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Newcastle, Wyoming

Year 135 Week 15

LEC ramp, stairs need replacement

County maintenance employee says top priority should be given to safety

Alexis Barker NLJ News Editor

Replacement of the stairs and ramp at the Weston County Law Enforcement Center should be top priority, after

according to Steve Price, a county maintenance employee.

"They are slowly deteriorating more and more all the time. I am not an engineer, but it is getting worse,"

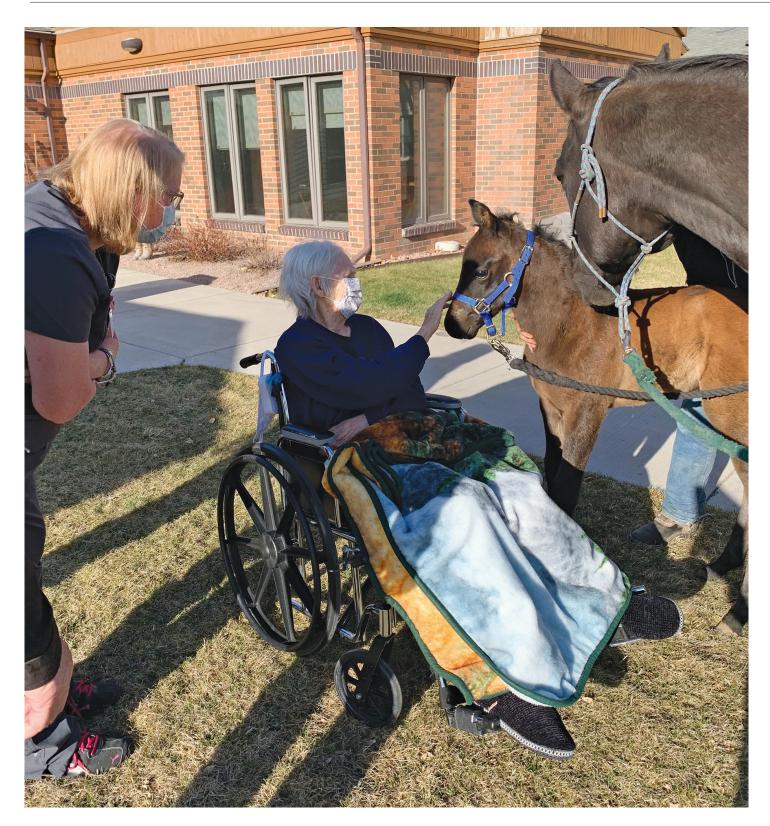
years of pushing off the replacement, Price told the board of Weston County Commissioners on April 6.

"When I was there yesterday, what I saw, I would be replacing it," he said. Discussion of the project began in March 2019 when Chairman Tony

Barton reported that Structural Dynamics had recommended that the stairs and ramp be replaced before the 2019-20 winter season. The commissioners asked Structural Dynamics to draw up specifications for the job.

Months later, on Aug. 20, 2019, the commissioners voted 3-2 to begin the bid process for installing a heated concrete ramp at the law enforcement

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Lindholm to hold remote office hours

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County residents will have access to Sen. Cynthia Lummis via Tyler Lindholm, her field representative and statewide policy adviser, on April 20 during remote office hours.

According to a release from Lummis' office, Lindholm will be available to meet with constituents to hear ideas, comments and concerns about what is happening in the U.S. Senate and also to help anyone having trouble working with federal agencies.

"These remote office hours will bring my office closer to the people we are here to serve, and I hope they will foster good

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Commissioners claim USFS mismanagement

Colt makes a visit

Story by Dee Griffis

Photo courtesy of Meredith Tolley

Chad and Dee Griffis brought their new stud colt, Chance, to Weston County Manor in Newcastle on Arpil 18 to visit

Manor. This miracle colt is the first born tions. Ellen celebrated her 60th wedding to their 14-year-old mare, and was born March 15. Ellen has been a resident of the Manor since July 20202, and it has been hard on the whole family not being able to

Chad's mother, Ellen, a resident of the see each other due to COVID-19 restricin November, and did anniversary not get to hold or touch her beloved

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Forest Service officials dispute the claim

Alexis Barker

NLJ News Editor

Weston County Commissioner Tony Barton expressed concerns on April 6 over the recently announced closure of the Hill City Saw Mill, saying the U.S. Forest Service is "drastically reducing timber sales" in the Black Hills.

According to Barton, while the effect on Weston County may not be direct, he sees potential for local impact and suggested that the other commissioners stay up-to-date on the topic.

As previously reported by the News Letter Journal, last year the Forest Service held several virtual meetings to discuss a

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County's senior center gets new class composites

KateLynn Slaamot NLJ Correspondent

Newcastle High School class composites from 1923 to recent years have been hanging on the walls of the Weston County Senior Center for many years, giving interested persons an opportunity to take a step back in time and see pictures from past graduating classes. Some of those composites, however, were recently damaged by water and returned to the Anna Miller Museum. Those composites are now being replaced.

When the Weston County Senior Services board learned that it wouldn't be getting the class composites back, it decided to replace them and

bring an important part of the senior center back to its walls, said Carolyn Shields, the center's executive director.

The board reached out to Zannie Rich of 4R Graphic Designs, who made the senior posters for last year's graduating class, to see if she would be willing to create replacement class composites.

To pay for this endeavor, the board is reaching out to alumni, and other interested persons, to help by sponsoring a class composite for \$45. While many of the composites are already created and hung, not all the classes have been sponsored and more funds are needed. Chris French, a senior services board member,

said that because some classes don't have living representatives, they still need people to donate to cover those costs, as well as additional costs to pay for such things as plaques to give recognition to donors.

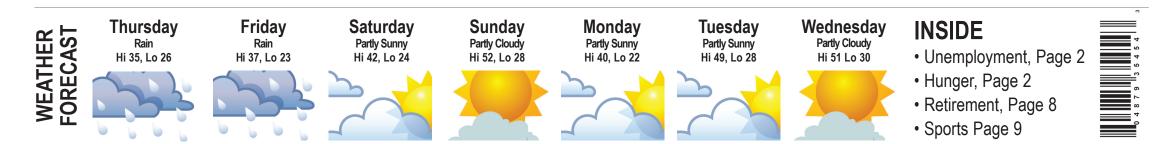
"We've had good response so far," Shields said.

A great deal of effort was needed to track down all the

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Photo by KateLynn Slaamot/NLJ The Weston County Senior Center is replacing their class composites after some of the old ones got damaged, and are seeking donors to help cover costs.







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Unemployment increases drastically in February

Alexis Barker NLJ News Editor

Despite experiencing a 0.7% increase from January to February, Weston County retained one of the lowest unemployment rates in the state during February, according to the March 29 report from the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services Research and Planning Division.

"From January to February, unemployment rates increased in 15 counties, remained unchanged in three, and decreased in five counties," the report states.

With a 4.6% unemployment rate in February, Weston County had the second-largest increase in rate of those 15 counties month over month, up from 3.9%. Johnson County, up from 6.0% to 6.7%, had the largest increase.

The only counties with an unemployment rate lower than Weston County's was Albany County at 4.5%, Crook County at 4.5% and Teton County at 4.4%. The highest unemployment rates were found in Natrona, 8.9%; Sublette, 8.8%; and Sweetwater counties at 7.6%.

Year-over-year, Weston County's unemployment rate climbed 1% from February 2020 to February 2021. This trend is similar to what took place in almost every other county in Wyoming, with only Washakie County having a lower unemployment rate than a year ago.

The statewide unemployment rate remains lower than the national rate, specifically when comparing seasonally adjusted totals. Wyoming currently has a 5.3% seasonally adjusted rate compared with the 6.2% unemployment rate of the country as a whole.

Seasonal adjustment, according to the report, is a statistical procedure to remove the impact of normal regularly recurring events, such as weather, major holidays and the opening and closing of schools, from economic time series to better understand the changes in economic conditions from month to month.

Wyoming Hunger Initiative launches new program

Wyoming First Lady Jennie Gordon's Wyoming Hunger Initiative is partnering with University of Wyoming Extension to launch a program under the Food from the Farm + Ranch banner called "Grow a Little Extra."

Wyoming Initiative regional directors Caitlin Youngquist and Lori Dickinson, both UW Extension educators, spearheaded the effort to encourage gardeners to 'Grow a Little Extra' this year to provide produce for their neighbors in need.

UW Extension has offices in all 23 counties and the Wind River Indian Reservation. The collaboration utilizes existing resources to create a sustainable solution to hunger, according to the First distributed to local anti-hunger Lady's office.

"University of Wyoming Extension is already doing good work around the state with their opportunity for all of us to rally Master Gardener program and in support of local organiza-

done and help increase access to local produce for a wide range of people in Wyoming."

The First Lady's office stated the "Grow a Little Extra" campaign targets three groups in Wyoming: home gardeners who can "grow a little extra" to Hunger share with local food pantries, existing community gardens that can dedicate one or two sections to growing food specifically for local food distribution agencies, and churches or community organizations that want to start a new garden to grow food for the community.

Anyone in Wyoming who enjoys gardening is encouraged to grow an extra row or two and donate the produce to their local Cent\$ible Nutrition Program, where it will be weighed and organizations.

"The Grow a Little Extra project provides an outstanding

Wyoming Hunger Initiative has also distributed seed packets to all 23 counties and the Wind River Indian Reservation for anyone interested in picking them up for free at their local extension office.

Infrastructure grants are available for organizations that wish to expand an existing community garden or start a new one to grow produce specifically for sharing with families and organizations in need.

"UW Extension enthusiastically supports Wyoming gardeners, the community gardens across our state, and Jennie Gordon's Wyoming Hunger Initiative," said Crane. "Please visit your local UW Extension office for information and assistance in contributing to this important effort."

Visit www.nohungerwyo. org/grow for more information about Wyoming Hunger Initiative's Grow a Little Extra project. For more information,

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Cent\$ible Nutrition Program," tions who provide food for our said Gordon. "This Wyoming Hunger Initiative effort will in need," said Kelly Crane, leverage the work already being UW Extension director.

community members who are

contact Trista Ostrom, chief of staff to First Lady Jennie Gordon, at 307-274-0365 or at trista.ostrom@wyo.gov.

is a direct descendant of their old black mare.

She has been looking forward to seeing this colt

Chance made his debut at the Manor and

Besides Ellen getting to touch the colt and

love on the mare by feeding her apple treats, the other residents of the Manor lined up along

the windows three deep with their walkers and

At the end of the visit the mare, Candace,

placed her nose on Ellen's forehead then blew

in her ear as if to assure her that everything

will be okay. Eyes were definitely leaking at

strutted his stuff in front of the windows. It was a beautiful day between storms to enjoy

since the day she found out he was coming.

the sunshine and outdoors.

wheelchairs to enjoy the display.

Colt from Page 1.....

husband, Gene.

In 1960, Wyoming State High School Rodeo Association put up a black registered American Quarter Horse Association filly and a stud colt to award the All-Around Cowboy and Cowgirl winners. Gene won the black filly, and Rhonda Sedgewick-Stearns of Newcastle won the stud colt.

Gene and Ellen raised colts out of her for years and passed those bloodlines on to their three children and five grandchildren. Ellen was actively involved in the breeding of that old black mare and others.

She thoroughly enjoyed getting to see all the new babies in the spring and kept great records on all of them. It makes Ellen happy and brings a smile to her face to believe this black mare

Composites from Page 1

pictures. Shields received print of the composites on some original class photos from the high school, while French got in touch with some of the photographers to get original pictures from them. They are still missing photos she said. from the graduating classes of 1990-2012 and 1924-1928. of the center.

Rich is doing a full-color of past graduating classes is

corrugated plastic, and they are weather proof, waterproof, scratch resistant and more, Rich said.

that point.

"They will hold up good,"

Replacing these pieces of NHS legacy was important, They are working to get those French said, especially with the so they can create the com- All-School Reunion coming look at what they purchased," posites. The rest have been up later this year. Being able French said, adding that created and hung on the walls to walk the halls of the senior center and look at the pictures

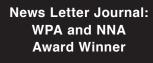
something that the people of Newcastle appreciate.

With funds still needed, the community is encouraged to donate. Just call the senior center at (307) 746-4903 for more information and to make a donation.

"We invite them (donors) to come to the senior center to anyone can go to the senior center to look at the class composites.

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Recognizing dispatchers

For the past several years, Public Safety Agencies nationwide have recognized the pivotal role played by telecommunica-

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tors, dispatchers, communications operators, radio control personnel, all those people, by whatever job title, who utilize

Melissa Stubbs Dispatch Supervisor Guest Column

telephones, radios, computers and technical skill to provide support to law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical services and other governmental field personnel.

Each year the second week of April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as public safety telecommunicators. In 1991, Congress proclaimed it as a national week of recognition.

The Newcastle Police Department celebrates this year's National Telecommunicators Week — April 11 through the 17th — in honor of their

Department, but also Weston County Sheriff's Office, Upton Police Department, Newcastle Volunteer

Fire Department, Newcastle Ambulance Service, Upton Volunteer Fire and Ambulance, Osage

dedicated dispatchers who dispatch

for not only the Newcastle Police

Volunteer Fire and Ambulance and Weston County Fire Protection District. They also respond to the needs of the public in emergencies and on a routine basis 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Newcastle Police Chief Sam Keller, Weston County Sheriff Bryan Colvard, and Upton Police Chief Susan Bridge said they hope the public will take time to express appreciation for the six dedicated dispatchers who work around the clock, all year long, to support their officers in the field and help keep the

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A view and wisdom from over the hill

human lifetime is like an Arc to me. Sort of a big rainbow that we start as youngsters and in the

end, you end up like me-looking back in wonder at all the amazing things that happened.

And the reality is that my last birthday three weeks ago revealed the number "75" on my birthday cake. Whew. That sounds awful old to

me. And yet, I feel young. I think young.

How does this work? How boomer alive. And being the

McKee, who is a year younger column. than me. Or water ski like Gary Weger, who also is in his 70s. Or like my 86-year old

> who still excels at bowling.

My idea of exercise is to get 10,000 steps of walking a day about five days a week and play cornhole and even an occasional game of golf.

conceived in June of 1945, it is easy to

assume I am the oldest baby

This column is not about baby boomers, it is a column about life. The Arc of life.

When talking with members of the senior class of Wyoming Catholic College recently, we discussed how they are literally at the beginning of their Arc of Life, while I was explaining how it feels to be at the (gulp) end of my Arc. Actually, I am hoping for at least 20 more years.

They were anxious to hear about any special secrets of life that they could use going forward.

The biggest decision you will ever make is choosing

failures will not be their fault. They will need to pick themselves up, dust themselves off, and move on. A loving and supportive spouse sure does help get you through times like that.

In a column published last year, I pointed out the 20 things that I learned in 50 years of business. Many of these things are also good life lessons.

One of these lessons is that it is important during your life to cultivate mentors. Locate folks who are older and more experienced than you. These folks can be guideposts to you as you

One of most amazing things about being this old is that we have children who are middle age or older. Our three daughters are in their 50s! One is a grandma, which

means we are great grandparents. Did I say I was old? Yikes. It is important to apologize for this column. It is a total

mish-mash of feelings, observations, and speculations. Yet it feels good to be sitting on some sort of a mountaintop and look down at all that has happened over three quarters of a century.

Have I gained wisdom? Probably yes. But maybe the

Bill Sniffin My Wyoming

Having been

friend Del McOmie

public safe.

can you physically be 75 but still think you are 50?

Not all my 75-year old friends feel as good as I feel but lots of them do. And we all ponder how it is that in our heads, we still wake up each morning with the same enthusiasm and wonder that we always did.

Keep in mind, that I am not talking about running marathons like a few 75-yearolds do. Or regularly play racquetball like my friend Dean

first boomer brings with it some responsibility,.

We had dinner recently with Stu and Debbie (Disney) Pummel, Casper, both of whom were born in 1964. That makes them the youngest baby boomers.

There were a total of 85 million baby boomers who came after me. The scary fact is that 22 million of them have already died. Obviously, they did not feel as good as was mentioned earlier in this

your spouse. And we are asked to make that decision often at a very young age. Nancy and I were 19 and 20 when we were married 55 years ago. I was blessed to get the right partner.

They needed to hear that despite all their good intentions, there are going to be some terrible bumps in the road. If they are good-hearted, honest, and hard-working, I told them, they needed to anticipate that most of these

work your way through what often can be a difficult life.

Back to my Arc of Life: At my age, I am working a full-time job as publisher of the Cowboy State Daily, a daily digital news service for Wyoming. In that job I have to keep up with youngsters like Jimmy Orr, Jim Angel, Wendy Corr, Ellen Fike, Jen Kocher, and even Dave Simpson.

With folks like these keeping an eye on you, you better not trip too often.

most important thing is that I am still learning. Hang on, folks the best is yet to come.

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

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What were they thinking? Personalizing the Constitution

ogether, the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution form what Gunnar Myrdal called, the "American Creed." The Declaration, written in eloquent, glittering generalities, invokes the

Deity and inalienable rights, speaks of selfevident truths and asserts the right of revolution in the event that government grows tyrannical. It reflects passion, drama, hope and certitude. It speaks of majestic ends, which Abraham Lincoln characterized as the "sheet anchor of the republic." It is relevant, personal and present. No wonder the

masses gravitate to its trumpet call. The Declaration is warm and emotionally available.

If, for Americans, the Declaration of Independence is poetry, the Constitution is prose. The Declaration supplies the ends, the Constitution the means. But let's be fair to the Constitution, which, while it lacks the elegant expressions and grand language that shape the Declaration, is not without its own glory, creation story and unique standing in the history of the world.

The Constitution is also relevant, present and personal. It is the nation's governing document, indeed, the law of the land, but it is not remote. In

power are real, reassuring and protective in nature. Its declaration of rights, liberties and freedoms asserts the nobility, integrity and dignity of the American people. The relevance of the Constitution to

fact, its limitations on governmental

every generation is self-evident, glimpsed in the availability of the Amendatory Clause, which may be utilized to render the Constitution more adequate to changing circumstances and needs of the times. In fact, the Constitution has been amended 27 times by the citizenry

across a vista of two centuries for the purpose of expanding the rights and liberties of more Americans as views and values about inclusion have evolved over time.

The Preamble to the Constitution waded hip-deep into the centuriesold debate about the purpose of government and boldly declared the American perspective, grounded in the radical, democratic idea that "We the People" through ratification, "do ordain and establish this Constitution." That lofty statement, alone, deserves a salute, for it represents the culmination of a historic effort, launched by dissenters in 17th Century England, to place the ultimate legal and political authority

of a nation in the hands of the sovereign people.

Approval of the Constitution by the citizenry, the fulfillment of the Declaration's assertion of the right of the people to consent to governmental authority, made it personal. The Constitution had not been imposed or forced upon the nation; rather, it reflected choices made by the people themselves. No other nation in the history of the world could lay claim to such a unique status.

The Constitution is relevant to the lives of the American people, often on a daily basis. Consider, for example, that because of the First Amendment's Free Speech Clause, the government in the United States cannot tell us what to think or believe about politics, religion, art, science or literature. This libertarian philosophy was beautifully captured by Justice Robert H. Jackson in his landmark opinion in West Virginia Board of Education v. Barnette (1943), in which the Supreme Court struck down a compulsory flag salute statute. "If there is any fixed star in our constitutional constellation," Jackson wrote, "it is that no official, high or petty, can prescribe what shall be orthodox in politics, nationalism, religion, or other matters of opinion or force citizens to confess by word or act there faith therein.'

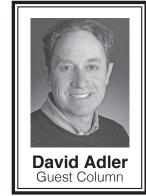
The "personalized" Constitution protects the right of Americans to

exercise freedom of religion, if they choose to do so, the right of the press to inform the citizenry through the Free Press Clause, the right to keep and bear arms through the 2nd Amendment and protection against "unreasonable" search and seizure by virtue of the 4th Amendment.

The "personalized" Constitution, moreover, protects the right to privacy and birth control on the basis of the 9th and 14th Amendments, the protection of private property through the 5th and 14th Amendments, the guarantee of equal protection of the law as a consequence of the 14th Amendment and, on the basis of the 6th Amendment, the critical right to counsel, a speedy and public trial and the right to an impartial jury.

Many parts of the "personalized" Constitution still command our loyalties, respect and even affection. As much as anything else, this personal Constitution invites us to think critically about its adequacy, for we are free to amend it when desirable.

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Obituaries

LOLA BELLE DAVIS BRADLEY Sept. 23, 1921–April 1, 2021

Lola Belle Davis Bradley, 99, of Newcastle, Wyo., passed away Thursday, April 1, 2021, in Rapid City, S.D.

Lola was born Sept. 23, 1921, in San Antonio, Texas, the daughter of John Mitchell and Lola Ellen (McCollom) Davis.

In 1938, Lola and Jack moved to Osage, Wyo., to manage the family refinery and at her passing she was president emeritus of Manewal-Bradley Oil Company. She was an important member in many community organizations, including a charter member of the Federation of Women's Club in Osage in 1938, member of Cheyenne and Weston County Women's Club, Newcastle 21st Century Club until her passing, co-founder of Flowering Fingers Garden Club, historical society, member of museum board and foundation, Friend

of the Library, Friend

Scout and 4-H leader;

active Republican pre-

cinct woman, county

Weston County Fair, 1964 Centennial

Committee;

Wyoming

Delegate,



chairman, State among others. Lola and Jack donated

of

Ball

Bradley land in Newcastle for the

Weston County Children's Center and the Centennial Park. Lola was a life member of the Methodist church.

Lola was a beautiful lady, a true friend and loved by those who knew her. She had a long, fruitful life and gave so much to so many. Her family and friends loved her dearly and she is missed by them and the community.

Lola is survived by her daughter, Linda B. Allen; son, Jack "J.C."Bradley; son-inlaw, Robert "Bob" Martin; granddaughters, Lisa Allen and Sheila Bradley; grandsons, Ty Martin, and Warren Martin and family; great-granddaughters, Teri Poulosky, Lillian Lynn Martin, and Lola Rose Martin;

CORRECTION

On page 4 in the April 8 issue of the NLJ, in the known list of DAR sisters buried in Greenwood cemetery, Marie Broby was incor-

great-grandson, Gavin Martin; granddaughters, Andrea Gonzales (Patrick) and family, Mary Megan Stone and family; grandson, Mark Allen; nephews, Jack Evans (Sherry) and family, Bob Evans and family, and Jim McCollom and family.

Lola was preceded in death by her husband, Jack, of 73 years; daughter, Lola Ellen "Lolly" Martin; parents; son-in-law, Gerald "Jerry" Allen; brother, Mitchell Davis; sister, Maude Ellen Davis Evans; three grandsons, Mitch Allen, Verne Allen, and Sean Bradley; and her great-grandson, Ben Stone.

Interment was in a family plot in Cheyenne, Wyo. Celebration of Life will be held in the summer 2021 at the First United Methodist Church in Newcastle.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to any of the mentioned charitable organizations. Online condolences can be left at osheimschmidt.com.

VINCENT EDWARD 'ED' PORTER May 11, 1951-April 5, 2021

On Monday, April 5, 2021, Vincent Edward "Ed" Porter's valiant year and a half battle with cancer came to an end.

Ed was born to Dan and Fern Porter on May 11, 1951. He spent his childhood in Newcastle, Wyo., until he was a senior in high school when the family moved to Gillette, Wyo.

Ed graduated from Campbell County High School in 1969. In school, Ed participated in band, wrestling,

and swimming. After

high school, he attended

WyoTech. After his time

at WyoTech, Ed joined

the Wyoming National

Guard where he com-

pleted basic training in



Fort Ord, Calif. Ed spent time coaching youth Ed Porter sports, water skiing,

hunting, and fishing. In 1977, Ed married Deby Lynch. With this union, he gained a daughter, Heather. Together, Ed and Deby

had a daughter, Christy. The couple later divorced.

In 1982, Ed met and married Cindy Genoff. The couple had two children, a son, Tyler, and a daughter, Sarah.

Ed became a master plumber (for over 40 years), worked in construction, and also worked in oil and gas. Due to his work, Ed and his family lived across Wyoming in Newcastle, Powell, Pine Haven, and Moorcroft.

In 2008, Ed and Cindy moved to the Porter Family Ranch in Newcastle. Ed spent a great deal of time building their home. After spending several years commuting to Gillette daily for work from Newcastle, Ed entered retirement in 2018.

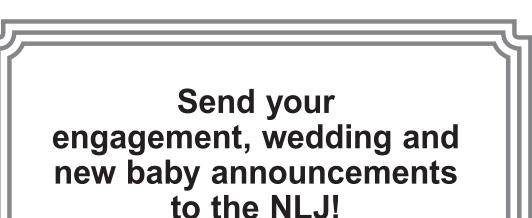
Ed always enjoyed spending time with his family, both immediate and extended, and many stories and laughs were shared at these gatherings. Ed lit up any room he entered with his sense of humor, laugh, and smile. However, if you saw Ed's lip start quivering and he told you to "skip it," you knew there was no room for jokes.

Ed is survived by his wife, Cindy of Newcastle; daughters, Heather (Gerev) Dillinger and Sarah (Travis) Bruns of Gillette, Christy (John Schlautmann) Porter of Sparks, Nev.; grandchildren, Drew (Kirsten), Chase, Isabelle (Cruz), Kylie (Kenyan), Kaelin, Shelby, Cody, Ty, Sophie, Dominick, Karter, Landri, Kam, and Ezra; brothers, Mike Porter and Danny (Sandy) Porter; sisters, Kathie (Gene) Morgan, Ruth Liggett, and Sandy (Jake) Clouse; mother-in-law, Iris Genoff; sisters-in-law, Vickie (Harley) Greve and Tina (Ingrid) Genoff; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; and his two favorite dogs, Daisy and Lilly.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Tyler Porter; father-in-law, Louie Genoff; and sister, Mary McGlaughlin.

Graveside services were held April 10 at 1 p.m. at Greenwood Cemetery in Newcastle.

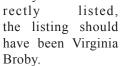
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faith values

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Leviticus 16:20-34	Psalm 32
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• 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

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· 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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• ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Father Brian Hess, Upton. Sunday Mass 5 pm

• UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Rev. Michael Paschall, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Worship 9 am; Fellowship 10 am

· VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH: Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366

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25 Years Ago March 18, 1996

Gillette was the site of the first two rodeos of the spring season for the Wyoming High School Rodeo Association. Twenty Weston County cowgirls and cowboys competed at the two events. Sophomore Jason Kline rode his bull Saturday, but scored a 45 and earned a re-ride. Jason bucked off his second bull six seconds into the ride. Other rough stock contenders included Robert Fowler, Jeremiah Reynolds, Cody Jensen and Marty Sedgwick.

The weekend of April 27-28 heralds the start of the tourist season in Newcastle and the town will start things off with the annual Spring Fling Weekend. The sixth annual Spring Fling Women's Pro-Rodeo kicks off Saturday Morning at the fairgrounds on Stampede Ave.

The Spinoza Buddy Bear is a friend to children with lifethreatening illnesses. And the

Upton Jaycees have adopted the Buddy Bear project as a way to give special children a constant companion who provides unconditional love while helping them cope with the fear and pain they face daily. Navy Petty Officer Third Class Robert O. Cox, son of James D. And Blanch E. Cox of Newcastle, recently completed the Navy Nuclear Power Training Unit course. The 1992 graduate of Newcastle High School joined the Navy in May 1994.

Jennifer Heinen of Newcastle was honored at the Black Hills State Student Awards Banquet, recognizing volunteerism and leadership among individuals and student organizations.

On Friday, April 12, Newcastle High School was represented by 39 students at the 1996 Chadron Inter-High School Scholastic Contest. This was the thirty-sixth annual contest held at Chadron State College. Jesse Brown was awarded first place in Graphic Communications and Michelle Lebsack was awarded first place in Clothing and Textiles.

The Blotter: April 6 — An extra patrol was requested around Dow Park after a group of kids were seen lighting a fire. A stolen garden hose was returned to the owner. April 8 — A restaurant manager reported that their sign had been changed and a dead skunk with a noose around its neck was found on the roof.

50 Years Ago March 15, 1971

Patricia June McMillan of Upton was crowned Miss Weston County of 1971 at the fifth annual scholarship pageant held in Newcastle last Saturday night. Patricia will receive a \$325 scholarship, trophy, gifts and will represent the county in the Miss Wyoming contest in November.

The Weston County Chapter of the Wyoming State Historical Society will meet in Newcastle Saturday at 2 p.m. The meeting



will be held at the Anna Miller Museum.

Jay Schmidt of Newcastle competed in the national senior division AAU wrestling tournament in Bakersfield, Calif., last week.

Darlene Ann Hansen of Newcastle placed second in the botany junior division of the Wyoming State Science Fair recently.

A Pancake Supper for the benefit of the Osage Community Sunday School Building, commonly and affectionately known as the "Osage community building", will be held tomorrow night, Friday, April 16, at the Osage Grade School from 6-8 p.m.

Debbie Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wood, celebrated her 13th birthday Wednesday, April 7 with a party at her home.

Easter dinner guests at the Ed Hawki home were Mr. and Mrs. Willis Willadson, Peggy and Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Bock and family enjoyed Easter dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dale Bock and children in Newcastle.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Clyde of Clayspur had Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Clyde and family as their Easter guests.

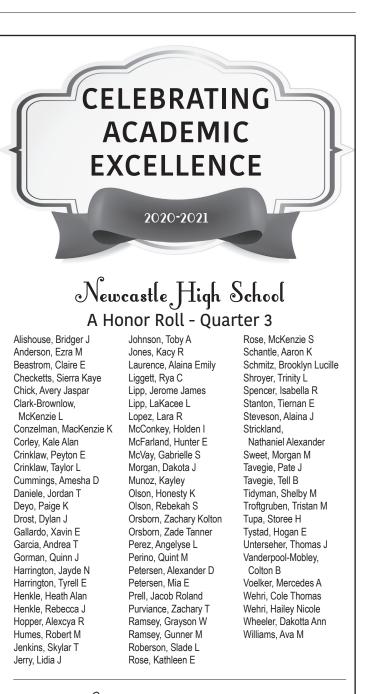
Sally Whitney and children visited with Margaret Hutt on Monday afternoon and were supper guests that evening,

Edgar Whitney was helping with the shearing at the Russel Christensen ranch on Sunday and Monday.

A surprise open house honoring Mr. and Mrs. John A. Gibbs on their forty-eighth wedding anniversary was held at their home Saturday, April 10, hosted by their daughters, Dorothy Updike of Moorcroft and Jeanne Shuck of Newcastle, and their granddaughter, Sharon Shuck

100 Years Ago April 14, 1921

With the stage in the outof-doors five miles west of Newcastle completed, and interiors ready, the Continental Pictures corporation will start "shooting" its first film for national release Monday



Newecastle, High School B Honor Roll - Quarter 3

Fullerton, Christopher J

Engle, Taten W

Gorman, Aidan M

Gorman, Kilian E

Graham. Asia R

Hadlock, Alana R

Hadlock, Leah M

Haslam, Whispin D

Hatheway, Teegan M

Haynes, Elizabeth R

Hespe, Ryker Jason

Hinshaw, Kayne M

Holguin, Danyela C

Holmes, Cael D

Jenkins, Braden L

Kenney, Dillon J

Lyle, Destiny J

Lichtenberger, Emilia R

Hiser, Callie A

Gray, Gavin J

Baeza, Anasofia Beastrom, Emily Benshoof, Bailey M Bickford, Daniel D Bock. Carson R Carter. Tara Lvnn Chick, Aidan Elijah Christensen, Colter Wayne Cole, Wyatt P Cox, James CD Cummings, Amber M Cummings, Skyler D Davis, Yestin Blaine Day, Gavin A Day, Julie M Dixon, Angel Lynn Dixon, Angela M Downing, Katelyn M Drake, Mathew J Dudzinski, Wyatt R

McFarlin, Dayton A McFarlin, Dylan A McVay, Olivia A Mills, Autumn M Morris, Alyssa R Orban, Leo C Ostenson, Jaylen D Prell, Thomas L Quinton. Adam Joseph Scribner, Travis J Simmons, Peyton Dallas Simmons, Samantha K Varner, Jordan B Ward, Zariah S Whitney, Neil T Wildermuth, Jessica L Wolfe, Karla A Womack, Joshua S

Martell, Brook L

Newcastle Middle School Principal's Honor Roll - Q3

Christensen, Callie L

Conzelman, Drew M

Beastrom, Hailey N Boyer, Karter L Carter, Benjamin C

Morrill. Lillie C Olson, Adalyn M Paul, Sean M



Courtesy of Weston County Historical Society

This is a picture of Elizabeth Fletcher and Mr. Fuaken in front of Fraker Drug in Upton in 1949.



Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

April 15-18	7PM	Preacher in the Patch	Fairgrounds, Event Center
Fri April 16	5:30PM	BINGO	VFW Hall
Mon April 19	5:30-7:30PM	SM&W 4-H Meeting	Fairgrounds
	6PM	WC Children's Center Directors Mtg	WCCC
	7PM	Newcastle City Council	City Council Chambers
Tues April 20	9AM 3PM 6PM	WC Commissioners WC Natural Resource District board meetin All school reunion planning meeting Little League Baseball Registration Deadlin Sen Cynthia Lummis office hours	Events Center
Wed April 21	6:30-8:30AM	Wellness Wednesday	WCHS
	7-9AM	Wellness Wednesday	Upton Medical Clinic
Thurs April 22	9AM-NOON	WCNRD Local Working Group Mtg, RSVP	746-3264 Events Center
	5-9PM	Martial Arts Class	Fairgrounds

morning. Edward LaZar, director of the company, left Tuesday night for Denver to contract with a well-known camera man and a leading lady to come immediately to Newcastle for the first shots Monday morning.

Two Newcastle men were badly bruised when the car in which they were driving turned turtle on the main road above Osage last Monday night.

Newcastle and Weston county now have a place where the sick and injured can be taken care of in a thoroughly proper way. The property on West Warren avenue, recently leased from Ben Zanoni and Frank Vercellono, has been furnished with a new and upto-date hospital outfit, with an operating room completely equipped.

Albert Hermance came into Newcastle Tuesday from Nebraska and concluded a deal whereby he disposed of his homestead which he recently proved up on for a good cash consideration and a hard-wood timber farm in the Ozark mountains.

Curt Elliott and Bob were down from their prairie home. Clarence McCoy was in Newcastle with a load of wheat.

W.W. Allen and Clyde were county seat visitors from Four Corners last week. Crawford Fawcett and Preston Blakley spent the latter part of last week on Beaver Creek fishing.

Claude Howey was doing business with local merchants the fore part of the week. Mr. and Mrs. B.H. Mock of Sheridan arrived last week and will spend a month with relatives near Red Butte.

J.M. Wade was in Newcastle a few days this week from the ranch on the Divide. He announces that the ranch will run itself this summer and he will take things easy.

Conklin, Taylor J Dutcher, Raisa G Hoover, Caleb R Malone, Carmella M Morris, Julie A Rose, Ruth M Rumore, Saleen G Smith, Richard J Wheeler Tayson J Blumenthal, Kaitlyn E

Cunningham, Samuel J Erb, Cole S Fitzwater, Preslee A Hansen, Cimaron A Huber, Kathrvn S McConkey, Collin O Perino, Cort W Redding, Reagan I Allen, Kyan D Dresen, Delainey S Hoover, Gabe J

Prell, Netanya M Sandrini, John A Scribner, Lucas J Shroyer, Ashlynn G Smith, Josie J Tavegie, Coen L Von Eye, Kyndal J Wheeler, Aria V Wildermuth, Ashlynn M

Newcastle Middle School A Honor Roll - Q3

Unterseher, Mischa A

Benshoof Brooklyn R

Josephson, Emerett B

Fladstol, Rylan D

Knight, Baleigh K

Merchen, Sherri A

Mullen Kahlen J

Allison, Taryn M

Bergstrom, Adelyn G

Blumenthal, Kendrick A

Bell. Emme J

Butler. Adam F

Carter, Lane B

Checketts, Ridge C

Crabtree, Dane L

Lopez, Laila T

McVay, Colin R

Bau, Ivy L Bergstrom, Brock L Bloom, Aspen J Butler, Aidan E Checketts, Tal B Corley, Jayden L Evenson, Dayne R Fullerton, DeLaney J Halvorsen, Kimberly A Hardy, Cage J Hebbring, Brayden D Huey, Sara V Larson, Scott O Mills, Elizabeth J Morrill, Elijah A Olson, Logan G Scribner, Samuel R Troftgruben, Thatcher W

Davies, Denali R Yanchunis-Gonzalez, Kyra Hardy, Gavin W Hatheway, Landon J Hildebrandt, Scottlyn R Klemmetsen, Gregory M Lichtenberger, Sage R McCormack, Jensi I McGuire, Jaden O Mefford, Gage M Phillips, Daxton M Rawhouser, Mason J Smith, Halev M Swentesky, Christine D Swentesky, Hollie L Thompson, Dagan J Thurgood, Aliya R

Newcastle Middle School B Honor Roll - Q3 Baird, Rachel J Cummings, Aiden L Boyer, Dustin M Derifield, Brayden L Carter, Trinity V Doyle, Avery AF Gramkow, Tradyn J Devo. Hunter R Esposito, Caden R Herrberg, Rurik J Martinez, Triston K Hinshaw, Jyzelle M Johnson, Arrianna R Olson, Isaiah T Parks, Triston D Lorenz, Spencer R Pehringer, Tyson R Munoz, Myreli Schantle, Kyleena J Munoz-Galvan, Yaquelin Smith, Chase J Pederson, Sydney R Stith, Cody M Rich, Jace W Allison, Cole B Rich, Riley L Avers, Veronica R Stith. Tyler D Bau, Simon P Troftgruben, Theodore T Boyle, Destini R White, Nathan H

Bainer, Jonathan J Baird, Tanner A Christensen, Antonio D Cummings, Owen W Hunter, Aurora E Liggett, Kaylee L Lyle, Evan L Martell, Kali J Martinez, Jeremiah V Orban. Charles P Page, Kendall J Rohde, Brianna D Rose, Christian J Varner, Levi R

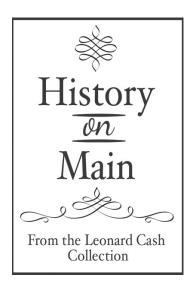


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For the Ages

This week we take a closer look behind the bank



Hannah Gross NLJ Correspondent With Leonard Cash

After wrapping up his series on First State Bank when it was located on the corner of block 10, lot 12 in the former Mondell building, historian Leonard Cash decided to start a series on that building, as well as the buildings that once were located behind the bank on South Seneca Avenue, where Chick Financial and Elliot Chiropractic are presently located.

Because the bank owned these small buildings, some of the information between the two series will intertwine, and Cash said the early history of the building "is very sketchy until about (1939), and then we have more information." So, the presented history comes in bits and pieces, but in the 1940s we will be able to create a fuller picture of this historic recapture.

According to the Sanborn next in the building. maps, various businesses were in and out of the building between 1891 and 1939, including a restaurant, millinery, offices, fire bell tower and a women's hotel.

Opening up the old newspaper records, we take a closer the dry cleaning shop can be look at the early days of this confusing because, according article from the local paper. Pioneer Dressmaking and Millinery, owned and operated by A.H. White and E.B. McMullen, received its spring stock of hats, bonnets, flowers,

ladies' furnishing goods and other items. The shop was also capable of cutting, fitting and making dresses in the latest fashions of that day.

However, by May 9, 1890, N.M. Fitch purchased the store's stock to add a millinery department to his general store, although White was remaining in charge of the department. He was adding a 25-by-30-foot expansion for his grocery store to make room for the millinery. "The change all around will

fit him to handle a large share of the rush of business soon to come," the article says.

Cash said this was located in the first building behind what later became First State Bank, but when Mondell built his brick building there, Fitch moved his store to the empty lot next to the Antler's hotel.

According to the May 30, 1890, and June 25, 1890, issues of the Weston County Democrat, a restaurant and confectionary was started in the millinery before it was moved to the general store (although these businesses were all in the same general location).

By Sept. 25, 1890, Frank Mondell had erected his new building (Cash said Fitch literally moved his building to the Antler's during this time), and Major F.R. Curran, who leased the lower section for his Palace Saloon, created a "scene of a brilliant opening."

A couple of decades later, the Feb. 8, 1912, edition of the News Journal reported that the C.F. Rhine music store opened

A News Journal article from Sept. 22, 1926, announced that Arthur Sundstrom opened up a dry cleaners' store in the building, which had been previously occupied by Kirkwood Electric Shop. The history of building in an April 11, 1890, to Cash, the business name to where Modern Cleaners is south on the east side of the attractive brick structure," the changed several times and there was more than one dry cleaning business in the building at the same time.



Pictured is one of the various buildings that was once located behind block 10, lot 12 on South Seneca Avenue.

dry cleaning operation, was sold to Harry Keef before tailor Robert Harris took it over by Oct. 3, 1929.

That was all in the first building behind Mondell, but now we are going to backtrack to the 1890s again to take a closer look at the businesses in the buildings farther behind the Mondell building.

The Newcastle News reported on Sept. 4, 1890, that a man named Mr. Briggs opened up a meat market.

J.E. Bergstrom purchased a half-interest in the Carroll Tailoring Shop from Ray Barner, announced the Oct. 6, 1921, issue of the paper, and he changed the name to Modern Cleaners. Later, he moved the business behind the Mondell building, but at this time, Cash said, Bergstrom's shop was located in the empty lot next

the Feb. 4, 1972, paper in the 40 years ago section, Carl Kugland, who was a real estate agent and insurance man, purchased the Security Abstract Co. from C.W. Dow, and he was moving his offices from the Fendrick building to the abstract building of the courthouse. Kugland was also the owner of the warehouse behind the bank.

By Jan. 11, 1934, Charlie Thierry opened up Thierry's Grocery store behind the Mondell building (which was now First State Bank). However, Brodsky Food Co. put an announcement in the Aug. 2, 1934, paper that "we are pleased to announce that Charlie Thierry who has operated the Thierry Grocery in the past is now employed by us."

Mrs. H.M. Roadifer opened up a tea room half a block site will be located the new

A frame warehouse behind the bank was owned by Carl Kugland and occupied by Hays and Thompson, which Cash said was a construction company. But an article from April 11, 1935, announced that it was sold to Dow Motor Co.

Gladys Ware, who owned Modern Cleaners, also bought Method Cleaners, New announced the March 2, 1939, paper. A few issues later, it was announced that a contractor from Gillette named Fred Mason was awarded the contract to build a new brick building behind the bank, so Modern Cleaners, Dutch's Barber Shop and D.G.'s lunchroom had to temporarily move out.

"Work was started late last week behind the three old frame buildings on which

project turned into in next

week's installment of "History

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Senior Happenings

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WC Senior Services

FRIDAY April 16	6
Exercise Room	8AM
Walking	8AM-NOON
Rolls	9AM
Bridge	1PM

MONDAY April 19

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

TUESDAY April 20

Exercise Room	8AM
Walking	8AM-NOON
Dominoes	1PM
Bridge	1PM
Helping Hands N	/tg 6PM

WEDNESDAY April 21

Around May 9, 1929, the "Toggery panaterium," another

today by the Dogie Theater.

Moving 10 years ahead to Aug. 13, 1931, we learn that Henry Eggert sold New Method Cleaning to Henry Ryan. According to an article from

BLAST FROM THE PAST

bank around Aug. 9, 1934. However, the establish-

ment was soon succeeded by the Palace Café around Jan. 10, 1935, operated by D.G. Ellenwood.

article says. We will learn of the severe mishap the construction

on Main."

Exercise Room 8AM-NOON Walking 8AM-NOON WCSS Board Mtg 9AM **Exercise Class** 9AM Toe Nail Clinic 9AM

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Exercise Room	8AM
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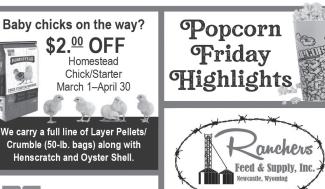
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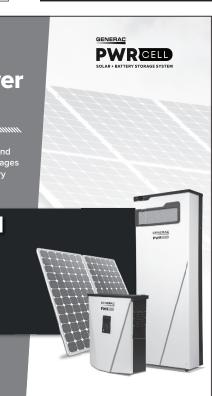
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The ramp at the Weston County Law Enforcement Center has been in need of repair for some time. At the April 6 meeting of the Weston County Commissioners, Steve Price, a county maintenance employee, brought up again the need to make repairs, urging the commissioners to address the issue.

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center, a project with an estimated price tag of \$250,000. Commissioners Marty Ertman The problem isn't going and Nathan Todd voted against the motion, citing the need to seek state funds for the project.

Sept. 16, 2019, the county received a letter from Structural Dynamics outlining reasons the county should postpone the bid process, despite the company's earlier letter stating that the ramp and stairs were "unsafe."

On Dec. 17, 2019, the board discussed a possible elevator all winter.



to go away. ... It is the one thing we haven't Less than a month later, on done anything with."

> - Nathan Todd, Weston County Commissioner

er's table on March 16 when Todd reported that the ramp at the center had been shut down several variations of the three. The commissioners asked what the requirements would be regarding emergency egress from the building.

"In my mind, we have to replace the stairs and the ramp with something," said Commissioner Tony Barton, asking if a ramp alone, similar to the one located at Newcastle City Hall, would meet egress requirements.

"We would have to talk to the fire marshal. We have to have two accesses, and I'm not

sure if it would be legal with

just a ramp," Price said. "If we

are, then go with a ramp. Why

would we need the stairs if it is okay with the fire marshal?"

The commissioners then

decided that a meeting with the

fire marshal to determine what

is legally required would be

"That will set us down the

right path," Ertman said.

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at the front entrance of the law enforcement center, but the project was halted when no contractors bid on the elevator installation.

According to Price, no money has been put into repairing the stairs or the ramp during his years of employment with the county.

The issue was once again brought to the commission-

"The problem isn't going to go away. ... It is the one thing we haven't done anything with," Todd said, asking that the board keep the topic on the agenda to prevent putting it off again.

On April 6, during the board's discussion with Price, various replacement options were discussed, including a metal ramp, an elevator, a covered ramp and stairs and

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conversations and also provide necessary help to ensure that the people of Wyoming can better navigate the complexities of the federal government," Lummis said in the release.

Lindholm told the News Letter Journal that he is hoping to help people who are having issues with the federal government.

"Those are the people I want to hear from. Then I can put Lummis' staff and I on it. We can get to work addressing the issue," Lindholm said. "Some of the biggest issues we see are agencies buried under paperwork and paperwork gets misplaced. Sometimes all it takes is a call from the senator's office to help things move down the line."

Getting out into the communities and being accessible to the public is important to Lummis,

Lindholm said.

"We have never had a congressional office in Crook or Weston county, and I am pumped about the northeastern corner having two representatives with Lummis — Newcastle native Darrin Munoz and myself," Lindholm said. "This will hopefully insure some wins for these communities."

their next step.

According to Lindholm, anyone wishing to visit with him should call 202-770-5538 to arrange a convenient time and location to meet.

"I will be in Weston County and the hope is that people will see the release and call the phone number to schedule a time," he said. "I am hoping to keep things centralized in preferably Newcastle or Upton, but I will do what I can to do what I can to meet with everyone conveniently."



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Happy days!

On Friday, April 9, a retirement party was held at the Weston County Library in Newcastle for Mabel Hinz, who was employed there for 24 years. The celebration also fell on her birthday, so many well wishes were being made to her. Prior to her employment with the library, Hinz was a long-time teacher who retired from Weston County School District No 1. She said many of her former students had reached out to her offering their special congratulations, and she remarked that one of these former students was from her very first class in 1959. Friends and former co-workers gathered for the event, At left, Hinz with her bright and colorful retirement/birthday cake. Below left, Joann Fassbender, Rose Allen, Maxine Groner, and Judy Scott take the opportunity to visit. Below, Dana Mann-Tavegia visits with Hinz and offers her congratulations.

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proposed reduction in logging in the Black Hills. This report, created by the USDA Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Research Station was published on March 23, according to a release from the Forest Service.

"The USDA Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Research Team Station scientists today published the general technical report, A Scenario-Based Assessment to Inform Sustainable Ponderosa Pine Timber Harvest on the Black Hills National Forest. The report, based on forest census data, provides context, rationale, and evaluation of harvest level scenarios across a range of mortality and growth rates in the Black Hills," the release says. "This report offers scientific information that can inform discussion concerning future harvest levels on the Black Hills National Forest."

A primary finding is that the current level of live sawtimber does not support a sustainable timber program at current harvest rates.

The Forest Service plan allows for 181,000 CCF of timber (CCF is a unit of volume equal to 100 cubic feet) to be sold. Research was conducted using aerial imaging and test plots over the past few years to determine if this number was sustainable moving into the future, the report says.

Hobie Perry said during an April 2020 discussion that the forest's volume of living trees suitable for logging, known as sawtimber, is 5.9 million CCF. Perry is the FIA program lead for the Northern Research Station. Forest Service research indicates that the number needs to be at least 12 million to maintain the current allowable harvest, he said.

In order to ensure the highest quality of data and scientific standards, a comprehensive review process was used, according to the release.

"Scientists, technical and blind peer reviews, and an open public comment That relationship [between the Forest Service and timber industry] is hugely important. In order to manage the forest, it is a vital component. We need the industry's infrastructure to manage the Black Hills National Forest."

— Jeff Tomac, Black Hills National Forest Supervisor

period produced over 350 comments," the release says, the result of which is a significantly revised document.

Before the April 7 webinar scheduled to share the outcomes of the study, Barton told the county commissioners that there is a need for the county to be aware of the issue. He stated that while "doing some digging," he had discovered that this study "reeks of adjusting the science to get the results you want."

Barton also stated that personnel within the Forest Service had a "no logging" agenda that is a detriment to the forest and community. He noted the mismanagement of the forest as a reason that timber harvest needs to be reduced.

Both Chairman Marty Ertman and Commissioner Ed Wagoner offered support for Barton's ideas. Ertman said that the issue started when the mountain pine beetle infestation was mismanaged, saying that the Forest Service should have let the timber industry have the trees and not the beetles.

Forest Supervisor Jeff Tomac disagreed during a conversation with the News Letter Journal, stating that the Forest Service is not attacking the industry but relies heavily on a positive relationship with the industry to maintain a healthy forest.

"That relationship [between the Forest Service and timber industry] is hugely important. In order to manage the forest, it is a vital component," Tomac said. "We need the industry's infrastructure to manage the Black Hills National Forest."

Tomac said that the agency has focused on establishing and continuing a relationship with the industry with the hopes of understanding the dynamics, complexities and concerns of the industry as far as timber sustainability is concerned.

Part of this relationship, according to Tomac, was working with the industry throughout the pine beetle epidemic with the hopes of managing the forest properly. The premise of the "joint attack" was to get ahead of the beetle to minimize the impact of the epidemic, which Tomac said, heavily used the timber industry.

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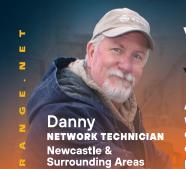
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Honor given to coaches ast Saturday, the Lady Dogies' senior soccer players were recognized at the Rawlins game. There are quite a crew of them this year, and

Lady Dogies win shutout games

NLJ Sports Reporter The Lady Dogies were all business last weekend as Riverton and Rawlins made the long drive to play in Newcastle. Head coach Cami Willyard had her squad ready to make their trip back home even longer as they took the win against the Wolverines on Friday 2-0, and smacked around the Lady Outlaws on Saturday by a score of 6-0. "Getting these two conference wins

Sonja Karp

was great," exclaimed Willyard. "And winning with two shutouts was even better because when it comes down to tie-breakers at the end of the season, points scored against you really play a big role, so the less the better!"

The Lady Dogies were a bit in the dark regarding Riverton and their style of play, but Willyard knew they would be a competitive team. Though the contest was scheduled to kick off at 4 p.m. on Friday, the Lady Wolverines' bus didn't arrive until the game was set to start. The delay gave Newcastle a bit of an advantage, given Riverton only had about 15 minutes to warm up after their long bus ride.

The Lady Dogies jumped on Riverton and took control of the contest from the start. The Wolverines have a talented defensive back line, and, according to Willyard, possess some definite skills, but Newcastle did a good job of slowing down, finding feet and creating a lot of dangerous balls. Unfortunately, the





ladies who have been uniquely devoted to the sport from a young age.

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Sonja Karp That Karpe Dogie they have given so

much of themselves to soccer over the years made losing last year to COVID-19 even more disappointing, but I know that they are all very happy to be able to play out their final season of high school ball.

The senior night celebration happens every year in every sport, but on Saturday these seniors opted to share their spotlight with the people who helped them become the players — and the team —

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Lady Dogies struggled to find the back of the net early on.

The Lady Wolverines had the wind advantage in the first 40 minutes of

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Alaina Laurence controls the ball for the Lady Dogies in the midst of a hoard of Wolverines on Friday. Laurence was scoreless on Friday, however she went one-for-one on Saturday against the Lady Outlaw of Rawlins, finding the back of the net on a 35 yard free kick.

Tracksters take second in Wheatland

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Mother Nature tried to thwart the Dogie tracksters as their scheduled meet in Douglas was cancelled Friday due to inclement weather, however head coach Chad Ostenson's crew had the last laugh when they lassoed themselves a spot in the second Wheatland Invite in two weeks on Saturday.

"We were happy to be able

to get into Wheatland after the long jump, shot put and cancellation on Friday, and it turned out to be a pretty good day for us," Ostenson nodded. "It was a really good day for the boys especially, but even the girls, for having so few members, also performed well."

The boys' team finished with 100 points earning them second place behind Rawlins and ahead of Douglas by three points. Dogie men earned team points in every event but discus.

Holden McConkey and Dylan Drost have been trading places regarding who crosses the finish line first in the 100 Meter dash this season, and McConkey reclaimed the bragging rights edging Drost out by .01 of a second as they came in fifth and sixth, respectively.

Drost, however, was the first Dogie across the finish line in the 200 Meter finishing fourth in 24.77, and he also edged out Grayson Ramsey in the 300 Meter Hurdle claiming third place with a time of 47.49. Ramsey was right behind him in fourth place, finishing in 48.07.

Gunner Ramsey nabbed second place for the second week in a row in the high jump, matching his best leap last week of 5 feet, 10 inches.

The 400 Meter Race was another good one for the Dogies and a nail biter at that when it came down to determining which Newcastle runner would break the tape. Zach Purviance won the race between him and Gunner, finishing first in 54.02 with Gunner hot on his heels in second with a time of 56.86.

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"Zach and Gunner ran a nice, strong race in the 400, and that was Gunner's first time attempting the event, so I was pleased with that,"

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Gavin Gray uses his head to deflect a Wolverine shot on goal last Friday. Gray and the rest of the Dogie back line faced a great deal of pressure in both their Friday and Saturday losses.

Dogies have rough week

Sonja Karp NLJ Sports Reporter

cumbed 1-7, however a positive note was that they were able to score their first goal of the season. "One thing that I am really liking right now is that the guys are listening and making adjustments to their game," Dickey noted. "We talked to them about movement off the ball and our communication issues after the game on Friday, and both of those looked better against Rawlins on Saturday." The Outlaws presented a challenge of speed which the Dogies struggled to contain, however the defense did a good job of holding the line and picked up quite a few offsides calls with which Dickey was pleased. The Dogies were able to keep Rawlins off the board for the first 20 minutes of play and went into the half **NHS Men's Soccer** down 0-2. Newcastle v. Riverton 4/9/21 0-6 "We were pretty competi-Dayton McFarland: 0-1 shot on goal Hayden Overman: 0-3 shots on goal tive, but after their first goal, Ezra Anderson: 0-2 shots on goal we started to hang back and Cael Holmes: 0-1 shot on goal play really defensively rather Avery Chick: 3 saves Gavin Gray: 3 saves than being aggressive on Heath Henkle: 13 saves offense," Hoover explained. Newcastle v. Rawlins 4/10/21 1-7 "We've had a tendency to do Dayton McFarland: 1-5 shots on goal Hayden Overman: 0-1 shot on goal that this year, so we need to Ezra Anderson: 0-2 shots on goal, 1 assist get that figured out." Zade Orsborn: 0-1 shot on goal The Dogie defense was once Gavin Gray: 3 saves Yestin Davis: 1 save again under a great deal of Heath Henkle: 10 saves pressure in the second half, and the Wolverines capitalized on opportunities to score three goals in quick succession about 10 minutes into it, extending their lead to 7-0 as time ticked away. Henkle finished the contest with 10 saves, Gray had three and Yestin Davis had one. With 15 minutes to play, the Dogies were finally able to score their first goal of the season. Anderson sent in a long ball from midfield, then McFarland and Overman worked the defense until McFarland took a well-placed shot and found the back of the net. "It was great to end on a high note by scoring our first goal of the season. That was the last score of the game and is something we can build upon going forward," Hoover said. "We have so much potential and we have more skill out on the field than we've had in a long time, but we need to put things together as a team." The Dogies have back-to-back home games again this weekend against Douglas on Friday starting at 6 p.m. for varsity, then on Saturday, JV plays half a game starting at noon with varsity to follow at 1 p.m. or 1:15.

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It was a bit of a rough go over the weekend for the Dogies as they dropped two conference games at home against Riverton on Friday and Rawlins on Saturday. In both contests, the Dogies continued their trend of playing solidly in the first half, then faltering in the second.

"I felt like we were just disjointed against Riverton, and it felt like we weren't connecting as a team," assistant coach Sally Hoover mused. "There were open passes but we weren't using them and we were moving well and defending well, but we just couldn't put anything together on offense."

Riverton got on the board with their first goal late in the first half, so the Dogies went into the break only down 1-0. However, a lack of communication on offense in the second half was detrimental to the Dogies and the Wolverines capitalized on that to extend their lead to 6-0 by the end of the contest.

"We had some good opportunities regarding shots on goal, but Riverton had possession of the ball for a good part of

the contest," admitted head coach Elyse Dickey. "Our defense did a pretty good job considering they were under pressure for much of the game."

Unfortunately, Dylan McFarland, the team's starting goalie, suffered an injury last weekend which has him sidelined so Heath Henkle got the call to step into that vital position for the first time at the varsity level. Despite his rookie status, Henkle stacked up 13 saves on the day.

"Heath did a really good job for this being his first weekend playing varsity," Dickey said. "He communicated really well, which was awesome, and I was impressed with him overall."

In addition to Henkle's saves, Avery Chick and Gavin Gray each contributed three in their role as the defensive back line.

The Dogies were able to get off seven shots on goal and spread around those taking the shots which should bode well going forward. Cael Holmes, Dayton McFarland, Ezra Anderson and Hayden Overman each had opportunities but couldn't find the back of the net.

Against Rawlins on Saturday, the Dogies suc-

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Caitlyn Pehringer and the rest of the Lady Dogie defensive line held Riverton to only four shots on goal on Friday and denied Rawlins any shots on goal on Saturday.

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play, however, Newcastle's back line of LaKacee Lipp, Caitlyn Pehringer, Mia Peterson, Alaina Steveson and Becca Henkle held them off as well, so the two teams went into the break tied at zero.

"We knew that the second half was our time to push, but again despite many opportunities we still couldn't score," Willyard admitted. "I looked up and with about 20 minutes left to play started to get a little concerned, but our forwards, MacKenzie Conzelman and Gabby McVay, did a great job of figuring each other out and figuring out some runs to do on offense."

In the 55th minute of play, Newcastle was finally able to break the plane of the net a definitive win. and get on the board. McVay took a long shot, and Riverton committed a handball violation inside the box. As a result, McVay was given an opportunity at a penalty kick to get started offensively. which the sophomore capitalized upon to find the back of contest, Alaina Laurence had

NHS Ladies' Soccer Newcastle v. Riverton 4/9/21 2-0 Claire Beastrom: 2-3 shots on goal Caitlyn Pehringer: 1-1 shot on goal Gabby McVay: 1-4 shots on goal MacKenzie Conzelman: 1-4 shot on goal Shawnee Miles: 0-1 shot on goa Angel Perez: 4 saves, 1 shutout

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pened to be their home opener and a conference win — the Lady Dogies were ready for the Outlaws on Saturday. This contest was also senior night and the squad did it up right picking up another shutout and

Right from the start, the Lady Dogies dominated possession and kept it in their offensive third of the field for most of the game but, again, it took a while

At 20 minutes into the the net, giving her team their a long free kick from about and unselfish play, and it is also

In the 55th minute, Conzelman capitalized on another Lady Outlaw misplay to put another one in the net, then Emily Beastrom got an assist from McVay who sent a crossball to her which she finished in the 62nd minute.

At that point, the team had their two-goal objective but they weren't done. Conzelman sent a through ball from the half to McVay who ran it down and finished in the 67th minute for the final goal of the contest.

Defense continued to work for the shut-out and the back line was impenetrable, denying the Lady Outlaws any shots on goal.

"I was so proud of our defense all weekend," Willyard said. "Two shut-outs and only allowing four shots on goal in two games is awesome. Our back line is tough!"

"I'm also very pleased with our offense. Of our 12 goals that we've had this season, eight players have scored. That's a testament to our camaraderie

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first goal of the contest.

With five minutes remaining, Conzelman had the ball on the left side of the 18, and finished with her left foot to give her team a bit more of a comfortable lead with short time to play.

"I felt like we won the game possession wise but the score didn't necessarily show it," Willyard stated. "It was nice to get a goal that wasn't a PK to solidify our performance against them, and it was the first time that our forwards scored all year, so that was great as well."

The back line and keeper Angel Perez held Riverton to only four shots on goal, and Perez was able to deny each of those attempts.

the season — which just hap-

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they have grown into.

When you look at schools who regularly bring home state titles, you inevitably see a program that started early, and this season the ladies are showing promise to win the east conference and to take a well-aimed shot at a state title.

The potential state championship run didn't just start in 2021, however. These girls have put in many years of soccer through club, middle school, indoor, and high school play, so I just think it was awesome that they wanted to honor the many people who helped them along the way.

You don't see that every day. Most coaches take a backseat willingly to their players when it comes to the success of their team because that's what coaches do.

Coaches give their time and their heart to their team, no matter what level, and it is obvious that this group of players who have been unfailingly dedicated to the sport of soccer have reaped the benefit of some amazing coaches over the years.

There were 10 that the seniors recognized, with a lot of emotions afterward on the bench. Those that have been a part of this group's soccer life are Klinette Brandon. Brenda

30 yards out. It appeared as though the keeper lost the ball, and it found its way to the back of the net.

Nine minutes later, the Outlaw defense had a misplay and Lara Lopez was there inside the box to capitalize on the mistake to put her team up 2-0.

With three minutes to go before the half-time break, McVay was fouled inside the 18, and she opted for a senior to take the PK. The nod went to Emily Beastrom who put it low and on the left side of the net to take a 3-0 lead into the break.

"We were working on playing down to the corner and crossing balls," Willyard explained. So during half-time, I challenged them to get two more goals and to continue to play with Coming off their first win of a purpose and hold on to the shut-out."

Willyard.

great to have that talent," she continued. "I don't know how many teams around the state can say that, especially in only four games."

Assistant coach Ashley Reed's junior varsity crew also got their first win of the season on Saturday as they defeated Rawlins 1-0.

The Lady Dogies have two more big conference games this weekend, and if they can get these, things are looking good to earning a state berth.

"If we can keep playing the way we have, I feel pretty confident going into this weekend," Willyard said.

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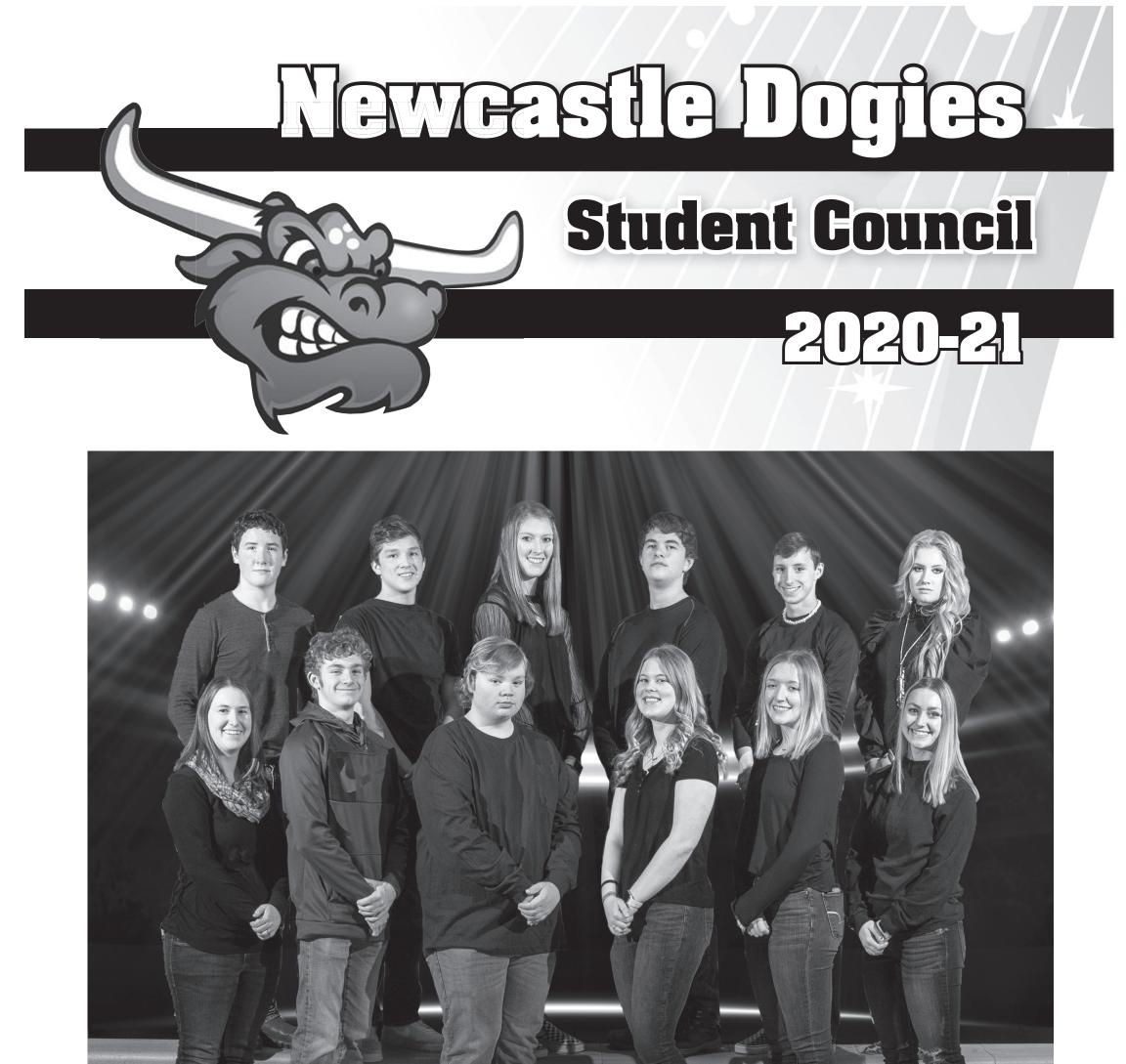
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By Clerk of Court Tina Cote by Riki Bartels Clerk of District Court/ Deputy

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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 filled 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

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Fun and Games

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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 at Law 15 S. Sumner Avenue Newcastle, Wyoming 82701 (307) 871-0348

(Publish April 8 and 15, 2021)

Meeting Notice

WESTON COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The Weston County Natural Resource District has moved their April board meeting to Tuesday, April 20th at 3 pm. It will be held at the Events Center on the Weston County Fairgrounds. All meetings are open to the general public. If you have any questions please call Caleb Carter at (307) 746-3264.

(Publish April 15, 2021)

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.

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Legal Notice

WATER UNLIMITED, INC. 2020 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT (CCR)

The CCR for Water Unlimited, Inc. is finished and posted at the Well, Weston County Courthouse, Business Office and available upon request. Any customer interested in receiving a paper copy of the 2020 CCR please contact Cary Voss at 307-746-5794.

(Publish April 15, 2021)

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Last week's answers

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Public Notice

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 updates 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 nonresidential 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

City Council Minutes

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL **CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS** MINUTES MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021

Mayor Pam Gualtieri called this regular meeting of the Newcastle City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Mayor Gualtieri; Council member Don Steveson, Tyrel Owens, Ann McColley, Michael Alexander, Lance Miles and Daren Downs. Also present were Department Heads City Attorney Michael Stulken, City Police Chief Sam Keller, City Engineer Mike Moore and City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ann McColley moved, seconded Michael Alexander to approve the agenda as amended, adding summer sewer averaging, Proclamation for Telecommunications week, and land acquisition during the executive session. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ann McColley moved, seconded Michael Alexander to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Monday, March 15, 2021 and the Executive Session minutes of Monday, March 15, 2021. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOMINATIONS FOR RECOGNITION: None CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION: None CITIZEN'S BUSINESS-IN WRITING: Ann McColley moved, seconded Daren

Downs to approve sewer forgiveness for Lois Johnson in the amount of \$42.61 because of a water leak. MOTION CARRIED.

Michael Alexander moved, seconded Tyrel Owens to approve a catering permit for Perkins Tavern on Saturday May 8th for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation banquet. MOTION

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.

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lined between the City of Newcastle and Dan, Kaylee and Curtis Harley to obtain the land necessary to rebuild the retaining wall at the corner of Summit and Wentworth. Harley's will donate eight feet (8') of property so the City may rebuild the wall as it exists to preserve the historical part of Newcastle. In exchange the City agrees to pay for any necessary surveying, replace the wall as constructed/ designed and allow the setback variance to be from the face of the wall rather than the property line. MOTION CARRIED.

CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY: Michael Alexander moved, seconded Daren Downs to pay the claims against the City dated April 5, 2021. Motion carried. Ann McColley moved, seconded Tyrel Owens to adjourn this regular meeting of the Newcastle City Council at 8:56 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Claims: Advanced Communications, headset and cable, \$105.00; Alpha Communications, March 2021 tower rent, \$95.00; American Collections Systems, bad debt collections, \$72.87; American Water Works Association. membership, \$384.00; Black Hills Energy, electric and natural gas service, \$18,715.49; Black Hills Plumbing & Supply, fire hall service work, \$1587.75; Bobcat of Gillette, parts, \$473.57; Bomgaars Supply, supplies/ materials, \$226.49; Butler Machinery Co., parts, \$870.67; Cambria Supply, supplies/ materials, \$5005.65; Century Link, E-911 data service, \$998.69; City of Newcastle, WA/SW/ GA services, \$488.10; Derek's Field Service, repairs to motor grader, \$7222.40; R. Douglas Dumbrill, April 2021 municipal judge, \$1076.30; Energy Laboratories, Inc., water sample testing, \$125.00; Enviro-Clean Intermountain, LLC, parts, \$828.54; Environmental Products and Accessories, vac truck parts, \$2691.25; Farnsworth Services, Co., Inc., portable sanitation, \$1350.00; Dave Feist, water deposit refund, \$25.41; FOCUS, Family Violence Center, 3rd quarter payment, \$1250.00; Frontier Home Ranch & Hardware, supplies/materials, \$1012.34; Betty M. Jensen, sewing for FD, \$30.00; Ketel Thorstenson, LLP, info ref. E-911, \$120.00; Jerry Koester, water deposit refund, \$200.00; Mallory Safety & Supply, LLC, badges/pins, \$2627.86; Municipal Code Corp., ordinance updates, \$321.49; Newcastle Ambulance Service, April 2021 ambulance service, \$8333.33; Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce, 3rd quarter payment, \$3250.00; Newcastle Recreation Board, 3rd quarter payment, \$9500.00; Newcastle Volunteer Fire Dept., reimbursements for pension/gloves/ embroidery on uniforms, \$8380.49; Newman Traffic Signs, traffic/rode signs, \$495.24; News Letter Journal, legals/ads/office supplies, \$948.04; NORCO, Inc., batteries, \$36.00; Normont Equipment Co., jet rodder parts, \$3423.00; Northern Wyoming Mental Health Center, Inc., 3rd quarter payment, \$1625.00; Postmaster, utility billing permit, \$1500.00; Powder River Energy Corp. electric service, \$1323.46; Projex, software renewal, \$40.00; Genell Rothleutner, PD cleaning, \$200.00; Salt Creek Water District, sewer service, \$555.00; Roxanne Ritter Shannon & Dye, water deposit refund, \$15.89; Jennifer Smith, water deposit refund, \$200.00; Bryand Streeter, \$April 2021 airport wages, \$1333.33; Michael Stulken, April 2021 attorney fee, \$2800.00; Sundance Extinguishers, extinguisher brackets, \$190.00; Lucky Teigen-Grummons, fire hall cleaning, \$300.00; Threattrack Security, Inc., PD security software, \$2558.40; Trojan Worldwide, Inc., sewer camera, \$16,290.00; Tracey Tupa, reimburse food expense, \$27.55; Uber Geek Computer, printer toner/ink, \$121.15; Verizon, cell phones, \$826.08; Becky Vodopich, office cleaning, \$300.00; Voelker's Autobody/Glass, alignment, \$75.00; Weston County Children's Center, 3rd quarter payment, \$2250.00; Weston County Treasurer, tax handling fee/ City share law enf. center, \$1405.64; Weston County Weed & Pest Control, mosquito briquettes, \$2675.00; Weston County Clerk, election fees, \$2398.46; Weston County Humane Society, 3rd quarter payment, \$4250.00; Weston County School District #1, wood shop plaques, \$25.00; Weston County Senior Services, \$3rd quarter payment, \$7500.00; Woody's Food Center, housekeeping supplies, \$67.69; Wyoming First Aid & Safety, first aid supplies, \$257.51; Wyoming Home Services, 3rd quarter payment, \$1500.00; American Business Software, updates and calendar, \$384.42; Mastercard, fuel/training/travel, #1896.48; Wilson & Associates, LLC, plan review, \$1075.00. ATTEST:

Bid Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF NEWCASTLE **10 W WARWICK** NEWCASTLE, WY 82701

Separate sealed BIDS for the Lagoon Biosolids Removal 2021 will be received at the Newcastle city office until 5:00 P.M. May 3, 2021. Bids will then be opened by the Newcastle City Council at, 7:15 PM DST May 3, 2021, during the regular council meeting, and read aloud. The project will consist of removing approximately 25,000 cubic yards of in-place biosolids from the city's lagoon facility and disposing of.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

City Engineer's Office, City of Newcastle, 10 West Warwick, Newcastle, WY 82701 Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

may be obtained at the office of

The City Engineer, City of Newcastle, 10 West Warwick, Newcastle, WY 82701. Payment for each set is \$10.00 (non-refundable). Also, contract documents will be available at www. questcdn.com. For questions call (307) 746-3535.

A pre-bid meeting will be held April 28, 2021 1:00 P.M. at City Hall.

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

Dated: 4/09/2021 Mike Moore, P.E. City Engineer/City of Newcastle, WY

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Bid Notice

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CITY OF NEWCASTLE **10 W WARWICK** NEWCASTLE, WY 82701

Separate sealed BIDS for the Chip Seal 2021 will be received at the Newcastle city office until 5:00 P.M. May 3, 2021. Bids will then be opened by the Newcastle City Council at, 7:25 PM DST May 3, 2021, during the regular council meeting, and read aloud. The project will consist of installing approximately 12,100 SY of chip seal and fog seal.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

City Engineer's Office, City of Newcastle, 10 West Warwick, Newcastle, WY 82701 Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may

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A pre-bid meeting will be held April 29, 2021 3:30 P.M. at City Hall.

Bid Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF NEWCASTLE 10 W WARWICK NEWCASTLE, WY 82701

Separate sealed BIDS for the Salem Street Reconstruction 2021 will be received at the Newcastle city office until 5:00 P.M. May 3, 2021. Bids will then be opened by the Newcastle City Council at, 7:20 PM DST May 3, 2021, during the regular council meeting, and read aloud. The project will consist of installing approximately 876 lineal feet of 24" concrete curb and gutter, and 1460 square yards asphaltic concrete pavement 6 inches in thickness.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

- City Engineer's Office, City of Newcastle, 10 West Warwick, Newcastle, WY 82701
- Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of

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A pre-bid meeting will be held April 28, 2021 3:30 P.M. at City Hall.

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Bid Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF NEWCASTLE 10 W WARWICK NEWCASTLE, WY 82701

Separate sealed BIDS for a Salsco, Inc Mini-Track Paver Model TP44-TD or approved equal will be received at the Newcastle city office until 5:00 P.M. May 3, 2021. Bids will then be opened by the Newcastle City Council at, 7:10 PM DST May 3, 2021, during the regular council meeting, and read aloud.

Specifications may be obtained from or examined at the office of the City Engineer who can be contacted at (307) 746-3535.

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CARRIED.

TYREL OWENS Moved, seconded Don Steveson to approve summer sewer averaging for the Weston County Museum District Anna Miller Museum. MOTION CARRIED.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—VERBAL:

Andy McKay approached the Council on behalf of Weston County Arts Council with the idea of holding movies in the park. While some details need to be worked out, the City Council approve by consensus moving forward with the project.

Jennifer Smith brought a revised Event Plan for the All School Reunion, moving the activities downtown to Main Street. Main Street will be closed from Sumner Avenue to Railway Avenue for the parade and other activities. Ann McColley moved, seconded Don Steveson, to suspend the Open Container Ordinance from 10:30 a.m. July 3rd, 2021 to 2:00 a.m. July 4th, 2021, on Main Street from Summit Street to Railway, not inclusive of those streets. MOTION CARRIED.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS: None DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

City engineer Mike Moore noted Arbor Day will be celebrated on April 30 at the cemetery. The Salem storm drain project has been let to Farnsworth Services Company. Wyoming DEQ has responded positively to feedback from the City reference the Landfill #1 remediation proposals. Mr. Moore requested authority to advertise for bids for a mini-paver, funds to come from General Fund reserves. Michael Alexander moved, seconded Tyrel Owens to approve this request. MOTION CARRIED. Two committee meetings were set, Sewer Committee Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. and a Cemetery Committee Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Moore also indicated he was ready to call for bids for cleaning the sewer lagoon. Consensus was to move forward.

City Attorney Michael Stulken presented Ordinance #1, Series 2021 on second reading, ordinance amending City Ordinance 22-20, allowing for person outside City limits to serve on the Newcastle Tree Board. Ann McColley moved, seconded Don Steveson to pass Ordinance #1, Series 2021 on second reading. **MOTION CARRIED.**

City Police Chief Sam Keller reported calls for service, YTD 1151, for the month of March 424 and 52 so far for the month of April. Two persons were interviewed for the vacant dispatch position.

City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James asked for the annual budget workshop on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: none OTHER BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: reference personnel and land acquisition. Michael Alexander moved, seconded Ann McColley to suspend the rules and go into an executive session reference personnel and land acquisition at 7:48 p.m. MOTION CARRIED. Ann McColley moved, seconded Tyrel Owens to return to regular session at 8:56 p.m. MOTION CARRIED. Ann McColley moved, seconded Daren Downs to accept the agreement as out-

Pam Gualtieri, Mayor ATTEST: City Clerk/Treasurer, Greg James

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having occurred and all prerequisites to foreclosure having been met, notice is hereby given that the mortgage given by Edward C. Kiesling and Beverly A. Kiesling, Trustees of the Edward and Beverly Kiesling Trust Dated the 16th day of October, 2014, mortgagors, in favor of Pinnacle Bank Wyoming, mortgagee, dated August 13, 2018, recorded August 14, 2018, in Book 380 of Photos, Page 242, in the Records of the Clerk of Weston County, Wyoming, given to secure payment of a note in the original amount of One Hundred Twenty Six Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars and 00/100 (\$126,378.00). A modification of mortgage was recorded on December 20, 2019, in Book 388 of Photos, Page 913 of the Records of Weston County, Wyoming, and a modification of mortgage was recorded August 18, 2020, in Book 392 of Photos, page 700 of the Records of Campbell County, Wyoming. The amount due as of April 8, 2021, is One Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Three Dollars and 16/100 (\$139,553.16), plus accruing interest, fees and costs. Said mortgage contains a power of sale which by reason of default the owner of the Note and Mortgage declares to have become operative and no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by the mortgage or any part thereof, nor has any such suit or proceeding been instituted and the same discontinued. Written notice of intent to foreclose

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the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten days prior to the commencement of this publication. The property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale and any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting the bid.

Therefore, said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the real property described as:

- TOWNSHIP 46 NORTH, RANGE 64 WEST, 6TH P.M., WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING
- SECTION 24: E1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4 SECTION 25: NW1/4NE1/4

which has the address of 347 Oil City Road, Osage, Wyoming 82723, to be sold by public auction by the Sheriff to the highest bidder, for cash, at 10:00 a.m. on May 18, 2021, at the front steps of the Weston County Courthouse, 1 West Main, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701. The sale will take place only if a representative of Pinnacle Bank Wyoming, or its agent, is present.

Pinnacle Bank Wyoming By: Michael J. Lansing Chapman Valdez & Lansing 125 West 2nd Street P.O. Box 2710 Casper, WY 82602 (307) 237-1983

(Publish: April 15, 22, 29, and May 6, 2021)

DEADLINE FOR LEGALS IS FRIDAY

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NEWS

EXCHANGE

On the edge of a crisis

Hannah Black

Wyoming Tribune Eagle Via Wyoming News Exchange

CHEYENNE — With the signing of the state's supplemental budget bill on April 1, Gov. Mark Gordon finalized nearly \$3 million in budget cuts to the Wyoming Public Defender's office.

And although they could have been worse, those cuts leave the office and its staff, along with the roughly 15,000 Wyomingites the office represents each year, teetering on the edge.

"We're always one capital case or influx of cases or big multi-defendant case from having a budget crisis," State Public Defender Diane Lozano said.

It's the same position Lozano's office found itself in back in May 2019, when her refusal to accept new misdemeanor cases in Campbell County because of heavy caseloads and understaffing led Circuit Judge Paul Phillips to find Lozano in contempt of court. As a result, Phillips fined her \$1,500 for each day the public defender's office did not accept misdemeanor cases in the county.

Lozano won her case against Phillips and the Campbell County Circuit Court, with the Wyoming Supreme Court ruling in April 2020 that Lozano exercising discretion in which cases her office accepts did not place her in contempt of court.

But one year later, money that would have been allocated to preventing a similar situation from happening again by hiring additional attorneys in Campbell County was stripped away, along with two positions in the Newcastle public defender's office, which covers both Crook and Weston counties, and funding reserved for representation in potential death penalty cases.

The cuts will also mean less training for attorneys, and no money to update what Lozano called an "antiquated" case management system.

In the public defender's office's 2021-22 supplemental budget request, Lozano and two other authors wrote: "As we all learned in the spring of 2019, when the Public Defender is not adequately funded or staffed, a constitutional crisis ensues, as well as creating an ethical crisis for the State Public Defender and her assistants," referring to the Campbell County case.

When asked if she worries about that kind of thing happening again because of continued underfunding and understaffing, Lozano said it's not a question of "if."

"Yeah, it will happen," she said. "I don't know when, and I don't know where, but I think it will happen."

If a public defender is not available or there is a conflict of interest in a case, the Wyoming Public Defender Act allows courts to appoint private counsel that would be paid by the public defender's office. What's unclear, Lozano said, is what would happen if the public defender's office did not have the money to pay for those private attorneys.

state of Wyoming should do everything they can to avoid.'

The budget also eliminates the office's funding for capital cases, or cases that involve the death penalty. Though these are relatively rare, if the public defender's office is representing a person, and a prosecutor says they're considering seeking the death penalty, the office is constitutionally required to begin funding that defense, including appointing at least two qualified attorneys, a mitigation investigation specialist and a qualified fact investigator, Lozano said.

Though it failed in the Legislature for the third year in a row, repealing the death penalty would have put an end to the issue altogether, she said, saving millions of dollars in the process and letting public defenders focus on everyday cases.

Even with the complications caused by getting rid of funding for capital case defense, it's these everyday cases that would have suffered without the reduction, the office wrote in its supplemental budget proposal.

"Because of the costly results of eliminating capital case funding, it would be easy to not include the cut in this proposal; but not cutting monies that are designated to the rare case would only require the Public Defender to begin firing attorneys who handle the 15,000 cases annually, causing a constitutional crisis on a daily level," the narrative reads.

Despite these very real risks, the state's public defenders will carry on.

"We'll be OK – we'll continue to provide the best representation that we can,"

Lozano said When public defenders are overworked and bogged down by too many cases, the people they represent suffer, Professor McLane said.

"They become numbers pretty quickly," she said. "The personable nature that I think is required for constitutionally effective assistance of counsel is simply gone.'

Devon Petersen, now a private attorney in Laramie, worked as a public defender in Chevenne from 2012 to 2018. During that time, he estimated he had about 100 felony cases on his plate at any given instance. Most of his time was spent in circuit or district court, representing clients, leaving little room to work on cases in the way he felt they deserved.

"You can't really be in your office, you can't really go to the jail, you can't really answer your phone when you get back from court, you have 50 voicemails of people who haven't talked to you and want to talk to you, and you've got new cases that are coming in -Imean, it's just chaos, and it's no way to represent someone," Petersen said.

Since being in private practice, Petersen said he usually has about 10 cases at one time -15when he's busy. This allows him to devote the

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Internet access high

JACKSON (WNE) Wyoming schools are way ahead of most of the nation's, at least when it comes to internet access.

According to a new study from Connect K-12, a website that studies internet access in schools, 72% of Wyoming's schools have broadband capabilities of more than 1 megabit per student, the goal set by the Federal Communications Commission. That's well ahead of the nation as a whole, in which just 47% of schools have such broadband access.

years, "Over many Wyoming's robust educational network has grown an infrastructure that goes beyond federal standards for student connectivity," Gov. Mark Gordon said in a statement.

In the past few years, broadband access has quickly increased across the state. In 2016, 31% of school districts were above the FCC's desired threshold of 1 megabit per student, though at the time just 14% of U.S. school districts were there.

of districts in Wyoming with broadband capabilities has more than doubled, and it has tripled across the country.

"When you compare Wyoming's school district connectivity between 2016 and 2020, the progress is incredible," Connect K-12 Vice President Emily Jordan said in a press release. "The state is a model of success that other education leaders across the country can look to and learn from as an example of what can be done to better connect their schools."

In five years, the number

Gas prices drop slightly

CHEYENNE (WNE) — Wyoming gas prices have fallen 0.9 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.85 per gallon on Monday, according to GasBuddy.com's daily survey of 494 stations in Wyoming.

Gas prices in Wyoming are 7.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 86.9 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the

gallon Monday, while the most expensive was \$3.39 per gallon, a difference of \$1.01 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has

cheapest gas in Wyoming was priced at \$2.38 per

fallen 2.1 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.85 per gallon Monday. The national average is down 0.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.02 per gallon higher than a year ago.

UW football recruit killed

CASPER (WNE) — A Police Department. member of Wyoming's 2021 football recruiting class was shot and killed at a Dallasarea hotel over the weekend.

Police responded to a shooting call at approximately did not identify that person. 1:35 a.m. Central Time on Sunday at the Hawthorn taken into custody, and the in contact with Tony's family Suites near the Dallas Love motive for the homicide remains Field Airport, where they learned Tony Evans Jr. had been shot inside room 221. Evans was transported to a hospital and later pronounced dead, according to the Dallas

Evans was 17 years old.

The Dallas Morning News, which first reported the incident, reported there was another victim in stable condition. Police

No one was immediately unknown. In a statement, the UW football program said it was "saddened" to learn the news of Evans' death.

Evans family as they go through this incredibly difficult time," said UW coach Craig Bohl, who was on Tulsa's coaching staff when Evans' father played for the Golden Hurricane in the 1980s. "We are so sad to hear of Tony's passing. We have been and are here to support them in any way we can." Evans signed with UW in February. A wide receiver for Lancaster (Texas) High, Evans was high school teammates with another UW signee, DQ James.

"If we were to have to (refuse cases) again in Campbell County, and I had to use my money to cover a capital case, or caseloads go up, I might not be able to pay those private attorneys. And I don't know what the statutory or the constitutional fix is for that," Lozano said.

The public defender's office in Campbell County is so understaffed that students from the University of Wyoming College of Law's Defender Aid Clinic, located in Laramie, regularly drive the eight-hour round trip to Gillette to help with cases, UW professor and clinic director Lauren McLane said.

"I mean, (the law students are) great, but that's what we're going to do here to save us from that constitutional crisis - rely on law students?" McLane said. "I just haven't seen that in any other states."

McLane, a longtime public defender, said the Campbell County office would need to hire five full-time attorneys "to even begin to start to feel comfortable with that caseload."

In the Laramie County public defender's office, the busiest in the state, Lozano said she is having trouble recruiting enough attorneys and has had to take on some of the office's caseload herself.

Still, Lozano said, the cuts weren't as bad as they could have been. While many state agencies went through two rounds of substantial cuts, the public defender's office only went through one, thanks to support from the governor's office and the budget office, she said.

This means the public defender's office will be able to survive, Lozano said – until a "big, tragic case happens," and the office must fund defense in three or four death penalty cases.

"Then, we're going to be in trouble," she said.

If that second round of cuts had been required, the office projected they'd have about 5,000 cases each year they wouldn't be able to take on, and they wouldn't have had the funding to pay for private counsel to be appointed.

"It's the state of Wyoming's obligation to provide an attorney to everybody in court who's charged with a serious crime. If we were to lose more money, I would have to start cutting attorneys, which would mean that poor people might not have the same access to an attorney as the Constitution mandates," Lozano said. "That, to me, is a constitutional crisis that the

time he feels does justice to his clients, and to the system as a whole.

In Petersen's opinion, the Wyoming Public Defender's office should have 10 times the amount of funding it currently has, with 10 times the number of attorneys, to properly represent defendants.

"It's a terrible feeling. I became a public defender because I wanted to help people that had less resources and were vulnerable and were marginalized, and I wanted to give them as good a defense as anybody in the country," he said. "There's always this nagging thing in the back of your mind, like, what could I have accomplished in this case if I had more time?"

McLane thinks of public defenders as frontline workers against wrongful convictions. She said people should reframe the way they think about funding their state public defender's office: rather than taking money away from "criminals," cuts to that office mean less money for anyone accused of a crime who can't afford to hire an attorney.

"When we are taking money away from the public defender's office, we have to remember we're taking money away from our Sixth Amendment right to a fair trial, to effective assistance of counsel," she said.

McLane suggested Wyoming consider creating caseload standards like those that exist in some other states, which could limit the amount of cases assigned to one public defender, and where cases would be assigned to attorneys using a point system based around the severity or difficulty of a case.

She also suggested the Legislature consider how spending money on public defenders could save money down the road - on things like recidivism, appeals and resentencings.

"The fact is, is that public defenders are struggling, they're stressed all the time, and it's a backbreaking volume of cases. If we can articulate that need by measuring it up against other states and what their caseload standards are, I think it might be helpful in showing the Legislature why we need the funding that we need, and you need to stop slashing our funding," McLane said.

Petersen left his job as a public defender after six years because there were just too many cases, and the job was too overwhelming.

By choosing to further cut the public defender's office budget, Petersen said he believes the Legislature has let down the people of Wyoming.

"It was not fair to the clients, it's not fair to the prosecutors, it's not fair to the judges, it's not fair to the attorneys," he said

"Our hearts are with the

Frontier Days schedule set

announcing this summer's event will take place at full capacity and without masks, Cheyenne Frontier Days announced the 2021 Frontier Nights entertainment lineup.

Professional Bull Riders will return this summer with its exclusive Last Cowboy Standing series (July 26-27), complementing the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association daytime rodeo (July 24-Aug. 1) in the arena.

The entertainers added to the previously incomplete 2021 lineup are Garth Brooks with Ned LeDoux; Cody Johnson with Aaron Watson; Maren Morris with TBA; and Kane Brown with Restless Road. Blake Shelton with John King;

CHEYENNE (WNE) — The day after Eric Church with Ashely McBryde; and Thomas Rhett with Rhett Akins were rescheduled from 2020. Contract Acts Committee chairman Randy Krafft said the committee reached out to artists of other genres, but was unable to find any noncountry artists willing to perform this summer.

> "A lot of that came down to just availability of the artists," he said. "The country artists seemed more eager to get on the road. Most hip-hop and rock artists, from what we're seeing, they're planning more of a fall tour, so the availability was not there."

> He noted that the committee was "looking to keep that mixture they normally bring," but it simply didn't work out.

Disney Ranch sale goes forward

CASPER (WNE) ____ Trustees for Bradford Lund, the grandson of legendary animator and producer Walt Disney, have reportedly negotiated the for \$35 million, according to sale of a family ranch outside a letter sent to Lund and his Jackson against Lund's wishes.

locked in a legal battle with his own trustees over Eagle subdivided and sold as parcels South Fork, the 110-acre ranch in Teton County left to Lund and his twin sister, Michelle, by their father.

Now, Lund's legal team says the trustees have entered into a contract with an unidentified

the one originally interested in the ranch.

The property is set to sell sister on March 22. That's the For months, Lund has been commercial valuation of the land, which suggests it may be if the sale goes through.

a contract for sale with the new buyer on March 18, the letter says.

In January, trustees told Lund he could pay just over

buyer — a different buyer than \$34 million (which they referred to as a "discounted price," despite the residential appraisal of his portion of the land coming in at under \$10 million) to retain ownership of his half of the ranch.

> Michelle Lund was reportedly not interested in keeping her share.

Lund's legal team argues Trustees entered into he shouldn't have to pay out of pocket for property already owned by his own trust --a trust that, by law, is supposed to act according to his interests.

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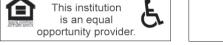


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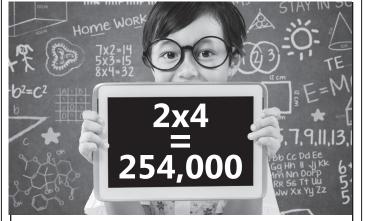
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Gunner Ramsey, above, cleared 5 feet, 10 inches for the second weekend in a row, and it was enough to net him second place in the high jump at Wheatland on Saturday. At right, Thomas Prell flew just over 15 feet in the long jump at Wheatland, however it wasn't enough to advance him to the finals in the event.

Ostenson nodded. "Gunner had a great day in all four of just getting better every week."

Jacob Prell was the only Newcastle runner in the 800 in fifth place with a time of with a time of 11:42.93. 2:30.42.

Dogies claimed second, third finishing first in both races. and fourth place, with Tristan Troftgruben claiming top

honors and doing so in just under five minutes. Bridger his events and Dylan [Drost] is Alishouse was next in 5:28.90 and Prell was fourth just a second behind Alishouse. Alishouse went on to take Meter run, and he finished second in the two mile run

The 4x100 and 4x400 relay In the 1600 Meter run, teams dominated the meet, Drost, the Ramsey brothers and McConkey made quick

work of the 4x1 finishing in just over 46 seconds and only seven-tenths of a second short of qualifying for the state meet, while the Ramsey brothers, Troftgruben and Purviance knocked out the 4x4 in 3:45.49.

The Lady Dogies' small, but mighty crew earned 56 points on the day which was enough to garner fifth place out of eight teams, and the girls

earned points in every single event in which they competed. Shelby Tidyman and Jaylen

Ostenson each earned 19 points each to contribute to the team's overall score.

Tidyman finished second in the 100 Meter Dash in 13.42, third in the 200 Meter Race with a time of 27.91 and fourth in the long jump, where she recorded her longest leap of the season to date sailing 15 feet, 3 inches.

Ostenson was second in the as she has run." 100 Meter Hurdle and won her first varsity race in the eight points to the team total 300 Meter Hurdle finishing in with her second consecutive work harder and edge out their 17.95 and 51.68, respectively. second place in the shot put opponents. They just had the She also added team points with her eighth-place finish in the discus throw with a toss of 86 feet, 3 inches. "It was Jay's first high throw, earning her fifth place. school win, and again she just really gutted it out against some pretty good competition. She did really well fighting the wind and getting around the corner," Ostenson said. "She started really well in the 100



clearing the first eight hurdles very nicely. She had to stutter step pretty hard on the ninth, which slowed her down a little, but the first eight were as good

Tiernan Stanton contributed where she hurled the shot 32 feet, 10.75 inches, and Sierra Blaney added four points with her 89-foot, 5-inch discus Finally, Tara Carter finished third in the two mile run with a time of 13:39.70 thereby earning six points for the Lady Dogies.

may not have been their best because of the wind, they really held their own and competed hard," Ostenson declared. "When you're being challenged, you can either back off or work harder and get better, and they all chose to

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"All the kids competed well and though some of their times

200M:

4. Dylan Drost 24.77

18. Robert Humes 26.84

28. Dillon Kenney 27.87

overall stronger will to win, and that's a real positive to see that competitive spirit."

This week, the Dogies are scheduled to compete in Glenrock on Friday beginning at 10 a.m., however with impending weather forecasted, Ostenson admitted that the meet may be cancelled and if so, the team will have the weekend off.

Newcastle @ Wheatland Invite #2 4/10/21 Women's Team Results: . Torrington 167 2. Douglas 130 3. Wheatland 86 4. Rawlins 85 5. Newcastle 56 6. HEM 38 7. Lusk 26 8. Guernsey Sunrise 5 Women's Individual Results: 100M: 2. Shelby Tidyman 13.42 200M: 3. Shelby Tidyman 27.91 3200M: 3. Tara Carter 13:39.70 100M Hurdles: 2. Jaylen Ostenson 17.95 300M Hurdles: 1. Jaylen Ostenson 51 68 Long Jump 4. Shelby Tidyman 15-03

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3. Douglas 97

6. Lusk 49

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