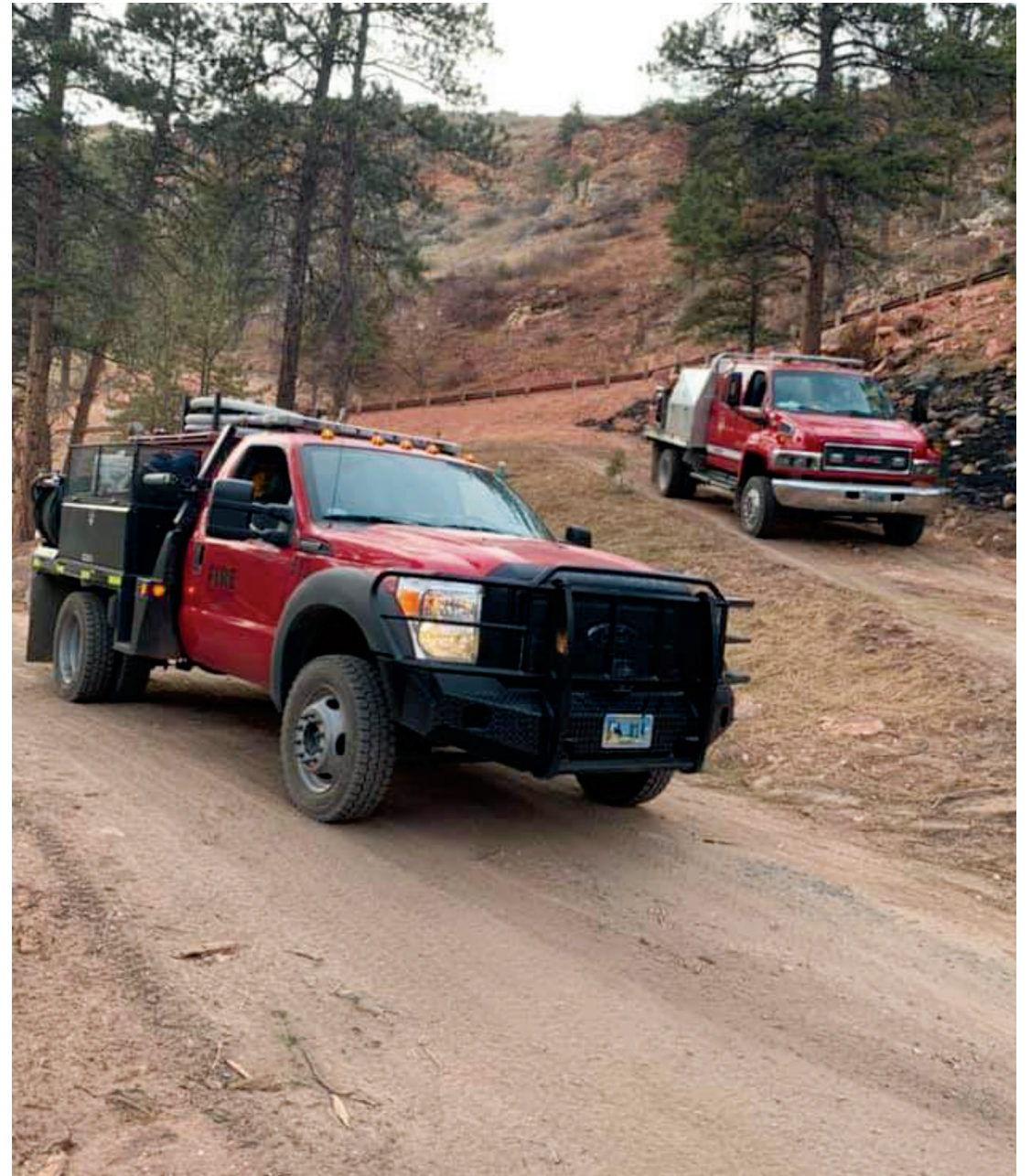
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Weston County Engine 513 joined another Wyoming engine out of Evansville last week to assist with the Schroeder fire near Rapid City, S.D.

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this week, as the fire has reached 100% containment," he said.

Aiding on the fire near Rapid City isn't the only activity the Weston County Fire District has responded to in the past two weeks. According to Tysdal, units have deployed to four slash-pile fires.

"Two had escaped and were actively burning, while the other two were noticed quickly enough and called in that we were able to suppress them in the pile, before they escaped," Tysdal said. "Although it sounds like tomorrow (Tuesday) may bring some relief with cooler temperatures and hopefully some much-needed precipitation, we had been cautioning folks about the dangerous conditions currently in Weston County."

Tysdal is urging residents to not burn under the current dangerous conditions and to remember to check piles that had been burned over the winter to ensure that they are completely extinguished.

"Weston County is in a pattern of warm temperatures, low humidity and gusty winds," Tysdal said. "Early-spring wildfires can be catastrophic and extremely expensive to suppress. ... As we have witnessed this past week, just a few miles from us in South Dakota! Please use common sense and don't burn during these dry conditions."

The Schroeder Fire

The Schroeder fire was detected on March 29, 4 miles west of Rapid City, South Dakota, according to the Incident Information System's Schroeder fire information. Multiple neighborhoods were threatened, and residents were evacuated.

Engine 513 joined several area departments, the South Dakota National Guard and The Rocky Mountain Area Blue Team on the fire. On April 1 and 2, most residents who were evacuated were able to return to their homes and the Rocky Mountain Area Incident Command Team Blue transferred command back to a local Type 3 management organization on April 5.

By the time of 100% containment, the Schroeder Fire had burned 2,224 acres with mop up and suppression repair still needed.

Weston County's fire danger is designated as "high," and Tysdal said that receiving enough beneficial moisture is the only way that danger will subside.

Preacher from Page 1.....

said. "We're all about really encouraging people. ... I am tired of seeing people live a sad life. There's no reason for it. God is so good; we just don't trust him."

With all of the downcast spirits due to COVID-19 and the election results, regardless of which side of the fence people sit on, Evitt said, he wanted people to laugh and smile again. He has also held an annual event in North Dakota that usually hosts 400 people, but that number was doubled this year.

"We're thinking that people are ready to get out of the house ... and see something positive," Evitt said.

Preacher in the Patch has visited Newcastle in previous years and was scheduled to come last year until the pandemic shut everything down.

"Ron just loves the Newcastle community," Roland said. "The community of Newcastle has been awesome to work with."

This is the 82nd Preacher in the Patch event in 21 years, and as a graduate of the University of Wyoming in petroleum engineering, Evitt said he loves coming to Wyoming and the Newcastle area specifically.

His uncle Norm French used to own and operate KASL radio nearly 50 years ago, and Evitt remembers helping out at the station as a young boy. His brother Russell coined the phrase "if you listen once, we gotcha" to encourage people to tune in.

Evitt tried to have oil field Bible studies, but he said that if anyone knows anything about the oil field culture, the Bible and oil fields don't often go together. He decided that instead of waiting for them to join his study, he would bring the study to them.

And that's when Preacher in the Patch was born. The idea started during Evitt's prison ministry in North Dakota, which he has done since 1988 when he felt called to radio ministry.

"I just felt the Lord wanted me to go on the radio," he said.

He began doing 90-second radio advertisements delivering a short message of hope, which he continues to this day, and eventually turned it into a gospel crusade event because he wanted to meet the people he was speaking to. Evitt wants people to know that God is there to help them

through life's trials and storms. He has seen that message of hope turn people who were formerly suicidal or addicted to drugs and alcohol into people serving the Lord, he said.

"I have seen the greatest turnarounds," Evitt said.

Roland said he became a Christian 13 years ago at a Campus Crusade event, similar to Preacher in the Patch, and got involved with youth ministry, having a heart to serve communities and "the Lord first and foremost." It was at one of these youth events where he met the Evitt family, and he joined the team in November of last year. Roland said he appreciates the heart behind the program, as well as Evitt's love for God and people.

The event is free, and while masks and hand sanitizer will be provided, they are not required. If anyone is interested in knowing more about the program, visit the Facebook page and website preacherinthepatch.com or stop by the fairgrounds at 7 p.m. April 15-18 to see it for yourself.

"I'm just looking for someone who wants a great turnaround," Evitt said. "God can do it."

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4/9 JV/V Riverton HS H 4PM
4/10 JV/V Rawlins HS H NOON

NHS Ladies' Soccer
4/9 JV/V Riverton HS H 4PM
4/10 JV/V Rawlins HS H NOON

NHS Track
4/9 V9 Absaraka Expo A 11AM
4/16 V9 Glenrock A TBA
4/16 V9 Burns A TBA

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4/8 Douglas A 4:30PM

NMS Boys Soccer
4/8 Douglas A 5:45PM

UPTON:
UHS Track
4/9 Sundance A
4/23 Kaycee A

UMS Track
4/10 Spearfish A
4/23 Moorcroft A 10AM

On the hook

Cooked to perfection, fish is moist, tender, and has a delicate flavor. Cooking fish is not difficult if you know some basics. It is important to remember that fish will continue to cook even after it is removed from the heat, so you want to be careful not to over-cook it. Marinating can add flavor and moisture, but fish should only be marinated for about



Vicki Hayman
Extension Notes

an hour and not with an acidic tenderizer, making the fish mushy.

Fish can be divided into three flavor profiles: mild, medium, and full.

- Mild: Branzino, catfish, cod, flounder, haddock, hake, halibut, monkfish, orange roughy, perch, pollock, skate, sole, tilapia, walleye
- Medium: Arctic char, coho salmon, striped bass,

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Dogies step up in Wheatland

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

In only their second meet of the season, the Dogies' 1600 Sprint Medley Relay Team qualified for the 3A State Track meet last Thursday in Wheatland. Gunner and Grayson Ramsey, Tristan Troftgruben and Zach Purviance put together a great run to take second in just 3:50.30.

"We had a pretty good weekend and it was great that the medley relay qualified for state," head coach Chad Ostenson smiled. "We can mess around with the lineup a little bit, too, to see what we can put together going forward."

The Lady Dogie team is small but mighty, and all seven members improved in their performances over their first outing last week.

Shelby Tidyman outran 46 competitors to take second in the 100 Meter Dash in 13.56. She and a runner from Laramie crossed the finish line with only hundredths of a second separating first from second. Tidyman ended up a little short on the lean, therefore took second place.

"Shelby had a great day," Ostenson began. "She held her own against some pretty big schools, and she just leaned a little bit early at the tape of the

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Photo by Mark DeLap/Wyoming Newspapers, Inc.
Jaylen Ostenson clears a hurdle ahead of Douglas and Burns last Thursday in Wheatland. She dropped over a second off her time last week in Newcastle.

Ladies tie in conference opener

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

The Lady Dogies soccer team opened up conference play on April 1, and for the first time in the history of the sport, left Buffalo without letting the Lady Bison get the better of them. Though it wasn't a win, head coach Cami Willyard was pleased that her squad played even throughout 100 minutes of play.

"We've never been able to pull out a win against Buffalo, so it was awesome that we finally tied them during the season," she beamed. "I think if we

hadn't had the slow start we had, it might have ended even better."

There was some miscommunication between entities so Newcastle arrived in Buffalo under the assumption that the junior varsity squad would take the field first. They found upon arrival, however, that varsity was up first so Willyard and her crew worked quickly to get ready to go.

"We got them out and warmed up as quickly as we could, but started the game very slowly," she admitted. "We weren't winning any of the balls, we weren't challenging them, and it felt like we were just still on the bus."

The Lady Bison were able to get on the board in the first 15 minutes and had a 2-0 lead over the Lady Dogies by the half.

"They looked like they were just flying past us, and they were winning every ball," Willyard sighed. "It was a rough first half."

However, Newcastle got up to speed during the break and came out guns blazing. The Lady Dogies began stepping to the ball and winning more challenges, forcing the Lady Bison back on their heels for much of the second half.

"We looked like a completely different team, and it was definitely a

completely different game," Willyard declared. "We dominated the second half and though they still had some touches, they weren't as efficient because we didn't let them execute like they wanted to."

After the Lady Bison were able to get one more in five minutes after retaking the pitch to stretch their lead to 3-0, the Lady Dogies finally got on the board about 10 minutes into the second half when Gabby McVay entered the ball on a corner kick.

Caitlyn Pehringer maneuvered the

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yellowtail, red snapper, swordfish, grouper, trout
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How much fish should you serve? Generally, half a pound to three-quarters of a pound per person is a good serving size for fish.

When purchasing fish, it is important to recognize signs of freshness. If they are fresh, whole fish will appear as they were just pulled from the water; the flesh will be firm and the eyes will be bright. When buying fresh fish fillets or steaks, they should be firm and bright looking, with no brown spots, discoloration, or dryness. Pre-packaged steaks and fillets need to be wrapped tightly with no liquid and little or no air in the packages. When purchasing frozen fish, avoid packages with signs of frost or ice crystals since the seafood may have thawed and been refrozen.

Fresh fish should have a mild aroma. Any fishy or strong flavors mean the fish is past its prime; do not buy it! And certainly do not buy it if it smells like ammonia.

Fresh fish should be used within two days of purchase; it's very perishable. If you can't use it within that time-frame, you can cook the fish so it will keep for another two days. If you will not cook the fish within two days, wrap the fish well in freezer paper and freeze it. In our area, most fish that you buy will be sold frozen. Keep it frozen until you're ready to cook it.

Defrost fish gradually, so cells are disturbed less and fewer juices leak out. Thawing fish overnight in the refrigerator is your best option. If you need to thaw fish quickly, here are safe options: seal the fish in plastic and allow it to soak in cold water for approximately one hour, or if you are in a hurry, you can microwave fish on the defrost setting. Be sure to only defrost to the point that the fish is still



File photo

icy but pliable. Cook fish as soon as it's partially thawed! Never refreeze fish.

Here is a great trick: thaw frozen fish in milk! Cover fish with fresh milk and place in refrigerator overnight. The fish will have an excellent fresh-caught taste. Discard the milk after the fish thaws.

Fish must be pulled from the fridge a minimum of 20 minutes prior to cooking to allow it to come to room temperature. Cooking fish directly from the cold will result in a dry outer flake, as cooking time will be prolonged in order to get the cold middle cooked. Do you want your fish to have a crisp, golden crust? If the surface of the fillet is wet, it'll steam, rather than sear, in the pan. So pat fillets dry with paper towels before you cook them. The secret to cooking all fish is using high heat for as short a time as possible. Start with the fish at slightly cooler than room temperature and a pre-heated very hot pan or grill.

To prevent overcooking, try these tips. Determine the thickness of your fish at its thickest point and then cook for about 10 minutes per inch, flipping it halfway through the cooking time. Pieces less than one-half-inch thick do not have to be turned over. The flesh of properly cooked fish should feel firm and turn from translucent to opaque or white, yet still be slightly translucent in the middle. If

deep-frying or cooking in the microwave, the 10-minute rule does not apply! When cooking fish in foil or in a sauce, you need to increase the total cooking time by five minutes. If cooking frozen fish that has not been defrosted, you will need to double the cooking time to 20 minutes per inch of thickness.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration suggests cooking fish to an internal temperature of 145°F. Buy a good instant-read food thermometer and use it! To cook fish that is slightly translucent in the center, remove the fish from the heat when its internal temperature reaches 138°F to 140°F. The fish will continue cooking with the retained heat if left to stand a few minutes prior to serving.

Another doneness test is to check the fish for flakiness. Insert the tip of a knife gently into the thickest part of the fish and twist. The flesh should begin to separate along the natural lines. Properly cooked fish appears opaque, but is still moist. Fish that flake easily may be overcooked. If the fish you are cooking has not been deboned, the meat should slightly resist removal from the bones instead of simply dropping off.

So...let's get cooking!

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Ladies

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ball into a dangerous position in the box, and Buffalo made a move to clear it but failed to get it past the 18 yard line. Pehringer took a nice, left-footed arcing shot that found its way into the back of the net for Newcastle's first goal of the contest.

The Lady Dogies then moved to within one after the Lady Bison committed a penalty outside the 18. Claire Beastron got the nod to take the penalty kick and the senior found the back of the net high up in the corner for her first goal of the season. Newcastle was now within striking distance of tying the game.

With 10 minutes remaining, Lara Lopez drew a foul inside the box and Beastron once again lined up for the opportunity to tie things up, and she stayed perfect on the day bringing the score to 3-3 with a low shot to the left side of the goal.

"Our bench stepped up big time giving us quality minutes in the second half," Willyard stated. "We also moved Claire from the wing to center midfield. She wasn't really getting through their outside backs so we wanted to see what she could do in the middle, and that changed the game for us."

For the final 10 minutes, Newcastle still

NHS Ladies' Soccer

Newcastle @ Buffalo 4/1/21 3-3
 Lara Lopez: 0-1 shot on goal
 Claire Beastron: 2-3 shots on goal
 Caitlyn Pehringer: 1-1 shot on goal
 Gabby McVay: 0-2 shots on goal
 MacKenzie Conzelman: 0-1 shot on goal
 McKenzie Rose: 0-1 shot on goal
 Angel Perez: 18 saves

dominated and kept pressing but couldn't get one more in to take the win during regulation.

Overtime consisted of two 10-minute halves, and according to Willyard, everyone was running out of gas so the remaining 20 minutes was a slugfest between the two teams.

However, Newcastle was able to grit it out and hold the Lady Bison scoreless to finish their first conference contest with a tie.

"We had to hold them off, but we also had opportunities to score, so it was a battle," Willyard said.

Junior goalkeeper Angel Perez did her part in holding the Lady Bison off the scoreboard with 18 saves on the day — six in the first half, six in the second and six in overtime.

The Lady Dogies' home opener against Gering, Neb., was cancelled on Tuesday, but they will have back-to-back home contests on Friday and Saturday. They will host Riverton on Friday beginning at 4 p.m. and Rawlins on Saturday at noon.

Saturday is also slated for senior recognition and the ladies have a senior heavy crew to celebrate.

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NHS Track

Newcastle @ Wheatland Invite 4/1/21

Women's Individual Results:

- 100M:
2. Shelby Tidyman 13.56
200M:
8. Jaylen Ostenson 29.89
800M:
18. Tara Carter 3:26.27
1600M:
15. Tara Carter 7:05.01
100M Hurdles:
4. Jaylen Ostenson 17.45
300M Hurdles:
2. Jaylen Ostenson 51.45
Long Jump:
8. Shelby Tidyman 14-08.00
Shot Put:
2. Tiernan Stanton 34-03.00
22. Sierra Blaney 22-07.00
Discus:
2. Sierra Blaney 93-01
10. Jaylen Ostenson 75-09
18. Tiernan Stanton 67-00

Men's Individual Results

- 100M:
9. Dylan Drost 12.18
19. Holden McConkey 12.54
30. Zander White 12.84
55. Dillon Kenney 13.59
57. Robert Humes 13.67
76. 16.70
200M:
13. Holden McConkey 25.18
15. Dylan Drost 25.32
33. Zander White 27.03
51. Robert Humes 28.48
63. Nate Strickland 34.56
400M:
35. Dillon Kenney 1:04.43
800M:
3. Tristan Troftgruben 2:09.59
15. Bridger Alishouse 2:36.76
1600M:
15. Bridger Alishouse 5:18.34
300M Hurdles:
3. Dylan Drost 48.14
9. Grayson Ramsey 51.69
4x100M Relay: 47.23
5. Dylan Drost, Grayson Ramsey, Gunner Ramsey, Holden McConkey
4x400M Relay: 3:54.07
3. Gunner Ramsey, Grayson Ramsey, Tristan Troftgruben, Zach Purviance
1600M Sprint Medley Relay: 3:50.30 3AQ
2. Gunner Ramsey, Grayson Ramsey, Tristan Troftgruben, Zach Purviance
High Jump:
2. Gunner Ramsey 5-10
7. Zander White 5-04
Long Jump:
17. 16-10.50
Shot Put:
16. Alex Peterson 35-01.50
21. Braden Jenkins 33-04.50
22. Hogan Tystad 33-01.50
23. Travis Scribner 33-00
26. Killian Gorman 32-03.50
29. Leo Orban 30-07
30. Skylar Jenkins 30-06
33. Neil Whitney 29-01.50
35. Xavin Gallardo 28-00
36. Kalon VanGundy 27-09.25
Discus:
8. Skylar Jenkins 98-10
9. Braden Jenkins 95-10
13. Christian Santos 88-06
15. Hogan Tystad 87-06

300 Meter Hurdle with a second-place finish, also faster than her initial time posted in Newcastle.

"She didn't cut a ton of time off, but I think if we can get her more time in practice that will improve as well," Ostenson stated. "With a little more conditioning, she is tough enough to gut it out."

Ostenson also entered Jaylen in the 200 Meter Open to get a baseline of where she was in that race, and she finished eighth in 29.89.

Tiernan Stanton launched the shotput two feet further than her premier throw last week, taking second place with a toss of 34-03.

"Tiernan is also getting better, and she probably still had a foot left in the ring," Ostenson nodded. "She is so much stronger than she looks and she will also benefit from more time outside."

Sierra Blaney added 14 feet to her best throw in the discus at the first meet of the year, and her 93-foot hurl was enough to earn her a finish in second place behind Allyson Fertig of Douglas.

"Coming from Florida, Sierra is still trying to adjust to our weather up here," Ostenson chuckled. "But she spun the disc off her hand really well and she's starting to feel more comfortable. I was happy to see her get a little confidence and she did a really nice job."

Dylan Drost was on point on the day for the Dogies. He was his team's top runner in the 100 Meter Dash, finishing ninth in 12.18, and cut nearly three seconds in the grueling 300 Meter Hurdle to take second with a time of 48.14.

"This was only Dylan's second time in his life running the hurdles at a meet and he's only been over them once in practice," Ostenson said. "He is pretty strong overall, and for never running them, he does a good job getting over them — but his strength is between the hurdles."

Tristan Troftgruben finished third in the 800 Meter Open in 2:09.59 and ran the 400 leg in the Sprint Medley Relay as well as manned the third leg of the 4X400 Meter Relay who crossed the finish line in third with a time of 3:54.07. The Ramsey brothers ran the first two legs of the 4x4 and Purviance anchored the race.

In the high jump, it came down to a jump-off between Gunner Ramsey and Kade Pruitt of Wheatland who tied for first with a leap of 5 feet, 10 inches. Pruitt got the better of Ramsey in Newcastle a week ago, and ultimately did it again at his home pit.

"They started at six feet and neither of them were able to get over it," Ostenson explained. "Then Pruitt cleared 5 feet, 11 inches and Gunner didn't quite make it. I'm looking for some really good things from him this year."

The Jenkins brothers each qualified for the finals in the discus and ended up finishing eighth and ninth, with Skylar throwing 98-10 and Braden right behind him with a 95-10 toss.

"I really appreciate Skylar's leadership," Ostenson added. "He's been with us for four years, and it's great to have him be able to help get the guys going, and it was great to have him experience some success."



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Shelby Tidyman, above, leaped over 14 feet April 1 in Wheatland and finished in eighth place. In the second meet of the season, Tidyman added three inches to her previous performance. Below, Tristan Troftgruben manned the third leg of both the 4x400 Meter Relay and the 1600 Sprint Medley Relay in Wheatland. The Sprint Medley team qualified for the 3A State Track Meet in their second-place finish.



The Dogies will head to Douglas on Friday to a pre-conference meet where they will be able to get a look at the rest of the 3A East Conference to see where

they stand at this point. "Pretty much everyone showed improvement on Friday, and we are looking to do the same in

Douglas," Ostenson declared. "That's what we want to be doing right now so I'm pleased with the direction we are going."

100 and the Laramie girl beat her just by a hair."

Tidyman also pulled out a good leap in the long jump, flying 14 feet, 8 inches which was enough to garner an eighth-place finish.

"We only hit the board two or three times, so if she can get a couple more of those things I think 16 feet could be within her wheelhouse if she hits the right one," Ostenson said. "I thought she did a pretty good job considering she hasn't been able to get outside much, and if we can get some work in the pit and work on her speed and height, she will get the distance."

Jaylen Ostenson finished fourth in the 100 Meter Hurdle shaving off over a second from her first weekend, finishing in 17.45.

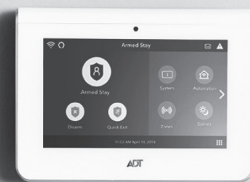
"We haven't been able to get outside much to get a lot of time on the track, but Jaylen was able to get a little better feel for it in Wheatland," Ostenson explained. "She was running out of speed with a three-step approach so she switched to a four-step two hurdles earlier in order to maintain her speed."

Ostenson also had a nice run in the

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Cambria Baptist Church hosted an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday at the Weston County Fairgrounds where more than 2,000 plastic eggs were filled with candy, and along with mini-chocolate bars, were spread out over the lawn area in several areas. Groups of children in different age groups would dash to pick up their Easter treasures. In each age group area a golden egg was also placed. The child who found that golden egg was able to claim a basket of goodies at the end of the egg hunts. At left, Samson Wolfe gets prepped by his father, David Wolfe. Below, Nathan Williamson helps little Owen spot an egg. Below right, as the age groups got older parents were no longer needed to help pick up the eggs. Each group was started by a countdown, and then the mad dash to pick up treasures began.



Easter joy



Far left, Tanner Lenardson bustles across the ground to gather as many eggs as possible before the other kids catch up. At left, the Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce Easter Carnival was also a big hit at the Newcastle Lodge and Convention Center, where Sierra Checketts hands a prize to one of the youngsters in attendance. Below left, Paige and Cameryn Borgialli. Below, Tamara Allen congratulates Kailyn Leone, who found a golden egg. Bottom left, Holland Bradfield was not excited about hunting for eggs despite mother Madison Bradfield's efforts to change her mind. Bottom center, Sydney Baker has her eyes on the prize. Bottom right, Zayden Tupa has his photo taken with the Easter Bunny at the chamber's carnival.



Newcastle Dogies



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Bottom row left to right: Ann Will, Robyn Stanton, Gabby McVay (10), LaKacee Lipp (11), McKenzie Clark-Brownlow (11), Autumn Mills (11), Amber Cummings (12), JJ Lipp (9), Kristi Lipp
Top row left to right, Sally Hoover, Olivia McVay (11), Candi Stanton, Tiernan Stanton (10), Hogan Tystad (10), Zade Orsborn (11), Avery Chick (11), MacKenzie Conzelman (10)
Not pictured: Sonja Karp.

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In the Matter of the Change of Name of Xandra Marie Gallardo Civil Action Case No. CV-2073

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You are hereby notified that a Petition For Change of Name, Civil Action No. CV-2073, has been filed on behalf of (current full name) Xandra Marie Gallardo in the Wyoming District Court for the 6th Judicial District, whose address is (address of District Court) 1 West Main, the object and prayer of which is to change the name of the above-named person from Xandra Marie Gallardo to Xandra Marie Goodrich.

Any objection must be filed with the District Court within 30 days following the last date of publication of this notice, or an Order Granting Name Change may be granted without further notice.

Dated this 2 day of April, 2021

By Clerk of Court
Tina Cote by Riki Bartels
Clerk of District Court/ Deputy

(Publish April 8, 15, 22, and 29)

Legal Notice

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

In the Matter of the Estate of Betty Lou Henderson Deceased Probate No: PR-8240

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

To: All persons interested in the Estate of Betty Lou Henderson:

You are hereby notified that on the 26 day of March, 2021, Melanie K. Todd filed an application in the Sixth Judicial District Court in and for the County of Weston, State of Wyoming, stating that Betty Lou Henderson died on January 10, 2021; that she was a resident of Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming; and that at the time of her death she owned a parcel of real property located in Weston, Wyoming, more particularly described as follows:

LOT FOUR (4), BLOCK THREE (3), DUFF GREY ADDITION TO NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING

Said application prays that the Court enter a decree establishing right and title to the above described parcel of real property, and setting over decedent's interest therein to Melanie K. Todd.

You are hereby further notified that if no objection to the application has been filed within thirty (30) days of the first date of publication of this notice, the court shall enter a decree establishing the right and title to the property located in Wyoming to the Applicant as stated above. If an objection to the application is filed within thirty (30) days of the first date of publication, the court shall set the matter for a hearing, after which the court shall enter an order either denying or granting the application.

Dated this 26 day of March, 2021
Tina Cote, Clerk of District Court

Michael Stulken, Attorney of Law
15 S. Sumner Avenue
Newcastle, Wyoming 82701
(307) 871-0348

(Publish April 8 and 15, 2021)

Legal Notice

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

In the Matter of the Change of Name of Xavin Edmund Gallardo Civil Action Case No. CV-2074

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

You are hereby notified that a Petition For Change of Name, Civil Action No. CV-2074, has been filed on behalf of (current full name) Xavin Edmund Gallardo in the Wyoming District Court for the 6th Judicial District, whose address is (address of District Court) 1 West Main, the object and prayer of which is to change the name of the above-named person from Xavin Edmund Gallardo to Xavin Edmund Goodrich.

Any objection must be filed with the District Court within 30 days following the last date of publication of this notice, or an Order Granting Name Change may be granted without further notice.

Dated this 2 day of April, 2021

By Clerk of Court
Tina Cote by Riki Bartels
Clerk of District Court/ Deputy

(Publish April 8, 15, 22, and 29)

Election Notice

ELECTION NOTICE PROCLAMATION & NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR CAMBRIA IMPROVEMENT & SERVICE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021

Notice is hereby given that CAMBRIA IMPROVEMENT & SERVICE DISTRICT is seeking applications for TWO (2) DIRECTORS to serve on the Board of Directors for a FOUR (4) year term.

Any qualified elector or landowner within the District's boundaries may apply for the position of Director by filing an application with the District's secretary, Sharron Ackerman. Please call 746-2205. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED BY APRIL 15, 2021 with the secretary.

All qualified elections and landowners within the District's boundaries are entitled to vote, either in person at the C.I.&S. District's office building on Hwy 85 North or by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots may be obtained by calling the secretary or by written request to C.I.&S. District at P.O. Box 91, Newcastle WY 82701.

Absentee ballots must be received no later than April 30, 2021.

(Publish March 25 and April 1, 8, 15 and 22)

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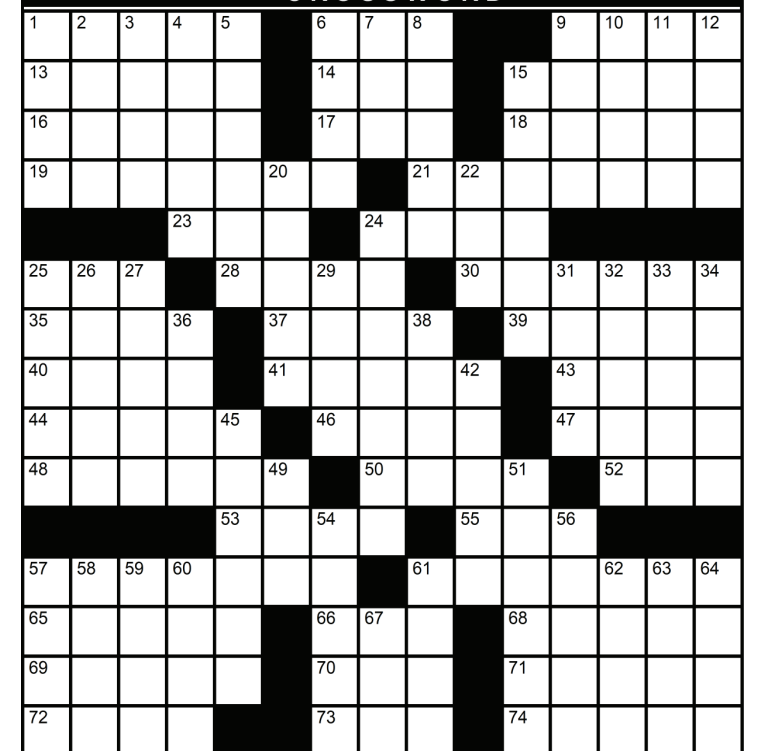
ACROSS

- Hedgehog of video games
- And so forth, acronym
- *Oscar-nominated black and white movie
- Treeless plain
- Grazing field
- Moses' mountain
- Sty sounds
- Nelson Mandela's org.
- Like beer at a kegger (2 words)
- *Posthumous nominee
- *Anthony of "The Father"
- "What's up, ____?"
- Huge pile
- Protestant denom.
- Feed storage cylinder
- Load again
- Relating to ear
- Flighty one
- Proclaimed true without proof
- Musician David Lee ____
- Ascetic holy Hindu
- Eastern European
- Plural of #10 Down
- 500 sheets
- Looking for aliens org.
- Kitchen whistler
- Wails
- Bad-mouth
- Medieval torture device
- Pied Piper follower
- Politburo hat fur
- *Daniel of "Judah and the Black Messiah"
- Raspberry drupelets
- Fuss, to Shakespeare
- Void, as in marriage
- Defective car
- Given name of Jack Kerouac's Paradise
- ____ of Honor
- Adam and Eve's first residence
- Money in Myanmar
- Shoemaker without shoes, e.g.

DOWN

- Undesirable roommate
- Medley
- Grannies, in UK
- Tattooed
- Universe
- Panache
- *Most 2021 Oscar nominations for one film, #9
- Secret storage
- Stole fur
- One opposed
- Indian restaurant staple
- U.S. customary unit of force, pl.
- Soaked
- DNA and RNA
- Argonaut's propeller
- Shared work surface at an office
- *Sasha Baron Cohen's "Subsequent Moviefilm" role
- Be sorry for one's wickedness
- Pita, in UK
- *Like Roberto Benigni's fictional son
- Husband to a widow, e.g.
- Checked out
- Stradivari competitor
- *"Fences" winner and "Ma Rainey" nominee
- Poker ante
- *"Nomadland" director
- Shadow
- *"The Trial of the Chicago 7" screenwriter
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- Sandwich sausage
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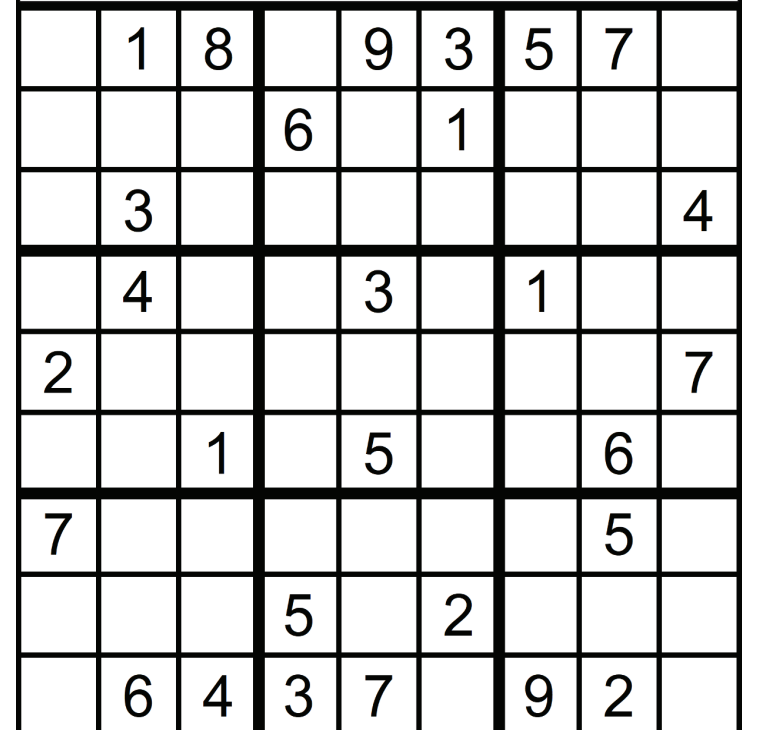
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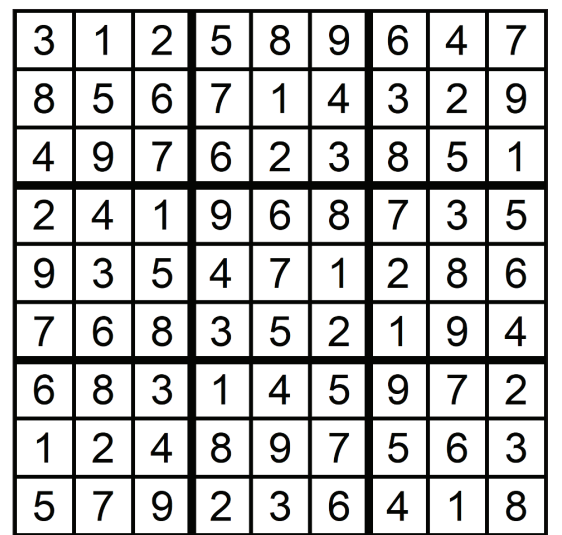
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, notice is hereby given of the Application of Black Hills Wyoming Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BH or the Company) for authority to update its Energy Efficiency Surcharge rate, effective June 1, 2021.

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

BH filed its Application on March 26, 2021, requesting authority to revise its Energy Efficiency (EE) Surcharge rates to reflect the EE program costs for the period of January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020, and the EE balancing account balances as of February 28, 2021. The proposed EE Surcharge rates are designed to collect approximately \$426,282 from BH customers over the period of June 1, 2021, through May 31, 2022. BH proposes the following EE Surcharge rates: \$0.0036 per decatherm (Dth) for its residential customers, an increase of \$0.0024 per Dth from the current rate; and \$0.0010 per Dth for non-residential customers, an increase of \$0.0029 per Dth from the current rate.

According to the Company, for a typical residential customer, the effect is an estimated \$0.16 increase in the monthly gas bill, or an increase of 0.27 percent. For Small General Service customer, the effect is an estimated \$0.41 increase in the monthly gas bill, or an

increase of 0.37 percent. For Medium General Service customer, the effect is an estimated \$2.75 increase in the monthly gas bill, or an increase of 0.48 percent. For Large General Service customer, the effect is an estimated \$22.56 increase in the monthly gas bill, or an increase of 0.59 percent.

This is not a complete description of the Application. Interested persons may inspect Application at BH's business office and at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne. The Application is available for inspection by any interested person during regular business hours or online at: <http://psc.wyo.gov/>.

Anyone desiring to file a public comment, statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must file with the Commission in writing on or before April 30, 2021. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing which you will attend and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or write to the Commission, 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711. Please mention Docket No. 30026-40-GT-21 in your communications. Dated: March 31, 2021.

(Publish April 8 and 15, 2021)

Cowboy State Look-In

Courtesy of the Wyoming News Exchange



Gas prices fall 1 cent

CHEYENNE (WNE) — Wyoming gas prices have fallen a penny per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.88 per gallon as of Monday, according to GasBuddy.com's daily survey of 494 stations in Wyoming. Gas prices in Wyoming are 22.4 cents per gallon higher

than a month ago, and stand 81.7 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest gas in Wyoming was priced at \$2.41 per gallon as of Monday, while the most expensive was \$3.39 per gallon, a difference of 98

cents per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 0.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.86 per gallon as of Monday. The national average is up 9.9 cents per gallon from a month ago, and stands 95.5 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

WCSD#1 Warrants

WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 GENERAL FUND WARRANTS OVER \$500 MARCH 2021

VENDOR/PAYEE	AMOUNT
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$4,203.99
BLACK HILLS CHEMICAL CO.	\$532.40
CITY OF NEWCASTLE	\$3,018.74
FRONTIER HOME RANCH AND HDWE	\$509.48
MATTHEW GORMAN	\$960.00
HAWKINS,INC	\$766.16
MARCO	\$3,139.90
MID AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	\$615.04
NEWSLETTER JOURNAL	\$1,334.50
NORCO LLC	\$1,144.95
NORTHEAST WYOMING	\$47,095.67
PINE COVE CONSULTING, LLC	\$9,851.80
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL RANGE	\$1,015.50
RANGE	\$1,552.04
SCHOOL NURSE SUPPLY, INC	\$1,136.08
SCHOOL SPECIALTY	\$769.96
SYN-TECH SYSTEMS, INC	\$550.00
SYSCO MONTANA INC	\$1,205.14
WESTON COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES	\$3,232.60
WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DIST #1/SPEC	\$12,000.00
WYOMING REFINING COMPANY	\$15,662.84
WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DIST -	\$2,582.59
WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DIST -	\$1,034,087.15
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$3,361.96
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$22,902.60
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$20,891.51
DECKER'S MARKET	\$503.08
GOVERLAN INC	\$1,112.00
INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE	\$926.24
MALLO CAMP	\$1,495.24
MARCO	\$3,499.55
MASTERCARD	\$2,299.79

MASTERCARD	\$811.98
NORTHEAST WYOMING	\$47,095.67
PINE COVE CONSULTING, LLC	\$10,171.76
POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORP	\$6,955.52
POWERSCHOOL GROUP LLC	\$4,003.23
RAMKOTA HOTEL CASPER	\$1,958.00
SCHOOL SPECIALTY	\$547.70
TIRE-RAMA	\$2,629.28
WESTON COUNTY CLERK	\$4,006.55
WYOMING STATE LIBRARY	\$1,250.83
Checking Account Total:	\$1,283,389.02
BUSINESS IMPACT GROUP	\$2,485.64
GILLETTE STEEL CENTER	\$520.80
EASTERN WYOMING COLLEGE	\$41,170.00
JP MORGAN CHASE (TX1-0029)	\$970.00
MALLO CAMP	\$504.76
MASTERCARD	\$594.78
MASTERCARD	\$750.56
NEWSLETTER JOURNAL	\$598.50
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR-13	\$953.18
WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DIST	\$2,043.41
WOOD STOCK SUPPLY	\$813.63
Checking Account Total	\$51,405.26
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$2,097.56
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$1,563.79
WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DIST -	\$6,101.85
Checking Account Total:	\$9,763.20
PRAIRIE FARMS	\$857.98
SYSCO MONTANA INC	\$4,554.55
PRAIRIE FARMS	\$2,447.61
SYSCO MONTANA INC	\$14,433.32
WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DIST -	\$16,075.11
Checking Account Total:	\$38,368.57
WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DIST -	\$12,000.00
Checking Account Total:	\$12,000.00
EASTERN WYOMING COLLEGE	\$12,045.00
Checking Account Total:	\$12,045.00

Grand Total: \$1,406,971.05

(Publish April 8, 2021)

Devils Tower closes routes

GILLETTE (WNE) — Rock climbing routes on the southwest face and edges of the Devils Tower summit are temporarily closed to protect nesting peregrine and prairie falcons.

The annual closure is effective immediately. It is done to give the falcons an undisturbed nesting location during a critical courtship and nest-selection period, according to a press release from the National Park Service.

The presence of climbers near falcon nests can be distressing to parent birds and disturbance from climbing activities may force falcons to abandon eggs or chicks, according to the press release.

It also protects climbers because falcons are known to defensively dive to protect their nests.

The climbing routes affected by the closure are between "Good Holds for Godzilla" and

"Accident Victim" (Nos. 135–182 in the "Devils Tower National Monument Climbing Handbook"). Route closures will be posted at the climber registration kiosk near the visitor center.

More than 100 climbing routes remain open.

The affected routes will remain closed until the young falcons fledge and are no longer dependent on the nest location or if the nesting falcons move to another location.

"The closure of these routes to protect falcons is strictly enforced," said Russ Cash, resource program manager. "Climbers play a critical role in the success of falcon nesting at Devils Tower. Please report any nests or observed falcon behavior to a park ranger and remember that all climbers must register before beginning an ascent of the Tower."

WCSD#1 Warrants

WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 FEDERAL FUND WARRANTS OVER \$500 MARCH 2021

VENDOR/PAYEE	AMOUNT
Marzano Resources	\$616.15
PINE COVE CONSULTING, LLC	\$2,779.00
Dr Carol Tolman	\$4,000.00
WCSD#1 GENERAL FUND	\$8,111.65
WCSD#1 GENERAL FUND	\$4,532.17
WCSD#1 GENERAL FUND	\$13,377.76
WCSD#1 GENERAL FUND	\$3,885.67
WCSD#1 GENERAL FUND	\$31,836.34
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WCSD#1 GENERAL FUND	\$542.21
WCSD#1 GENERAL FUND	\$6,090.49
MASTERCARD	\$548.33
WCSD#1 GENERAL FUND	\$4,260.65
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WCSD#1 GENERAL FUND	\$9,420.88
WCSD#1 GENERAL FUND	\$3,724.00
WCSD#1 GENERAL FUND	\$1,435.29
WCSD#1 GENERAL FUND	\$8,611.71
WCSD#1 GENERAL FUND	\$8,358.18
WCSD#1 GENERAL FUND	\$5,556.04
Checking Account Total:	\$152,064.00

Grand Total: \$152,064.00

(Publish April 8, 2021)

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DEADLINE FOR LEGALS IS FRIDAY

Arrested man thanks deputies

LARAMIE (WNE) — It's not every day that a person who gets arrested makes the effort to publicly thank the arresting law enforcement agency.

But John Kelly felt compelled to do so after he says he received compassionate care from the Albany County Sheriff's Office.

"I am a terminally ill cancer patient. I was pulled over by the sheriff's department and arrested for possession of cannabis and hemp products," Kelly said.

He said that he was diagnosed with Stage III liver cancer, and found that cannabis

products were the only way to ease his cancer pain and chemo symptoms.

Kelly also said that he is a disabled combat veteran and has many family members who work in law enforcement. He knows that law enforcement agencies often have to take a lot of criticism while doing their job.

Although he was arrested, he understood that the Sheriff's department had a legal obligation to arrest him regardless of the circumstances.

"I wanted to commend them publicly," Kelly said in a phone call with the

Boomerang.

While he is in holding at the Albany County Detention Center, he said he wasn't sure he would have made it if it hadn't been for the kindness and compassion of the deputies and the nurse who took care of him there.

It was important to thank them publicly.

"I didn't think a thank you card was enough," he said.

So, he reached out to the Boomerang.

Neither Sheriff Appelhans nor the deputies could speak specifically about the matter because Kelly's case had not yet been adjudicated.

Some Yellowstone roads open to bikes

JACKSON (WNE) — If you don't mind a little slush, it might be time to break out the bike.

Yellowstone National Park has opened 49 miles of roads between the West Entrance and Mammoth Hot Springs to spring cycling.

While no services are available, except limited restrooms, the following sections of the Grand Loop Road are now open to cycling: West Entrance to Madison Junction, Madison Junction to Norris Junction and Norris Junction to Mammoth Hot Springs. Most interior park roads don't open until April 16, when they also open to motorized vehicles, according to a park news release.

There are several factors bikers should consider before planning a spring cycling trip. Snowplows and other heavy equipment may still be active.

Weather conditions are still unpredictable, and the park also recommends that cyclists carry bear spray and anticipate wildlife encounters.

"Plan for self-rescue or repair. Cell phone coverage throughout the park is sparse and unreliable for communicating emergencies," the release stated.

As long as safety precautions are followed, cyclists have a unique opportunity to revel in Yellowstone's quiet majesty before the park opens fully to motorized vehicles.

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Surrounded by Bison defenders, Hayden Overman set up for a shot on goal against Buffalo last Thursday in the Dogies' home opener.

Dogies drop home opener

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

The Dogies began April with their first home soccer game of 2021 on April 1 by hosting the Bison of Buffalo. The contest was scoreless until just before the end of the first half of play, however the Dogies ultimately fell by a score of 5-0.

Newcastle put together a competitive contest with relatively equal time of possession of the ball, however assistant coach Sally Hoover noted that a little more work on finishing shots on goal will allow the scoreboard to reflect the quality of play her team puts forth on the pitch.

"If we could have played the second half like we did the first, and if we could have finished, it would have been a much different result," Hoover nodded. "After they scored the first goal, we kind of went on the defensive even though we were only down one. We backed off from being as aggressive in the second half, and I don't know if it was a mind-set thing or what for sure, but we need to work on that."

The Dogies went into the half only down 0-1, and they put together 12 shots on goal throughout the contest with four of them dangerous and right on target. However, the Bison defense was able to protect their goal to hold Newcastle off the scoreboard.

Dayton McFarland took a very well placed shot on goal that was on target and arced high over the goalie's head. Unfortunately, the Buffalo keeper was able to just get a glove on the ball to knock it off course and send it over the top and out of bounds.

"Dayton's shot was so close, Cael [Holmes] had a really good shot on target, and Hayden [Overman] had a few pretty good ones," Hoover declared. "We were out in front of them quite a few times and we just were a little off on our shots, so we will have to work on that. I felt like, toward the end we had a lot of frustration which may have contributed a bit to some of those shots that were a little off."

Indeed, the Dogies ended up with three players on the receiving end of yellow cards and therefore, had to sit out a play because of that frustration.

McFarland had another close shot capitalizing on the Buffalo keeper having vacated the net.

NHS Men's Soccer

Newcastle v. Buffalo 4/1/21 0-5
Dayton McFarland: 0-3 shots on goal
Hayden Overman: 0-5 shots on goal
Ezra Anderson: 0-2 shots on goal
Aidan Chick: 0-1 shot on goal
Cael Holmes: 0-1 shot on goal
Dylan McFarland: 3 saves

ended the contest with three saves, while defenders Avery Chick, Gavin Gray and Kalen Koch all had very good saves as well.

"It wasn't like the Scottsbluff game," Hoover insisted. "They didn't get many opportunities on goal because we didn't let them. Even their players at the end thought it should have been more like 2-2 and that the score didn't reflect the game that was played. The guys are really showing promise which is awesome and we are looking to be competitive this year."

The Dogies have an action-packed week, although the Tuesday game against Gering, Neb., was cancelled. The the squad has two more home contests, however, against Riverton on Friday and Rawlins on Saturday. Games start at 6 p.m. on Friday and 2 p.m. on Saturday.



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Dayton McFarland took several great shots on goal against the Bison last Thursday. Buffalo defense was able to thwart his attempts however.

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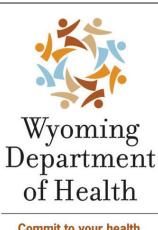
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