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Cellers fire burns 3,396 acres

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

Flames in the distance, smoke in the air and calls for prayers on Facebook, a scene all too familiar during a drought

and fire season in Wyoming. This is exactly what loomed in the distance as a thunder storm rolled into the area the afternoon of June 23.

Firefighters responded about 4:30 that afternoon to calls regarding a

grass fire north of the Cellers Loop Road, according to Weston County Fire Warden Daniel Tysdal. This call was the start of a long night fighting an unpredictable grass fire in the dark and wild Wyoming wind.

Due to the unpredictability of these fires, the large amount of land and potential response time, landowners watch for fires when storms roll in, are prepared to respond to the blaze and aid in the fire suppression as much as pos-

sible, according to Nicky Groenewold, one of the many that called for prayers that evening as the fire crept toward their property.

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EchoTech Fuels eyes Newcastle

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

Life may be brought back to the old sawmill east of Newcastle after years in limbo if EchoTech Fuels, a California based company, has its way. The privately owned renewable fuels company will meet with both the Newcastle City Council and the Weston County Commission on Tuesday, July 6, to discuss plans for its Black Hills Advanced Synfuels LLC, the next step in opening a facility locally.

“The project will create at least 80 jobs, plus construction. Because of the high jobs multiplier impact of a project like this, many more jobs will be created in Wyoming to support the plant,” said Linda-Rose Myers, the company’s president and founder, according to her LinkedIn profile.

The jobs created would include chemical engineers, skilled labor and entry-level work.

The company is discussing

“The point of doing the project is to reduce the incidence of catastrophic fires in the Rocky Mountain area forests, by removing dead and diseased wood, slash piles and other pre-commercial thinning.”

— Linda-Rose Myers,
President and Founder of
EchoTech Fuels

the purchase of the old sawmill with Jim Neiman, owner of the sawmill, who, Myers said, “likes” the idea. Use of the rail tracks would be needed by the plant and has been agreed upon.

“The point of doing the project is to reduce the incidence of catastrophic fires

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Determination



Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ

Laura Lipp concentrates hard as she maneuvers her horse through the poles during the pole bending portion of the gymkhanas on June 22 at the Weston County Fairgrounds. See more photos on Page 18.

County receives rescue plan bucks

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

Citing a lack of guidance on spending, the Weston County Commission plans to hold on to the money provided by the federal government through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Weston County has received the first of two \$672,000 payments. In total, the county will receive \$1.3 million in funding.

“This is a nightmare to try and figure out,” said Commissioner Ed Wagoner on June 15, referring to the guidelines for spending the federal dollars. He noted that the county had plenty of time, years in fact, to determine what to do with the funds.

With little guidance on spending protocols, Chairman Marty

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French elected first female commander of Legion post



Submitted photo

For the first time in over 100 years, the Weston County American Legion Post No. 3 has elected a female commander, Deb French. Pictured from left are Sergeant of Arms George Avery Commander French, Vice-Commander Kirk Will, and Finance Officer Dan Keierleber.

Kinlee Whitney
NLJ Correspondent

After serving the American Legion for 10 years, Deb French became the first woman nominated and elected a commander of Newcastle’s George Monroe Post No. 3. She hopes her new position will encourage other women and young veterans to join the organization.

French served in the U.S. Air Force as a B-52 crew chief from 1980-1987. She became a member of the Legion in order to join the American Legion Riders, a group of motorcycle enthusiasts.

“I’ve always been an avid

motorcycle rider, so that’s why I originally joined. Then, I just fell in love with the service,” French said.

French was nominated for the position by the post’s vice commander, Kirk Will.

“Deb’s been involved in the Legion for years and years and years,” Will said. “So she has good knowledge and that’s what we’re after.”

As post commander, French is in charge of appointing committees, as well as fulfilling the four pillars of the American Legion, which are national defense, veterans’ rehabilitation and vocation, Americanism, and children and youth.

So far as commander, French and the post have sent six delegates to Boys State, a statewide conference where high school juniors gather to perform mock government and learn about the armed forces. The post presents good citizen awards to third, fourth, and fifth grade students at Newcastle Elementary School.

Under French’s command, the post also wrote a resolution to register a nationwide three-digit suicide hotline number specifically for veterans. The resolution was passed by Congress and is set to be available in July of 2022.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 85, Lo 60



Friday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 87, Lo 62



Saturday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 91, Lo 63



Sunday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 89, Lo 63



Monday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 87, Lo 61



Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 86, Lo 62

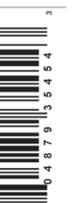


Wednesday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 90, Lo 63



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Time for a tune-up

Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ

On June 22, the Dogie Theatre contracted with Roberts Signs & Lighting, out of Cheyenne, to work on the sign, making sure all the neon was working and bringing a beautiful Art Deco look to Newcastle. Above, Greg Malatesta works on the neon horns of the sign

Upton clerk selected for Leadership Wyoming class

Braden Schiller
NLJ Reporter

Kelley Millar of Upton has been selected as a member of Leadership Wyoming's class of 2022. "It's a really prestigious honor. You apply in February, and then you don't find out if you get in until May," said Millar, who is Upton's town clerk.

Leadership Wyoming hosts nine training sessions a year that focus on important topics and industries, including education, natural resources, tourism, health care, government, cultural diversity, technology, manufacturing and community building. The program was founded by Bill Schilling, president and founder of the Wyoming Heritage Foundation; Phil Dubois, then-president of the University of Wyoming; and Eli Bebout, then-speaker of the Wyoming House.

Applying for Leadership Wyoming is a long process that starts in February. Hopefuls attend sessions to help them discern what they want to do in the program and what applications should look like.

"It's a really well-rounded program. You'll see a lot of modules, economic development and mining industry and manufacturing and philanthropy," Millar said.

The first session of Leadership Wyoming 2022 starts in August in Pinedale, Wyoming. Sessions are four days each month before the program ends with the philanthropy session and graduation in Sheridan in May.

"I am probably most excited for the philanthropy piece, I think, more than anything else. And then, of course, always the economic development and legislative (pieces) are interesting just because of where we are in the times that we live in," Millar said.

Millar hopes to take what she learns in the program and use it to benefit her town.

"(There is) a lot of legislation and education. So, I'd like to take that, what I gained from other leaders that are going to participate in the product, and bring it back here and maybe apply some of that to how we do things here," she said.

Kelley Millar

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Though French is determined to continue the current work of the post, she said, she also hopes to move the post forward.

"I'm hoping that being the first female commander will help attract other females to our post," she said. Of the post's 78 members, only three are women and only French is active.

French hopes to attract not only female veterans to membership but also younger veterans. French said the average age of post members is late 50s to mid-60s.

"I think (the younger veterans) fear is that we're just a post of old men and women that sit around and drink and play bingo," she said, "but that's not what we're about."

While the post's goal is to serve the community, veterans benefit from their membership through Legion discounts.

The post is also working on a program to get American Legion veterans a 10% discount on their college tuition. But French said that the best benefit of the American Legion is the relationships with each other.

"Only a veteran knows what other veterans have been through, so we have that camaraderie available through the post," French said.

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Ertman said, she would like to see the funds continue to be held in an interest-bearing account.

The \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus package passed by Congress and signed into law by President Biden allocated \$350 million for state, local and tribal governments to aid in recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

County Treasurer Susie Overman warned the commissioners that whatever funding wasn't spent would have to be sent back, noting that spending the money incorrectly could also result in repayment.

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in the Rocky Mountain area forests, by removing dead and diseased wood, slash piles and other pre-commercial thinning," Myers said. "That's why we have the support of both the Black Hills National Forest Service and Region 2 of the Rocky Mountains. The National Forest Service hopes we will do similar projects in my home state of Colorado, in Montana and elsewhere in the area."

EchoTech's team of experts, according to information provided by Myers, has the field-proven capability for converting biological and carbonaceous waste materials, including woody biomass, into advanced synthetic fuels.

The local project, Black Hills Advance Synfuels, would convert 500 tons per day of fire-prone diseased and dead woody biomass from the Black Hills National Forest into 1,150 barrels per day of advanced synthetic SAF or diesel.

The plant would produce 16 million gallons of product per year, with the capability of producing either ≤1 ppm sulfur synthetic diesel or sustainable aviation fuel. Due to expected demand, the company anticipates producing primarily SAF via the Fischer-Tropsch engineering process and a major jet fuel supplier has offered a letter of intent to purchase all fuel produced by the plant.

Total costs for the project are estimated at \$389 million.

The project was well received when presented to John Keefe, head of the Wyoming Business Council and Glen Murrell, head of the Wyoming Power Authority, according to Myers, who has also had initial discussions with Mayor Pam Gualtieri and Commissioner Don Taylor.

"It sounds awesome. I'm just hoping that everyone comes in and learns without assuming," Gualtieri said. "This could be a huge thing for Weston County."

She encouraged the public to attend the meetings, do their research and ask questions regarding the proposed venture.

"It is something that could help Weston County, and I believe it will. Everyone needs to be there and get their concerns out and their questions answered," Gualtieri said.

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Our View

Let's celebrate

The time has finally come and the 2021 Newcastle High School All-School Reunion is here. Through a pandemic and obstacles the organizers have persevered and planned a weekend of fun for all.

A big thanks goes out to all the individuals who came together to make this event possible, from the main organizers to the class representatives and other local entities, you deserve a round of applause.

We want to encourage everyone to take full opportunity of what this weekend has to offer. From the auction at the Weston County Library to the teacher social at the Antlers, from concerts with friends to bouncy houses and animals with the kids, we hope to see everyone enjoying all of the hard work of so many. Be sure to see the full reunion schedule sponsored by Weston County School District No. 1 on page 2 of the Western Heritage NHS All-School Reunion section inserted in this week's paper.

While we are celebrating classmates and all those alumni that came before and after us, we must also remember that this weekend we celebrate our country's independence.

The last couple years have been a roller coaster of ups and downs for America, Wyoming and Weston County. From a pandemic to declining revenue, wildfires and human destruction, we have all seen so much hate and destruction that we must embrace what we know this country is based on.

Over the weekend, let's celebrate our freedoms responsibly. Let's enjoy our neighbors and friends, family and those that we may not care for. Let's appreciate that we have another day to enjoy this country, our great state and everything they have to offer.

The News Letter Journal family is happy to be here celebrating with you. We are overjoyed that we can once again come together to enjoy Main Street, Newcastle and all of our friends and family.

Let's make this a weekend to remember, a 4th of July to always hold close, even if we don't get to enjoy fireworks.

And on that note, we would also like to applaud the city and county for making the tough decision to ban the use of fireworks over this weekend. While we know it was a difficult choice, it was the right one. Our firefighters and property aren't worth an evening of fun.

Thanks again to everyone who has come together to make this weekend possible. Now it's time to put on the sun screen, pull up a chair, eat a burger and listen to some great music with wonderful friends.

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Uden murder mystery solved

Back in 2013, I wrote: "After 33 years of one cold case and 16 years for the other, it has always been easy to believe that some unsolved disappearances will just never be explained."

In Lander, for decades we pondered about two gals who vanished. Virginia Uden and Amy Bechtel both disappeared and I wrote the news stories about them while I was the Lander newspaper publisher.

Amy is still missing but the horrible fate of Virginia Uden and her two sons has now been known for a while.

Ironically, both women worked for me. It seemed odd to be writing these horrible stories about people you actually knew. These two mysteries seemed destined to be perpetually unsolved.

Then, just like that, one was solved.

Gerald Uden was a worker at the U. S. Steel iron ore mine at Atlantic City, some 25 miles outside of Lander in the Wind River Mountains. Co-worker Kim Curtis remembered him as "scary."

Virginia Beard must have seen something in the guy, since she married him and Uden adopted her two sons, Reagan, 10, and Richard, 11.

Everyone now knows what happened next. The story is impossible to ignore and if you wrote about the Uden family as fiction, the story would not sell because it is so unbelievable.

Then there is Amy.

Amy Wroe Bechtel, 24, disappeared while jogging in the Wind River Mountains above Lander on July 24, 1997. Although what happened to her is not known, it is believed she is dead.

And it is also believed she died at the hands of a serial killer, who authorities believe is already in custody for a similar Wyoming abduction and killing.

That suspect is Dale Wayne Eaton, the man on death row for the famous and heinous "Little Miss" killing. Eaton kidnapped, raped and murdered another pretty young woman in 1989.

Fremont County Detective John Zerga recounted that Eaton's brother told him that the convicted killer was in the Lander area at the time of Amy's disappearance.

But evidence is lacking and Eaton is not talking.

My wife Nancy and I have positive memories of both Amy and Virginia.

Amy Bechtel was a part-time photographer and a darned good one.

Note: Famed author Ron Franscell wrote an excellent book about the Uden case called

"Gerald and Alice, A Homicidal Love Story."

Virginia Uden did some telemarketing for the newspaper. She had recently divorced Gerald Uden and was desperate for money.

Gerald Uden and his new wife Alice worked at the U. S. Steel mine. Alice was convicted of killing a previous husband and dumping his body in a mineshaft in Albany County.

Then they conspired to rid Gerald of his obligations — his ex-wife Virginia and his two adopted sons.

An acquaintance of the new Mrs. Uden (Alice) who worked with her at the mine reported on Facebook that Alice was always complaining about Gerald never having any money because he had to support Virginia and the kids. Thus, money appears to be the motive for the taking of these three lives 33 years ago.

On a fall day in September 1980, Gerald Uden convinced Virginia and her two boys to meet him in Pavillion, Wyoming, for some hunting. He murdered all three. He stashed her car down a deep canyon off the Dickinson Park Road.

Officers finally found the body of Alice's previous husband and that led them to her and Gerald, by then living in Missouri.

Meanwhile, officer Andy Hanson at the Dept. of Criminal Investigation (DCI) never gave up and connected the dots. Credit also goes to a UW archeologist who with eight students spent some awful summer days in 2008 digging around in an old pigsty in Pavillion looking for evidence of the Uden bodies. They were unsuccessful.

Gerald Uden confessed to all three murders — although he did try unsuccessfully to recant that confession and is spending the rest of his life in prison. His wife Alice died in prison a year ago.

Gerald originally said he killed Virginia and the two boys and their bodies are at the bottom of Fremont Lake outside of Pinedale. Then he said they were not. Most folks believed the bodies were dismembered by Alice and fed to the pigs on their farm near Pavillion.

Amy, well, her fate is still a mystery. (Note: The Oxygen Cable TV network on Monday night aired a new documentary on the 1980 murders of Virginia Uden and her sons. It will be aired repeatedly on into the future.)

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



Bill Sniffin
My Wyoming

Ratifying the Constitution: Democracy in action

On June 21, 1788, New Hampshire became the ninth state to ratify the proposed Constitution. This was an act for the ages

because it not only marked the technical implementation of the new law of the land but, in the words of James Madison, written on April 6, 1796, the "instrument" — the Constitution — "was nothing more than a draught of a plan, nothing but a dead letter, until life and validity were breathed into it, by the voice of the people, speaking through the several state conventions."

Article VII of the proposed Constitution, written by delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, provided that the "instrument" would go into effect as soon as nine of the 13 specially held state ratifying conventions approved it. The ratification debate not only marked the opening sequence in the debate about national politics, representing as it did, the first national election, but introduced the most democratic, deliberative forum for choosing a form and style of government the world had ever seen.

Imagine in our time, an American citizenry, drawn from all stations and orders fully engaged in an exciting and intense debate, in

alehouses and coffee houses, newspapers and pamphlets, about a simple, but crucial question of transcendent importance for the future of the nation: Shall the citizenry

ratify, that is, approve, the proposed Constitution, or not?

It is easy for Americans in the 21st Century to take for granted the founders' history-making decision, their close study of the proposed Constitution, and to discount or ignore what the ratification debate represented, then and now, for the possibilities of self-governance. But let's not for, say, just 15 minutes, succumb to that state of ingratitude and oblivion. Instead, let's embrace what "We the People" were thinking.

The grand debates over the Constitution — "the war of printed words" — up and down the eastern seaboard and into the hinterlands, consti-

tuted a necessary part of transforming America into what George Washington called, "a respectable nation." Whether or not it was an exaggeration for an observer to say at the time that more people read the newspaper debates over the proposed Constitution than "read the Bible," the remark was telling, for it reflected the nation's deep-seated concern about its future.

The founders' plan to submit to the people, for their consideration, the question of a governing plan, meant that ordinary citizens were being asked, as Alexander Hamilton wrote in Federalist No. 1, "to deliberate on a new Constitution" by an "election" that would create worldwide precedent. The act of empowering "We the People" to deliberate on their preferred form of government, that is, the submission of a plan "to the voluntary consent of a whole people," Hamilton added in Federalist No. 85, "is a prodigy."

This earth-shattering precedent is not to suggest that the Constitution or even the ratification process was as "democratic" as it could have been, but only to say that it was groundbreaking for its emphasis on the right

of the people to engage in deliberation about the proposed Constitution. The crude societal limitations of the time, anchored in the pervasive racism and sexism that pockmarked America, precluded the sort of expansive democracy that most of us favor today, but the application of our values to the founding period traps us in an intellectual cul-de-sac that generates a question with a circular answer: At what point, if any, did America become a democracy?

For Madison and fellow delegates to the Constitutional Convention, as for the rest of the world, the concept of a deliberative forum for the American people to consider the question of approval of a Constitution to be the law of the land of their country, represented a breathtaking step in placing flesh on the premise and promise of the Declaration of Independence that people enjoy an "inalienable right" to consent to government, rather than having government imposed upon them.

The success of the founders' gambit in laying before the people a proposed law of the land, and the anticipation that both the people and the government would take the Constitution seriously, raises for us, a profoundly important

question: Does this dream live on in the United States?

As we approach the anniversary of the signing of the document that declared our nation's independence, can we, as a nation, summon the ghosts of 1776, and resurrect the spirit of a country that so deeply believed in reason, facts and evidence as guideposts for our discussions and debates about policies and programs? Let us hope that we can once again work to fulfill the very premise that compelled the founders to submit to the people a proposed Constitution to govern our country?

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Carol Cullum



Friends and family, join us for a
Celebration of Life service for Carol Cullum
Thursday, July 15, 2021, 2 p.m.
at Weston County Senior Center.

Obituaries

**CYNTHIA 'CYNDY'
GENEVA SINGER**

Dec. 6, 1954–June 24, 2021

Cyndy G. Singer, 66, of Newcastle, Wyo., passed away on June 24, 2021, at her longtime residence in Newcastle, after a seven-month illness.

She was born in Upton, Wyo., on Dec. 6, 1954, to the late Paul Elmer and Velma "Collene" Patterson.

She is survived by her spouse, John Robert Singer, and his three sons, Daniel, David, and Jeffery Singer. She is also survived by three siblings, Kathryn "Marie" Poor, Elizabeth Anne Elder, William Neil Patterson, their spouses, and five grand-



Cynthia Singer

children. Cyndy is preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Velma Patterson; and her brother, Charles Homer Patterson. Cyndy spent her life as a longtime resident to the Upton/Newcastle area where she attended high school and built a life with her husband of 47 years. She picked a career with the Weston County School District where she worked as the head custodian for 34 years, as well as

holding several other jobs to help support her family.

Cyndy touched many lives with her kind heart and willingness to help others. She was a loving wife and mother that dedicated herself to helping in any possible way. She was loved by many and will be missed dearly.

There will be no memorials held at this time, but if anyone would like to send their condolences they can send them to the Singer family at 17 E. Hill St., Newcastle, WY 82701.

There will be a gathering of close family and friends this fall to celebrate her life.

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**Happy Birthday
Wyoma Honadel**



Wyoma Honadel is turning 96 on July 3rd.
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Story time

The Anna Miller Museum hosted its first "Sharing Stories with Coffee & Cookies" event on Tuesday morning, June 29. Museum Director Cindy Dysart and Assistant Director Mandy Williams hosted the event, and hope these events will get community members to share stories about their lives or anything they feel is important. Barb Hansen, above, inquired about the town of Thornton, and Williams brought out information and photos from a Thornton file. Dr. Mike Jording, at right, peruses a display case in the foyer of the museum. Upcoming museum events include a sidewalk chalk event on July 2 at 10 a.m., a Texas Trail Scavenger Hunt on July 14 at 10 a.m. and the next "Sharing Stories with Coffee & Cookies" on July 20 at 10 a.m.

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July 4 Hebrews 9:23-10:18	July 8 Hebrews 12:1-11
July 5 Hebrews 10:19-39	Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society

- **ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH:** Rev. Norm Brotzman, 216 S. Seneca, 746-2249. Call to Worship 9:30 am; Children's Church during Call to Worship; Faith Rally Sunday 6 pm
- **BAHA'I FAITH:** Firesides (Open to All) 1st & 3rd Fridays 7:30 pm at 15 Skyview Dr, 746-3626
- **CAMBRIA COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH:** 19 Stampede St. 746-2321. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship 10:30 am; Youth (6-12 grades) and Adult Bible Study Sunday Evening 6-7 pm; Wednesday Night Youth and Adult Bible Study 6 pm; Life Recovery Bible Study Sunday Night 7 pm
- **CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH:** Rev. Wendy Owens, S. Summit & Winthrop Streets. 746-9684. haydishall@hotmail.com. Service times: Sunday 10 a.m.
- **CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Pastor Rob Carr, 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9 am
- **CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS:** Bishop Ty Checketts, 120 Ash, 746-4131. Sunday Sacrament Mtg 9:00 am; Sunday School 10:20 am; Relief Society & Priesthood Mtg 11:15 am
- **CHURCH ON THE HILL:** Pastor Wayne Wilson, 301 Delaware, 746-9663. Adult Sunday School 9:30 am; Prayer 10:15 am; Worship 10:45 am; Prayer Service Tuesday 6 PM; Celebrate Recovery (18+) & Undeclared Youth (Infant- 12th Grade) Wednesday 6:00 pm
- **CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Brian Hess, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5 pm; Sunday Mass 8 am; Weekday Mass 7 am
- **COUNTRY CHURCH:** Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley and Micah Popma, 746-9712. Worship 10 am
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- AWANA Clubs Wednesday 6:30 pm
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This is a photograph of the large crowd that turned out to see President Teddy Roosevelt.

Recapture

A PIECE OF HISTORY

25 Years Ago July 11, 1996

The Newcastle American Colloid Majors fast pitch softball team returned to Gillette July 2 to scrap with the Angels. From the start, it was a game for the books, highlighted by excellent base running and plagued by infield errors.

The Northeast Eagles have had an up and down kind of season and last week's play at a tournament in Sturgis was typical of the season. Aaron Berger recorded his first loss of the season against Rapid City in a tight game. Neither team could find their bats in the 2-1 Eagle loss.

Several Weston County cowgirls and cowboys competed at the 35th annual Gillette Little Levi Rodeo on July 7. Melissa Murphy was first attendant in the queen contest. Other contestants were Michelle Murphy, Lori Bair, Kimberly Domina and Stacie Kline.

The Blotter: July 1 — Pigeons set off a building alarm. A man complained about his neighbors kids in his yard again. July 3 — Someone was reported sleeping on a picnic table in Dow Park. A

woman reported that a prowler had cut the line to her swamp cooler and terrorized her dogs.

"The Cowboy Portrayed: Selections from the Permanent Collection," an exhibition by the University of Wyoming Art Museum, is on display during July at the Weston County Library in Newcastle.

Ninety-one 4-H members attended 4-H Camp June 16-19 at Mallo Camp. The theme was "Rodeo."

Army Pvt. Clay M. Starck has graduated from the heavy-wheel vehicle mechanic course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. Starck is the son of Clayton E. Starck of Newcastle. He is a 1995 graduate of Newcastle High School.

The June meeting of the Elk Mountain Outlaws was held June 27 at the home of Kelly Wellman. Seven members and five leaders were present.

Former Weston County Memorial Hospital nurse Heilia Mamitag has received the Karis Award from St. Mary's Hospital, Mayo Medical Center, Rochester, Minn. Mamitag was recognized for her professionalism as well as her care and concern

for coworkers and patients.

50 Years Ago July 8, 1971

Two Newcastle girls won top honors at the state high school rodeo held last week at Buffalo. Janie Manke won a saddle as the all around cowgirl at the rodeo. Linda Carr won a hat for second runner-up to the girl's all around.

Two Newcastle youths, who enlisted in the Navy under the delay entry program have been called to active duty — Leslie L. Butts, entered on active duty on June 8, and Clint P. Wilber son of Mr. and Mrs. Gale Wilber, entered on active duty June 24. Both young men were sent to the Naval Training Center in San Diego, Calif, for basic training.

This year's Moorcroft Jubilee Celebration will be bigger and better than ever according to the Jubilee committee headed by Gene Cox. A gala day is planned for everyone Saturday, July 10, starting with a parade at 10 a.m.

Lee's Electronics has been opened in Newcastle by Gerald Lee at 9 South Seneca (former Cap 'N Bottle loca-

tion.) Lee comes to Newcastle from Rapid City. He is a native of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Lee and their son make their home at the Chalet Apartments.

Twenty-one members of the class of 1951 attended the reunion held July 3 and 4 in Newcastle. A banquet and dance at the Flying V Guest Ranch was held on Saturday night, July 3.

Mrs. Lillie Hockett and Mrs. Myrtle Asbell were in Rozet Tuesday and visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cal Butts and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Esquivel and sons were in Casper for a couple of days and were houseguests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Holt.

Mrs. John Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bullard and family were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Gose and family.

100 Years Ago July 7, 1921

Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Nichols entertained a party of fourteen residents of Newcastle over the week-end and the Fourth, at their cabin on Cold Creek. They left Newcastle Saturday afternoon in four automobiles and after reading their destination spent the time fishing and enjoying the natural beauties of that vicinity.

"Billy" Howell, nine-year-old son of Sheriff Charles Howell, suffered the fracture of his arm at the elbow while playing Monday afternoon on the Mondell Hill. In company with other boys, "Billy" was having a wild west stampede right here in Newcastle on the Fourth of July, and after being "roped" by his friends he fell down in such a way that the injury resulted.

The Free Dairy Exhibit to be put on by the Burlington at Newcastle July 14, with the co-operation of County Agricultural Agent Meyers and other public-spirited citizens, is one that nobody can afford to miss.

D.S. Butler has opened his mine known as the Greasewood mine, near Savageton and is furnishing fuel for the neighboring ranchers and farmers. Frank Almon is in charge of the work.

Miss Marie Donielson went to Hot Springs, S.D., Sunday to visit during the Stampede. Last week Bert Brown, mail carrier, brought in some very handsome tiger lilies from the Limestone country, where they are in great beauty.

Walter Q. Davis went out to his homestead near Roxton Saturday. Mike Flynn was hauling grain from Boyd Friday.

Mike Coy, the Rochelle Hills sheepman, was in Newcastle Saturday laying in supplies for his ranch.

A.W. Franke of Herndon, Kan., arrived here Friday and went out to his homestead near Hampshire Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. James Buchanan and children of Osage were visiting and shopping in this city Friday.

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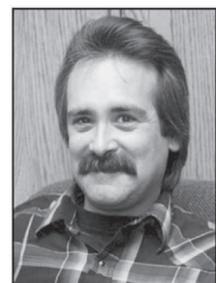
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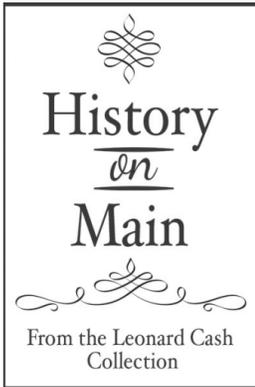
Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

Day	Time	Event	Location
July 2-4		All-School Reunion — Full schedule is on page 2 of the NLJ All-School Reunion publication – on stands now!	
Fri. July 2	10AM	Museum Sidewalk Chalk Event	Museum
	5:30PM	BINGO	VFW Hall
	8PM	Weston County Arts Council Outdoor Movie	Washington Skate Park
	5:30PM	BINGO	VFW Hall
8PM		Weston County Arts Council Outdoor Movie	Washington Skate Park
Sat. July 3	10AM	All-School Reunion Parade	Main Street
		Historical Re-enactment, Teddy Roosevelt Speech	Main Street
	8PM	Newcastle Raceway Race Event	WC Fairgrounds
	9PM	Historical Re-enactment, hanging of Diamond L Slim	Railroad Park
Tues. July 6	9AM	WC Commissioners	Courthouse
	11AM	Story time	Library
	6PM	Weston County Gymkhana	Fairgrounds
	7PM	Newcastle City Council	City Council Chambers
Wed. July 7	6:30-8:30AM	Wellness Wednesday	WCHS
	7-9AM	Wellness Wednesday	Upton Medical Clinic
	1PM	Summer reading program	Library
	5:15PM	Friends of Fair	Fairgrounds, WC Event Center
	5:30PM	WC Travel Commission	Newcastle Lodge and Convention Center
	7PM	Jr Livestock Committee	Fairgrounds Office
Thurs. July 8	8-4:30PM	WY Veterans Service Officer	WY Department of Workforce Services

For the Ages

News Letter Journal

Local clinic sustains \$30,000 in damages



Hannah Gross
NLJ Correspondent
With Leonard Cash,
historian

After completing his series on the Newcastle Assembly of God Church, Leonard Cash moves across the street to start a short series on several of the buildings in that area, starting with the medical clinic that was located at 211 S. Seneca.

The first article in Cash's records appears in the April 15, 1954, issue of the *News Letter Journal* when Dr. J.T. McDuffie, formerly of California, opened his medical practice in Newcastle in what was Room 6 of the Grieves building at the time.

McDuffie, a Seventh-day Adventist, graduated from the College of Medical Evangelists in 1939, and upon his arrival in Newcastle, he had three years of post-graduate work in surgery. His wife also pursued a medical career, and she graduated from Glendale, California, sanitarium in nursing.

The history between the 1950s and 1980s is fragmented, but Cash said McDuffie was only here for a few years before several other businesses moved in and out.

By March 17, 1983, the paper announced that Dr. Chuck Franklin started his family practice in the building, called Cambria Family Health Center. According to the next issue, an open house was to be held on Monday, March 28.

Today, the building remains a residential home. Next, Cash is backtracking to 1902

to discuss the history of an unfortunate lake that occupied Newcastle around the same area.

An article from July 11, 1902, reported that the City Council was taking steps to drain the unhealthy water of Lake Malaria, which Cash said was so named because of all the "malaria" residing in the lake. The lake, which was by a schoolhouse once located there — east of the depot on Main Street, had a dam with a bridge for kids to cross to go to school. The lake was full at the time and "her surface has taken on its regular summer drains of green."

According to the March 27, 1903, edition of the *Newcastle News Journal*, the city paid \$125 to have a culvert built on the lake, which was also known as Lake Misery because "it was a lot of misery to these people," Cash said.

Moving on to another clinic on 227 S. Seneca, Cash pulled out a news report from Nov. 2, 1950, which stated that construction had begun on a new clinic building.

"Newcastle the bloomingest little city in a many of miles will have its own medical clinic by the summer of 1951," the article says.

Construction on the clinic, which was to be 30 feet by 90 feet and located north of the old high school, began on that Monday. It was to have a full basement and 14 rooms on the main floor, including complete clinical facilities and X-ray equipment. Vince Thompson obtained the contract for the project. E.J. Guilfoyle, Virgil Thorpe and Willis Franz were to work in the clinic as soon as it was open. Their old clinic was located in the armory.

By July 26, 1951, the doctors were in their new building.

"It is more spacious with a more comfortable waiting room. Working conditions for the doctors are less crowded," the article says.

Unfortunately, nearly a decade later, the April 6, 1961, *News Letter Journal* reported that an estimated \$30,000 to \$35,000 in damage was done

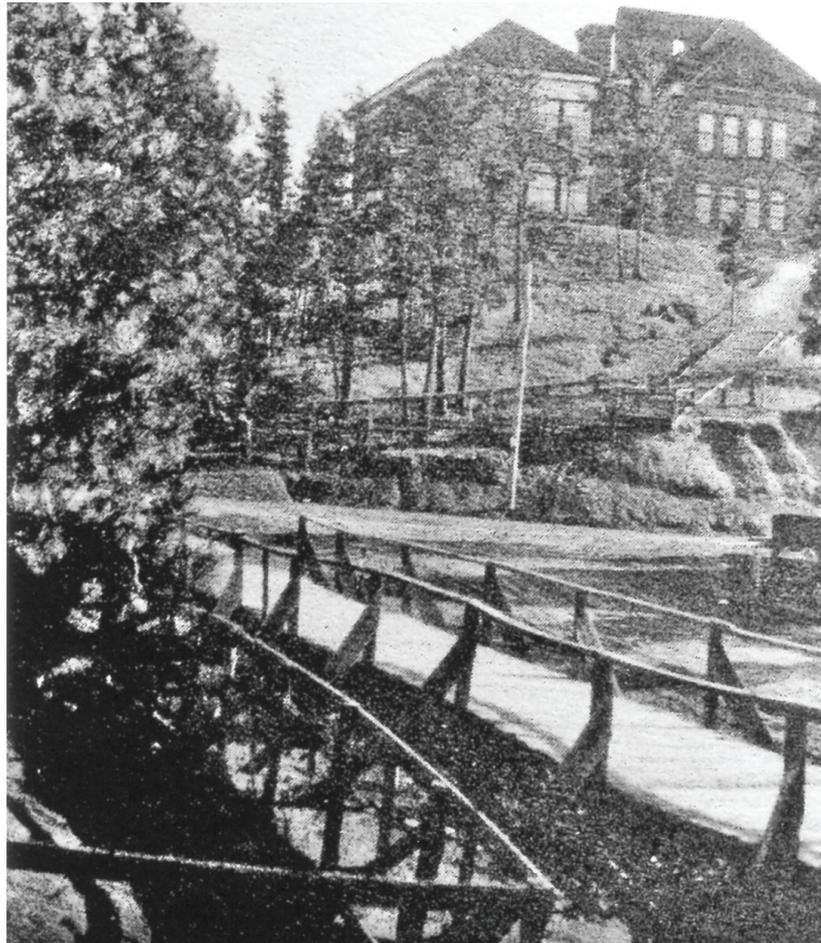


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In the early 1900s, kids had to cross the bridge over Lake Misery aka "Lake Malaria" to get to the schoolhouse.

due to destruction from fire, heat, smoke and water. Fire Chief T.T. Lanham reported that the fire began in the furnace and burned for about six hours before an alarm sounded at 7:35 a.m., although the precise cause of the fire was unknown. Thirty volunteer firefighters and two trucks showed up to fight the fire, and they were able to save the clinic's financial and medical records at the cost of "firemen (who) were hampered by smoke."

The clinic was temporarily moved to the east wing of Weston County Memorial Hospital, but the July 27, 1961, issue announced that the doctors could move back into their clinic building on Seneca. They would be closed

all day on Aug. 8 to move their equipment.

Over two decades later, Dr. Wessel from Rapid City was joining the Black Hills Medical Clinic, according to an article from July 28, 1983.

That is the last of Cash's records on that building, so he is moving on to the location of the old Harlow's Garage, which is now an empty lot used by the Assembly of God Church as a parking lot.

The March 20, 1903, paper reported that City Councilman A.J. Harlow purchased three lots adjoining the lot that was east of his livery barn. He hoped to grade the hill down during the summer, so he could move his barn and build a new residence the following year.

A few years later, the *Newcastle News Journal* announced on July 19, 1907, that Harlow was starting a new blacksmith shop, located east of his livery barn, and the work was "going merrily along."

By Aug. 9, 1907, it was completed and ready to open for business. The article said Harlow was "better equipped than ever" to attend to the local blacksmithing needs.

The May 6, 1908, issue reported that he was ready to begin the stonework on his house.

Harlow sold his livery to J.A. Bland around Sept. 10, 1909, so he could focus all his attention on blacksmithing.

The April 8, 1910, paper announced that Harlow built a

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Exercise Room	8AM
Walking	8AM-NOON
Dominoes	1PM
Bridge	1PM
WEDNESDAY July 7	
Exercise Room	8AM
Walking	8AM-NOON
Exercise Class	9AM
Toe Nail Clinic	9AM
Lions Club	NOON
THURSDAY July 8	
TOPS #218	7AM
Exercise Room	8AM
Walking	8AM-NOON

new wagon shop adjoining his blacksmith to aid his "rapidly growing business."

According to an article from Sept. 9, 1910, J.A. Bland and Sons sold the livery stock and business back to Harlow, who in turn sold it to Klodt and Whitaker, who used it as a feed stable. The livery business was continued at the barn on Warren Avenue.

An article from the Sept. 12, 1918, issue said that Mrs. Harlow received a letter from their son Lloyd, informing his parents that he was sick in the hospital but improving. He also told them that he saw one of his father's horses "wearing the Cross H brand," and although the beast was in poor condition, Lloyd said, the sight brought back memories of Newcastle.

Cash will continue his short series on Seneca next week.

All-School Reunion

BLAST FROM THE PAST

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

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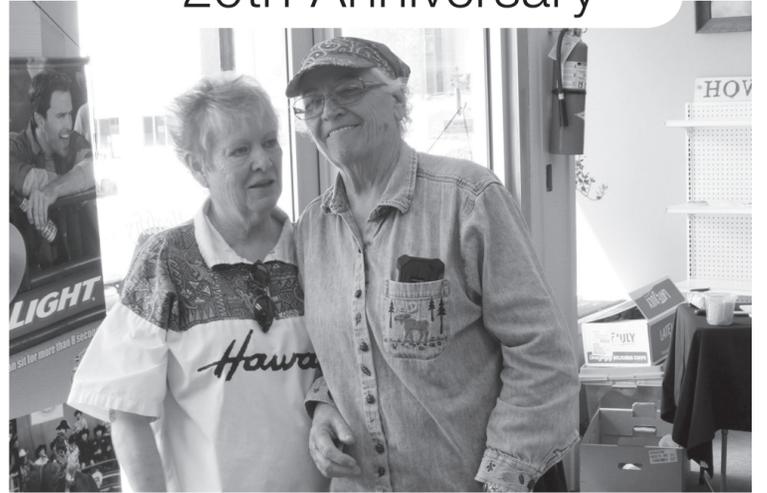
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20th Anniversary



On June 26, Patty Cole, owner of Something Healthy Market on Newcastle's Main Street, held an open house celebrating her 20th year in business. Cole was happy with the large turnout who came out to help celebrate her milestone, which she says has gone by "in the blink of an eye." Clockwise from top left, Cole greets Rose Allen, whom she calls "Aunt Rose." Jennifer Dixon checks out the fresh samples being offered by Trevor Umnus, Crazy Fresh representative, who was on hand to showcase his products. Kathy Dummer visits and offers congratulations to Blanch Cox on her recent retirement from bus driving. Janet Elliott, Rose Allen and Jerry Childs, owner of Lonesome Spur Antiques which is at the Something Healthy location, visit and enjoy treats.

Photos by Kim Dean/NLJ



Fire from Page 1.....

"I did not personally go fight the fire," she said. "Virtually every county person, rancher and farmer, has a fire unit. Some are provided by the county, and some are of our own devising."

Her family had used a personal unit for years before accessing a county unit equipped with radios, making communication possible between others involved in the fire-fighting efforts.

So, as the storms roll in over the prairie, Groenewold and her husband take the fire truck up to a vantage point near their home in Cheyenne River Valley and wait out the storm, watching for any sign of fire until the storm moves on.

Fires in rural Wyoming present many challenges, according to Groenewold, including locating the fire, accessing the fire and fighting it in unknown landscape.

"One of the biggest problems with these rural fires is that lightning doesn't choose a location close to a road or a landmark," she said. "We spend half the time trying to figure out where the fire is, how to get there and how to direct the next batch of firefighters."

To combat this issue, many of the fire units are equipped with a supply of glow sticks to illuminate the best route to the fire. "Then the trailblazers can mark their route with flagging and lights," Groenewold explained. "Although, if you don't have those things, I've seen the turn-offs marked with a six pack of pop or somebody's jacket draped over a sagebrush."

Once the fire is located, landowners in the area begin fighting the blaze as firefighters respond to the calls.

"The problem is, that storms usually come to us from the west and keep going to the east. So, when they dispatch firefighters from Newcastle, they'll be fighting fire all the way out to us (landowners fighting the blaze)," Groenewold said. "That is why everybody has their own



Photo courtesy of Daniel Tysdal

Firefighters fill up a tanker in the area of the Cellers Fire last week. The fire started the evening of June 23 and burned through the night, destroying more than 3,380 acres of grass and sagebrush.

unit and responds immediately to a fire, usually within a certain distance."

"It can be dangerous to head off to a fire that's too far away, turn around and notice lightning sparking a fire half a mile from your home, which has happened to almost every one

Four fires start near Mallo

According to Weston County Fire Warden Daniel Tysdal, resources from the Weston County Fire Protection District, Wyoming State Forestry Division and Black Hills National Forest responded to numerous fires south of Mallo, along the state line. He said that while the agencies originally responded to two fires, two more were discovered and suppressed.

"While working those fires (the two that were called in), the Forest Service helicopter spotted two additional fires in the area as well, so we ended up with four in the same area," Tysdal said.

All four of the fires, he said, were contained quickly and burned approximately a 10th of an acre each.

of us," she added.

With most of the fires starting at sunset, when thunderstorms are likely to be the worst, the dark poses another obstacle in battling a blaze on the prairie.

"Those are terrifying to me," Groenewold said. "We've had neighbors roll their vehicles, fire trucks topple off into a ravine and equipment break down in the path of the fire."

While none of those incidents happened last week, Groenewold said, the Cellers fire was terrifying because of the number of people fighting the blaze, many of whom did not know the country, especially in the dark, and how bad the wind was.

"It is most definitely scarier to be at home waiting than to be on the fire line sometimes," Groenewold said. "But every neighbor shows up to fight fire, and the wives who stay home are praying — for lots of things — mainly the safety of the crews on the fire, no homes to be lost and then control so that minimum forage/timber is lost, as well as livestock and wildlife."

Dana Gordon, who lives in the area, was in Mexico at the time of the fire. She was thankful for the response of other landowners and the firefighters.

"We felt pretty helpless," she

said. "We are overwhelmed with the amount of support our amazing community gives. I had people calling my cell to ask what we needed. Our whole county rallies when there

is something like this."

These weren't just people fighting the fire knocking at their front doors.

"We had people from all ends of the county here and offering help. From fighting the fire with trucks, bringing in much needed water, blades and everything, to offering to help move cattle or help us evacuate the house," Gordon said.

"We have never had a fire that close to our buildings," she continued. "We lost a small amount of grass but no one was hurt and no livestock lost, which makes us feel very blessed."

In the end, Tysdal said, the fire scorched 3,396 acres of grass and heavy sage northwest of the Cellers Loop Road off Wyoming Highway 450. The head of the fire came within two miles of structures to the south, but none were lost. The fire did not cross the highway,

staying about 2.5 miles north of the road.

According to Tysdal, a total of 26 engines, six water tenders, eight blades, one dozer, one air attack, two single-engine air tankers and seven miscellaneous overhead resources were used to battle the blaze. Representatives from the Wyoming State Forestry Division, Thunder Basin National Grassland, Bureau of Land Management, Campbell County and the Weston County Fire Protection District responded to the fire.

The fire was contained in less than 24 hours, although fuel in the fire lines continued to burn after containment.

"That one last week took a big part of the neighbor's fall pasture. That's a hardship, even in a good year," Groenewold concluded. "In this drought, it could be a catastrophe."

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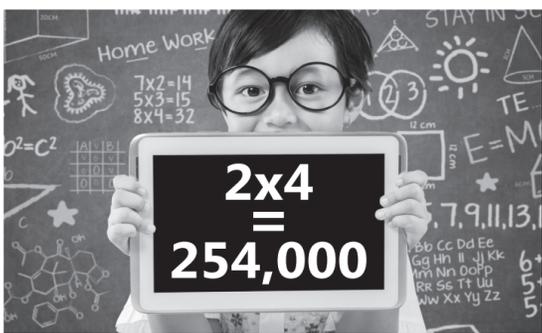
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Sports cards, collectibles shop opens

KateLynn Slaamot
NLJ Correspondent

Martin Gomez and Chris Hollingsworth recently opened their sports cards and collectibles shop, Card Knights, in the Attic Treasures building. Card Knights, which aims to serve sports enthusiasts and collectors in Newcastle, is located at 2289 W. Main St. and is open Tuesday-Saturday from noon to 6 p.m.

Gomez recently moved to town less than a year ago with his wife, Jami, and Hollingsworth has lived here with his wife, Whitney, for several years. The two said that they are both kids at heart and love all things sports and collectibles. They are excited to cater to others with similar interests.

Gomez said that the shop stocks a plethora of items, including sports cards box breaks, collectible items, toys, non-sports memorabilia such as Star Wars or Marvel, and much more. Box breaks allow buyers to buy smaller parts of a box of sports cards, such as a specific team, instead of having to buy a whole box, which can be expensive.

Hollingsworth and Gomez said they have both been collecting for a long time.



Submitted photo

Chris Hollingsworth and Martin Gomez with their sign for their new store. The business partners recently opened up Card Knights, a sports cards and collectibles store, in the Attic Treasures building. They are excited for this new venture and to serve the collecting community of Newcastle.

"I've been collecting since I was 3 years old," Hollingsworth said.

With their shared interests, Gomez said, it just worked out to go into business together.

"It's been a lot of fun," Gomez said. He also noted that Card Knights is the only store of its kind in Newcastle and there is nothing else like it closer than

Gillette or Rapid City.

Gomez said that he and Hollingsworth are passionate about sports and supporting local sports and activities, including local baseball and the Mefford Memorial Tournament.

Hollingsworth and Gomez said they are grateful that Jason and Carmen Simon, owners of Attic Treasures, for allowing

them to have their shop in the building.

"They're very wonderful people," Gomez said.

The business partners said that they're excited to continue their passion and serve the community.

"We're here to serve the community of collectors and people in general," Gomez said.

Using fresh or dried herbs in cooking

When cooking, using dried or fresh herbs will add flavor and aroma to anything you make. Herbs can take a boring, bland food and take it to a new level. Some times you may choose to use fresh herbs, but dried herbs are also able to enhance any dish. Depending on what you are making, sometimes dried herbs will actually taste better than the fresh, while other recipes should be made with fresh herbs if possible.

There is a simple rule to remember when substituting fresh herbs for dried herbs, and vice versa. One Tablespoon of fresh herbs is equal to one teaspoon of dried herbs because dried herbs are more potent and concentrated. You can also calculate the amount of dried herbs needed by using 1/3 the amount of fresh herbs in the recipe. When cooking with herbs, be sure to taste test before adding additional herbs.

Herbs can easily be grown in a home garden to even a window sill pot. Buying cut fresh herbs at the store is expensive, especially if you only use a small amount and let the rest of them spoil in the refrigerator. The trick is to learn when fresh herbs are needed. For example, in a fresh salad with greens or a pasta salad, or guacamole, fresh herbs will always be the best choice. When dried herbs are uncooked, they may taste and look dusty, and lack the flavor added by fresh herbs.

Some herbs that are always better fresh, even if the food is cooked, are chives, parsley, and tarragon. When dried, they

don't offer as much flavor as the fresh version. When fresh, they should be served raw or only briefly cooked due to their delicate leaves.

Don't be mistaken, dried herbs can also add great flavor and aroma. When making a soup, stew, or sauce that must simmer for longer than ten minutes, dried herbs are the perfect choice. If a recipe requires more than ten or fifteen minutes, fresh herbs lose their flavor. For longer cooking foods, save money and get the flavors you need by choosing dried herbs.

The best dried herbs to keep on hand are bay leaves, curry leaf, fennel seed, oregano, thyme, and rosemary. Dried herbs should be discarded after one year because the quality of their flavors will decrease over time. Open the container and see if you can smell the herb.

Fresh herbs have a short shelf life, and need to be preserved properly to extend their freshness. To store fresh herbs such as rosemary or thyme, they can be wrapped in a damp paper towel and stored in the refrigerator in sealed plastic bags. If the herbs are more delicate, such as basil or mint, they need to be stored standing in a glass with one inch of water in the bottom and covered with a plastic bag at room temperature.

To store dried herbs for optimum shelf life, they should be kept in a dry, cool place and out of light. After their container is opened, they lose taste and fragrance, so be sure to be aware of the usability of your dried herbs and discard them when they have lost potency.

If you like fresh basil, I recommend trying this recipe.

Basil Pesto

Yield: 8 servings

Ingredients:

- 4 cups fresh basil, gently rubbed under cold running water
- 1/3 cup nuts (walnuts, pine nuts, almonds)
- 1 Tablespoon garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

Wash hands with soap and water. Pat basil dry with a paper towel after washing. Place the basil and nuts in a food processor or blender. Pulse until combined. Scrape down sides with a spatula or spoon.

Add garlic and cheese to basil mixture and pulse until combined. Scrape down sides again with a spatula or spoon.

While the food processor is running, slowly add half of the olive oil. Stop the food processor and scrape down sides again. Start the food processor and add remaining oil.

Add salt and pepper, if desired. Store leftovers in a sealed container in the refrigerator, or freeze for up to three months.

Notes: If desired, leave out the Parmesan cheese. You may need to decrease the olive oil.

(Sources: marthastewart.com; spend-withpennies.com; wyoextension.org/publications/Search_Details. (<https://food.unl.edu/recipe/basil-pesto>))



A night of fun



Photo by Braden Schiller/NLJ

Vivian Cowger swing dances with Young Guns member Amilia Beck while Natalie Beck and Lillith Beck dance behind them at the Upton Gun Club 1st Annual Banquet and Dance Saturday at the Upton Community Center.



Warm Summer Nights



On Friday, the first of the Warm Summer Nights events took place in the First State Bank of Newcastle parking lot on Main Street. People came down to enjoy vendors, a sidewalk chalk art contest, and music by Nate Smith and the Caddywhompus Band. Upper left, the lawn of Weston County Library is filled with chairs as people kick back and enjoy the activities. Far left, Nate Smith on stage. At left, Andy McKay and nephew Brayden McKay kick up their heels to the music. Above, the sidewalk in front of the library was the canvas for children participating in a Chalk Drawing Contest.

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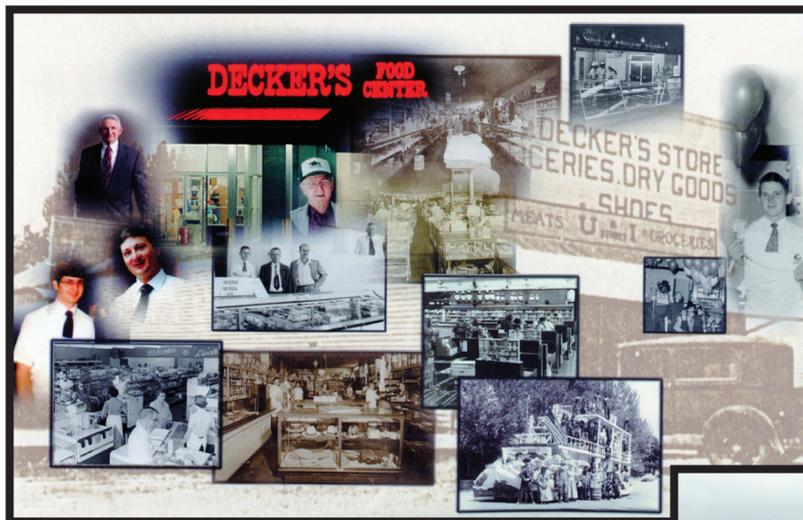
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Sports & Lifestyles

News Letter Journal

Jones to compete at national event

Hannah Gross
NLJ Correspondent

Newcastle senior Kacy Jones was practically born into rodeoing because he began his first competition when he was no more than 4 or 5 years old. The many years of hard work and determination are paying off. Jones has qualified for the National High School Finals Rodeo in Lincoln, Nebraska, scheduled for July 17-24.

"It's always been a goal of mine to qualify," Jones said.

In eighth grade, Jones qualified for the Junior National Finals Rodeo, but this is the first time he's qualified at the high school level. In order to qualify, he had to be among the top-four point earners in the state, and he did just that in bull riding. When Jones was younger, he competed in every event, but now he focuses on team roping and bull riding, which is his favorite event.

Jones is following in the footsteps of his father, Tim, who competed at nationals during his high school days in bronc riding. Kacy said he looks up to his father as a mentor and motivator.

"My dad is probably my biggest role model," Kacy said, noting that his father always tells him, "Don't get discouraged. It's not going to



Submitted photo
Kacy Jones said bull riding is his favorite event at rodeos, and he has put in a lot of practice over the years to improve himself. That hard work has paid off and the recent graduate now gets to take his bull riding skills to the National High School Finals Rodeo in Nebraska.



Kacy Jones

Weatherford College in Texas with a nearly full ride scholarship in the sport. Tim acknowledged that his son has become more focused and goal oriented as he's matured, which will help him as he continues to the collegiate level.

"I hope he does well and continues to grow as he gets an education," Stacey said.

Kacy couldn't put in words why he loves rodeo so much, except to say that "it's just something about it." He and his father noted that the camaraderie in rodeo is like none other. Kacy said that he has made lifelong friends that he knows will have his back "at the drop of a hat."

"Friends like that are hard to come by," he said.

“
My dad is probably my biggest role model ... [He always tells me] don't get discouraged. It's not going to matter in five years.”

— Kacy Jones

Tim added that the top competitors are often also each other's biggest fans. He explained that even though he would have liked to see Kacy land on top when he battled for first at the state rodeo competition, it happened "the way it should have," and the competitors can be happy for each other's successes. He said Kacy has a great support system from his friends and family, and Kacy agreed.

"He's got miles and miles of heart," Tim said. "Rodeo is one big family."

Kacy's advice to younger riders is to "find something you love and keep at it," as well as find someone to look up to. He is excited to begin the next chapter of his rodeo career, and wherever that will take him.

"His career is just about to take off," Tim said.

Pig wrestling is back for fair

Hannah Gross
NLJ Correspondent

After three years of not having pig wrestling at the annual Weston County Fair, the Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce has decided it's time to bring it back. Following tradition, the fair festivities will begin with a parade on July 24 at 10 a.m., starting at Pinnacle Bank, weaving through downtown and ending at the fairgrounds. Pig wrestling will take place early in fair week on Monday, July 26, with the Calcutta beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The reason there hasn't been any pig wrestling events is because no available pigs could be secured. Barbie Turner, the chamber's executive director, said finding pigs was the most challenging aspect of planning the event. But after contacting 16 different pig owners, they finally found someone who was willing to donate pigs when Weston County Fairgrounds manager Kara Fladstol-Brown contacted a man from

Wheatland, a willing pig owner. The chamber will pay for the use of his pigs and their transportation.

Although the chamber is taking over pig wrestling this year, the event will be run the same as it always has, said the group's president, Sandra Martin. The teams of four in each age category will be auctioned off at the Calcutta, and the winning team in each category takes home some of the cash in the jackpot. The teams are allotted one minute to chase the pig and put it bottom-first in the barrel, all while racing through a fenced-in, muddy pit. Peewees will be allowed a minute and a half, Turner said.

The deadline to enter is July 15, and the cost per team varies based on age. Entry fees are \$60 for pee-wee teams, ages 5 to 9; \$80 for junior teams, ages 10 to 14; \$100 for teen teams, ages 15 to 18; and \$120 for adult teams, 19 or older. Each team must have four members,

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WHAT
Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce Pig Wrestling

WHEN
July 26; Calcutta at 5:30 p.m.

WHERE
Weston County Fairgrounds

SIGN-UPS
Call Barbie Turner
610-547-0888 or
Sandra Martin 307-321-8357

Horse sale



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NHS seniors selected for all-star game

Kinlee Whitney
NLJ Correspondent

For the first time since 1998, high school seniors from all around the state were nominated and selected to participate in the All-Star Soccer Game. Of the 30 seniors selected, six are from Newcastle High School.

Claire Beastrom, Emily Beastrom, Alaina Steveson, Caitlyn Pehringer, Lara Lopez and Alaina Laurence were nominated by coach Cami Willyard for the first Wyoming All-Star Soccer game in 24 years. All but Laurence participated in the game on June 19 at Thunder Basin High School in Gillette.

The All-Star Game consists of a weekend-long conference where participants practice together, put on a skills camp for the children in the community and are formed into two teams, the White Team and the Gold Team. The competing teams this year were selected by a random draft.

“They put all the players on a wheel, spun it, and then we just went every other team,” said Willyard.

The teams then practiced with each other for two days before



Submitted photo
Caitlyn Pehringer, Emily Beastrom, Alaina Steveson, Claire Beastrom and Lara Lopez, 2021 graduates from Newcastle High School, were selected to play in the first ever All-Star Soccer Game for the state of Wyoming. The ladies sported yellow and gold, instead of their Dogie orange and black, as they played against each other on two different teams with other players from across the state.

going head to head in the All-Star Game. In this game, the White Team took the win 7-1.

“I felt like our girls’ skills and knowledge of the game were very comparable to those

of their peers, and that’s just a statement to our program here in Newcastle,” said Willyard.

Though their high school careers are over, a few of the seniors have plans to continue

soccer in college.

Claire Beastrom, who has been playing soccer since she was 6, said she started playing after her sister pestered her.

“Emily was the one who

originally liked it, but after I joined we both just stuck with it because we made so many friends,” Beastrom said. “It was way cool that we both got invited to the All-Star Game.”

After graduating, Claire was recruited to continue her soccer career at South Eastern Community College in West Burlington, Iowa, where she plans to major in early childhood development.

Lopez said she started playing soccer at the ripe old age of 4. After moving to Newcastle, soccer was her main outlet for friendship.

“It was a big move for me to Newcastle, so when I found out there was a soccer team, it was nice to have something that I’ve been doing for forever,” Lopez said. “It made making friends a lot easier.”

Lopez said she was nervous about the All-Star Game at first.

“It was a big jump for me because I can be really shy and we don’t see a lot of 4A teams very often,” said Lopez. “After the two days of practices, we all played really well together and ended up being really close friends.”

Lopez is committed to playing soccer at Casper College while majoring in

elementary education and minoring in special education.

Like Claire, Steveson joined soccer in second grade because of her friends.

“All of my friends at school talked about it, so I went home and told my mom I wanted to join. She signed me up as soon as she could,” Steveson said.

Steveson’s favorite part of the all-star experience was meeting the other players from around the state.

“It was really cool to meet the players that I hated during the season, but they’re actually really cool people. Now, somehow, we’re all friends,” she said.

Though soccer is her favorite sport, Steveson said, she plans to hang up her cleats in her college career to focus on majoring in pre-med.

“Being a student athlete is so incredibly hard. I think I just need to focus on my major, especially since it’s pre-med,” she said.

Willyard said she nominated the players because they will all continue to contribute to the program in a positive way.

“I was very proud to take those five girls. They represented Newcastle well,” she said.

Pig Wrestling

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but it does not have to be an even number of guys and girls.

“We’re also going to have other things going on,” Martin said. “We’re hoping it’s going to be a big, big, big event.”

Those who aren’t wrestling pigs can get their fair share of mud through the various activities the chamber will have available on the side. There will also be vendors at the event, and \$15 T-shirts for sale.

Both Martin and Turner said they hope to have a big turnout from the community because the more support they have increases the chances of bringing pig wrestling back again next year. They hope to have as many teams as possible, and on the first morning of advertising, they already had five teams sign up. However, spots are limited due to number of pigs, Turner said.

Anyone interested in registering a team for pig wrestling or entering a float in the parade can contact Turner at (610) 547-0888 or Martin at (307) 321-8357. Organizers want to have a long parade and welcome many different float ideas, even if kids just want to walk their animals with the parade.

“We’d like everyone to participate that wants to,” Martin said.



NLJ file photo

Ready for retirement



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Sharon Callandar, Edie McEndarfer, Roger Hesse and his dog Bella enjoy cake and visits during Hesse’s retirement party June 15. Hesse will officially retire from owning Newcastle Ambulance Service this week, after 20 years in the business.

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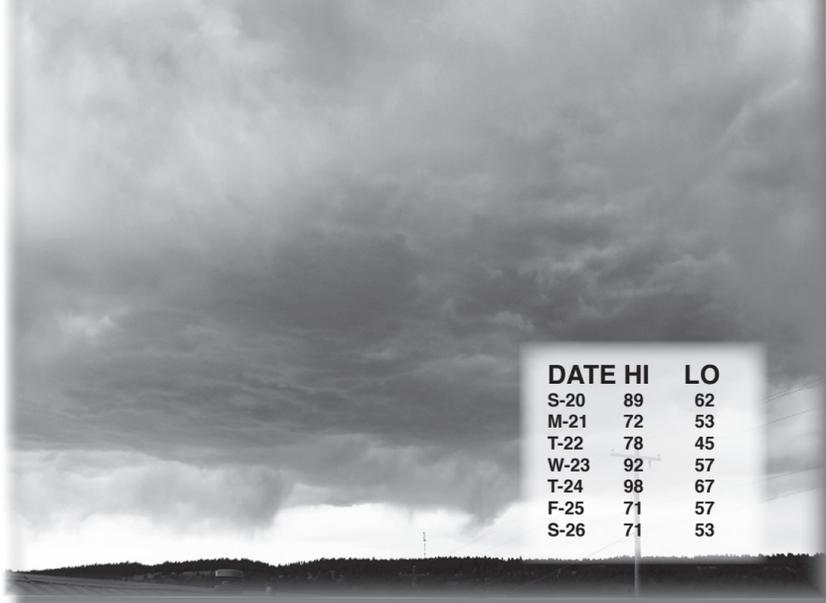
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Public Notice

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

Probate No: 8245
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Betty Lou Henderson, Deceased.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF BETTY LOU HENDERSON:
You are hereby notified that on the 21 day of June, 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 SECOND 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 21 day of June, 2021.
Tina Cote, Clerk of District Court
By Katherine Townsend, Deputy Clerk.

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

(Publish June 24 and July 1, 2021)

Public Notice

SECOND PUBLICATION REGULAR NONCOAL MINING PERMIT

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bentonite Performance Minerals, LLC of Colony, WY has applied for a mining permit from the Land Quality Division of the Department of Environmental Quality for the State of Wyoming. The mining permit area for the mining of bentonite will be located in: The east half (E2) of section 24 within Township 41 north, Range, 61 west and the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter (NW4NE4) of section 30 and the south half (S2), the west half of the northwest quarter (W2NW4), the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter (SE4NW4), the south half of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter (S2NE4NW4), the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter (SW4NE4) and the south half of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter (S2NW4NE4) of section 19 within Township 41 north, Range 60 west all within Weston County, Wyoming. The Lucky Strike permit area is approximately 1.85 miles south of the intersection between Dewey Road and Old Highway 85. The proposed operation is scheduled to begin July of 2022 and is estimated to continue until 2037.

Information regarding this application may be reviewed in the Office of the Land Quality Division

of the Department of Environmental Quality in Cheyenne and Sheridan or the Weston County Clerk's Office, Newcastle, Wyoming. Written objections to the proposed mining operation must be received by the Administrator of the Land Quality Division, Department of Environmental Quality, 200 W. 17th Street, Suite 10, Cheyenne, WY 82002 before the close of business August 7th, 2021. Objections may also be submitted by the same deadline via the Land Quality Division's electronic comment portal at <http://lq.wyomingdeq.com/commentinput.com/>. The Director shall issue a final written decision on the application within thirty days after the deadline to file objections. The applicant or objector may appeal the Director's written decision to the Environmental Quality Council (EQC). If a hearing is held, the EQC shall issue findings of fact and a decision within sixty days after the final hearing. The hearing shall be conducted as a contested case in accordance with the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act (W.S. §16-3-101 through §16-3-115), and the right of judicial review shall be afforded as provided in that Act. All parties as given in W.S. §35-11-406(j) will be mailed a copy of this notice. The Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission will be mailed a copy of the application mine plan map as required in W.S. §35-11-406(j).

(Publish June 17 and 24 and July 1 and 8, 2021)

Budget Notice

BUDGET NOTICE CENTRAL WESTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

Central Weston County Solid Waste Disposal District will hold a meeting at the Weston County Commissioner's Room at 1 West Main on July 5, 2021 at 6:45 p.m. for the purpose of the budget hearing for the year 2021-2022. Any interested person may attend and be heard.

(Publish July 1, 2021)

Budget Notice

WESTON COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022

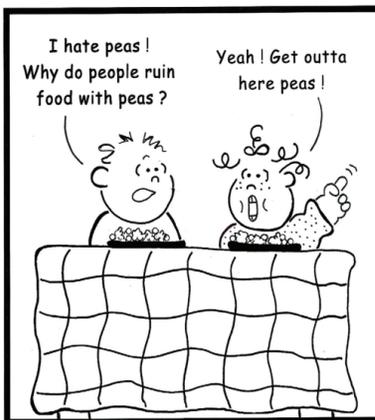
The board of Trustees of Weston County Health Services, at its June 17, 2021 meeting approved the following budget for Fiscal Year 2022.

Weston County Health Services Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget	
Net Operating Revenue	\$24,123,914
Expenses:	
Salaries and Benefits	13,624,256
Supplies	5,953,480
Services	2,229,645
Utilities	393,862
Insurance	281,229
General & Admin.	1,222,376
Depreciation	1,628,770
Total Expenses	\$25,333,618
Operating Income (Loss)	\$(1,209,701)
Non-Operating Income	\$2,167,256
Total Net Income	\$957,552

(Publish: July 1, 2020)

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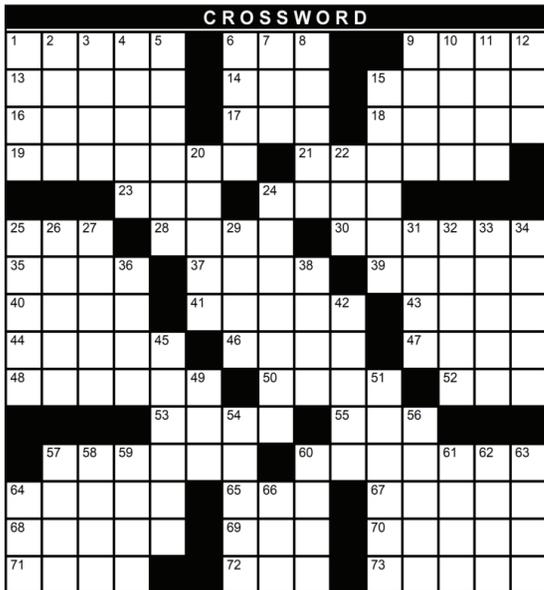
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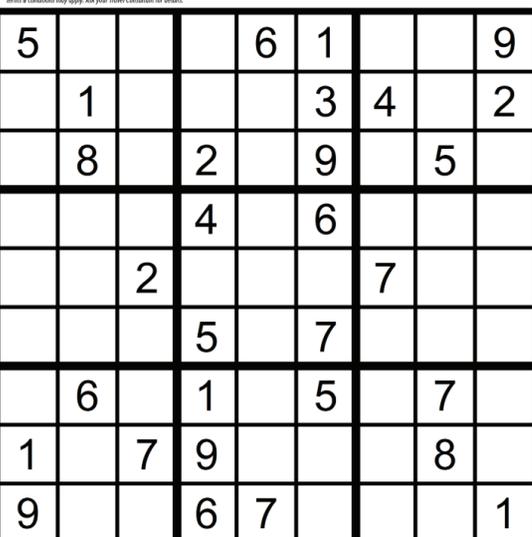
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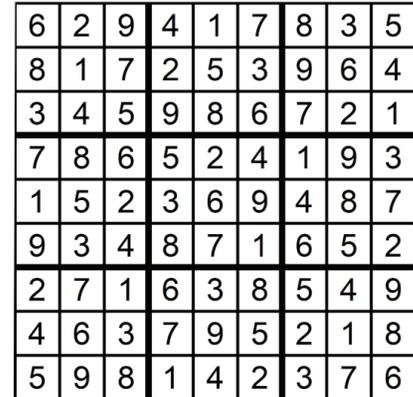
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Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) approved the Application of Black Hills Wyoming Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHWG or the Company) to establish a total purchased gas cost of \$0.3545 per therm, representing an increase of \$0.0377 per therm, effective on and after June 1, 2021. The rate is applicable to all Cheyenne and Cody area customers and all Choice Gas customers in the Casper, Gillette, and Torrington Divisions who have elected to take service under the Gas Cost Adjustment Rate (formerly known as the Pass-on Rate [Regulated Rate].) The Commission's approval is subject to notice, protest, intervention, refund, change, further investigation, opportunity for hearing, and further order of the Commission.

The approximately 70,851 affected customers are located in the Cheyenne, Cody, Casper, Gillette, and Torrington Divisions. The proposed purchased gas cost results in a monthly increase of approximately \$0.93 or 2.7% for residential customers using a monthly average of 25 therms during the rate-effective period from June 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021, and results in an overall projected dollar-for-dollar increase in the Company's 2021 revenues of approximately \$302,114 during the same period.

The Commission also approved additional routine changes to be effective on and after June 1, 2021, in Docket Nos. 30026-40-GT-21, 30026-41-GT-21 and 30026-43-GT-21. The net effect of the changes is an increase in the volumetric rate of \$0.0264 per therm and results in an average monthly increase of approximately

\$0.65 or 1.9% for residential customers using a monthly average of 25 therms during the rate-effective period from June 2021 through August 2021.

Commission Rule Chapter 3, Section 26 allows a utility to pass on to its customers known or projected commodity cost increases or decreases on a dollar-for-dollar basis, subject to public notice, opportunity for hearing and refund.

Interested persons may inspect the Application at BHWG's Wyoming 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 statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must file in writing with the Commission on or before July 16, 2021. A proposed intervention or request for hearing must set forth the grounds under which it is made and the position and interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing that you will attend, or want to make a statement, a protest or a public comment, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications-impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 711. Please mention Docket No. 30026-44-GP-21 (Record No. 15783) in your communications.

(Publish June 24 and July 1, 2021)

Bid Notice

WESTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT SITE ACCESS ROAD CONSTRUCTION WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the Weston County Solid Waste District (WCSWD) – SITE ACCESS ROAD CONSTRUCTION will be received by the WCSWD, until 6:00 P.M. local time, July 14, 2021, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bidders may mail bids to the WCSWD, c/o Bob Hartley, PO Box 158, Newcastle, WY 82701; or hand delivered to Bob Hartley prior to the bid opening time by contacting him at 307-746-8094. The project consists of earthworks, gravel surfacing, pipe culverts, and all other work necessary for the construction of approximately 4,700 linear feet of access road to the future landfill site south of Newcastle, Wyoming.

Bids will be received for one prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis as indicated on the Bid Form. Each bid must be accompanied by Bid Security for five percent of the total amount of the bid.

Bidding Documents may be examined after June 28, 2021, either online at www.questcdn.com/#7906508 or at the office of the Engineer, Trihydro Corporation, 2687 Aero Loop, Sheridan, Wyoming, on Mondays through Fridays by appointment. Online Registration on QuestCDN is mandatory for all bidders.

Contractors, in submitting their respective bids, acknowledge that such bids conform to all requirements of Wyoming State Statute. Each bidder must include a bid security with the bid, payable to the WCSWD, in accordance with the instruction to Bidders. For bids greater than \$150,000, bid security shall be in the form of a Bid Bond, prepared on the form provided in the Project Manual, issued by a Surety authorized to do business in the State of Wyoming and acceptable to the OWNER in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid. No bid may be considered unless accompanied by a bid guarantee in the required amount.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a contract performance bond and a labor and materials payment bond, each in the

amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price as originally bid or subsequently modified. The surety company shall be authorized to do business in the State of Wyoming. The cost of the bonds shall be included in the Contractor's Bid Proposal. When the Successful Bidder delivers the executed Agreement to the Owner, it must be accompanied by the required Construction Performance Bond, and Construction Payment Bond on the forms included in the Project Manual. No exceptions will be made.

No bidder may withdraw its bid after the scheduled time of the bid opening. Bids are to remain open for 20 days after the bid opening. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids or parts thereof, and to waive any irregularities of any bid. The Owner also reserves the right to award the contract to such responsible bidders as may be determined by the Owner.

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

Pursuant to W.S. 16-6-203, Wyoming labor shall be used on this project except other laborers may be used when Wyoming laborers are not available for the employment from within the state or are not qualified to perform the work involved. For further details see W.S. 16-6-201 through 206.

A mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit will be held at 1:00 P.M. local time on July 7, 2021. Interested contractors are to meet the Owner at the Pinnacle Bank parking lot, 1401 Washington Boulevard, Newcastle, Wyoming. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is mandatory. Please direct all questions to Ryan Swanson via email at rswanson@trihydro.com prior to 12:00 P.M., July 9, 2021.

Owner: WCSWD
By: Ed Wagoner
Title: Chairman

(Publish June 24 and July 1, 2021)

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, the Commission hereby gives notice of the Application of Black Hills Wyoming Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHWG or the Company) for authority to revise certain tariff provisions related to the Choice Gas Program and to expand the Choice Gas Program to all customers.

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

On June 1, 2021, BHWG filed its Application, together with testimony and exhibits, requesting authority to revise certain tariff provisions related to the Choice Gas Program and to expand the Choice Gas Program to all customers. BHWG proposes effective dates of November 1, 2022, and June 1, 2023. The requested effective dates align with the administration and contracting timelines necessary to commence the Choice Gas Program year on June 1, 2023. The proposed effective dates also keep terms and conditions relevant to the operation of the utility system consistent within the Choice Gas Program year. BHWG is filing this Application in compliance with the Stipulation and Agreement reached in the Company's 2019 general rate case.

Currently, the Choice Gas Program is available to BHWG customers in the Casper, Gillette and Torrington Divisions. The Company is proposing revisions to the Choice Gas Program and related

tariff sheets as well as an expansion of the program to the additional BHWG Divisions in Cheyenne and Cody so that all customers within BHWG's service territory have the same service options.

This is not a complete description of the Application. The Application is available for inspection by any interested person during regular business hours at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The Application is also available on the Commission's website at <https://psc.wyo.gov/> or BHWG's website at www.blackhillsenergy.com.

Anyone wishing to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must do so in writing filed with the Commission on or before July 16, 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. Please be sure to mention Docket No. 30026-46-GA-21 in all correspondence with the Commission.

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 at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay by dialing 711.

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Bid Notice

BID NOTICE

Hot Iron, Inc. is soliciting quotes from DBE businesses and any other suppliers/subcontractors for the 2019 Water Improvement Boyd Ave Newcastle Wyoming. Please submit bids no later than Monday, July 12th 2021 at Noon . Bid documents can be obtained through the <https://www.questcdn.com> . Please submit quotes to Todd- fax (307) 682-0007; phone (307) 682-8702 or email bids@hotironinc.com

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Newcastle City Council Minutes

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MINUTES MONDAY, JUNE 21, 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 members Tyrel Owens, Don Steveson, Lance Miles, Ann McColley, Michael Alexander and Daren Downs. Also present were Department Heads City Police Chief Sam Keller, City Engineer Mike Moore, City Attorney Michael Stulken and City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ann McColley moved, seconded Michael Alexander to approve the agenda as amended, deleting Linda Myer from Citizen's Business—Verbal and adding a Public Hearing at 7:30 to consider a liquor license application. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Michael Alexander moved, seconded Ann McColley to approve the minutes of the regular Newcastle City Council meeting of Monday June 7, 2021 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOMINATIONS FOR RECOGNITION: Joey Mefford for the Mefford Memorial Little League tournament.

Patti Cole for 20 years of business, Something Healthy, on Main Street.

The Newcastle Volunteer Fire Dept. for their first place finish at the 88th annual fire convention and for sponsoring and hosting the convention in Newcastle this year.

Shelby Tidyman, SMT Delights for her ice cream truck.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION: Mr. Garrett Borton and others for the annual RPM Days event. The certificate will be mailed.

PUBLIC HEARING: As advertised to consider an application for a Restaurant Liquor License. The record reflects there were no public comments. Michael Alexander moved, seconded Tyrel Owens to approve Restaurant Liquor License #6 for Taco Loco, LLC dba: Taco Loco, a tract of land lot 8, block T, County Clerk's Addition, Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—IN WRITING: Tyrel Owens moved, seconded Don Steveson to approve a Mechanical Plumbing Contractor's License for Miller Mechanical, LLC. Plumbing Contractor, Miller Mechanical, LLC; Master Plumber Leonard Miller; Journeyman Plumbers Jayme Brigham and Bernard Chado. All fees have been paid and proof of State license, insurance and bond have been provided. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—VERBAL: Mr. Bruce Perkins presented the Mayor and Council some sketches and suggestions to increase parking in the downtown area. Will be taken under advisement.

Kara Fladstol, representing the Weston County Fair Board requested relaxation of Open Container for the pig wrestling event on Monday, June 26th from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the field adjacent to the Fair Grounds and just south of the Public Health building. Michael Alexander moved, seconded Tyrel Owens to approve this request. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MAYOR/ COUNCIL REPORTS: Mayor Gualtieri asked for discussion on the advisability of allowing fireworks in the City for the July 4th holiday. Fireman Chris Kinney representing the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Dept. advised it would not be prudent because of the extreme fire danger. Ann McColley moved, seconded Don Steveson to ban the use of fireworks in the city limits of Newcastle for the July 4 holiday 2021. **MOTION CARRIED.** After discussion regarding fire safety concerns regarding the Fire Dept. setting off their fireworks display, Tyrel Owens moved, seconded Michael Alexander to suspend the large fireworks display over the 4th of July as well. **MOTION CARRIED.**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: City Clerk/Treasurer reported he would have preliminary year end revenue and expense figures the first meeting in July. He reminded the Council the first meeting in July would be July 6 because of the holiday being observed on Monday, July 5th.

City Engineer Mike Moore reported on projects ongoing across the City. Curb and gutter is complete on Salem Street and paving should begin this week. The lagoon sludge removal is complete, the land application won't happen until fall. Weston County has agreed to participate in the chip/seal project on the top portion of East Wentworth. The bidding process for the Boyd Ave. project will be out. The discussion reference carperts is continuing.

City Attorney Michael Stulken reported on preparing an MOU with Weston County for the chip and seal project on East Wentworth. And noted continued discussion reference the carport issue.

City Police Chief Sam Keller reported calls for service, 2373 YTD and 429 for the month of June. The new dispatcher is doing well, and the two officers have 3 weeks left at the Academy.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

OTHER CITY BUSINESS: None

CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY: dated Monday, June 21, 2021. Don Steveson moved, seconded Michael Alexander to approve the claims against the City dated Monday, June 21, 2021. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ann McColley moved, seconded Michael Alexander to adjourn this regular meeting of the Newcastle City Council at 7:38 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Claims: Alpha Communications, June 2021 tower rent, \$95.00; American Business Software, update calendar, \$174.33; Bearlodge Engineering & Surveying, survey work/easements, \$540.00; Black Hills Energy, electric service, \$270.95; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wyoming, employee medical insurance, \$40,010.00; Culligan Water Conditioning, bottled water, \$78.00; Dana Kepner Co., Inc., meter couplings, \$1750.00; Deckers Food Center, housekeeping supplies, \$206.96; Delta Dental of Wyoming, employee dental insurance, \$2219.00; Design Construction, Stampede pavement marking, \$3385.00; Eastern Wyoming Equipment Co., Inc., parts, \$2620.42; Energy Laboratories, Inc., water sample testing, \$88.00; Farnsworth Services Co., Inc., Salem St.lagoon sludge removal/portable sanitation, \$27,457.00; Frontier Home Ranch & Hardware, supplies/materials, \$603.07; H & S Environmental, lagoon analysis, \$5375.00; Hurricane Service, replace fire hydrant/hydrovac work/car washes, \$8397.93; Mountain West Chair Lifts, LLC, chair lift evaluation, \$238.00; Municipal Code Corp. admin support fee, \$250.00; Newcastle Equipment Co., vehicle repair/parts, \$5623.78; Newcastle Volunteer Fire Dept., convention expenses, \$783.77; Newman Traffic Signs, traffic signs, \$1284.11; NORCO, Inc., house-keeping supplies/cylinder rent, \$49.35; Northern Tool & Equipment, equipment, \$65.99; Office Shop Leasing, copier lease, \$71.45; One Call of Wyoming, utility locates, \$41.25; Postmaster, FD post office box rent, \$284.00; Ricks Electric, motor repair/light repair/ball field, \$1975.28; Genell Rothleutner, PD cleaning, \$200.00; Short Stop Fuel Mart, fuel purchases, \$4171.67; Trugreen-Chemlawn, FD fertilizer, \$119.00; Valli Information Systems, credit card service, \$100.00; Verizon, cell phones, \$732.65; Becky Vodopich, city office cleaning, \$300.00; WEBT, employee life insurance, \$101.75; WESCO Gas, propane, \$64.96; Weston County Treasurer, Youth Service, May 2021/tax handling fee, \$1336.13; Weston County True Value, building materials, \$35.60; Woody's Food Center, house-keeping supplies, \$83.52; Wyoming Rents, LLC, sheep's foot rental, \$7990.00.

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

Budget Notice

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING WESTON COUNTY MUSEUM DISTRICT \$172,190.00

Notice of hereby given on the proposed budget for the Weston County Museum District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, will be held at the Anna Miller Museum at 401 Delaware Avenue, Newcastle, Wyoming, on the 12th day of July, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., which time all persons interested may appear and be heard regarding such budget.

PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

Estimated Cash/Investments	
Total Cash/Investments On Hand	\$192,190.00
Deductions/Restrictions From Cash	\$20,000.00
Total Cash/Investments Available For Budget	

Revenue Summary	
Tax Levy	\$135,000.00
Other County Support	\$25,000.00
Miscellaneous	
Total Revenue Available for Budget	\$160,000
Total Cash/Investments & Revenue Available for Budget	\$332,190.00

Expenditure Summary	
Capital Outlay	\$8,500.00
Administration	\$102,120.00
Operations	\$154,790.00
Indirect Costs	\$66,780.00
Total Expenditures	\$332,190.00

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WESTON COUNTY JOB OPENING

MAINTENANCE MANAGER

The Weston County Board of Commissioners is accepting applications for Maintenance Manager.

A detailed job description is available at westongov.com or the Weston County Clerk's Office. Pay DOE.

Please submit a cover letter and resumé to the Clerk's Office at 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY 82701. Position will be open until filled. For questions, please call (307) 746-4744. EOE.

Help Wanted

Landfill Attendant

The City of Newcastle is seeking an attendant to work at the landfill Thurs. through Sat. 8 AM to 5 PM. This is a part time position 30 hours or less per week at a pay rate of \$11.50/hr. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and have a valid Wyoming Driver's License.

Additional information and an application can be obtained at the City Hall Office or at <http://www.newcastlewyoming.org/>

The City of Newcastle is an equal opportunity employer.



NOW HIRING

Gift Shop Associates

Associates for gift shop, FT and PT.
 Employee discounts and benefits. EOE.

Apply in person or send resumé to
 Decker's Floral & Gift, P.O. Box 249, Newcastle, WY 82701




Sunrise Storage

New Units & Discounted Rent Prices

12' x 24'	\$75/mo
10' x 20'	\$50/mo
10' x 10'	\$25/mo

Call (307) 746-8815

NOW HIRING

Bakery/Deli Clerks

Full-time and part-time positions include some evenings and weekends.
 Employee discounts and benefits. EOE.

Apply in person or send resumé to
 Decker's Market, P.O. Box 249, Newcastle, WY 82701



HELP WANTED

Labor positions & engineering intern

The City of Newcastle is seeking seasonal summer help for labor positions and an engineering intern. Applicants must be 18 years of age and have a current valid Wyoming Driver's License. Minimum starting wage is \$9.50/hr. Applications can be obtained at City Hall located at 10 W. Warwick, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701 or at newcastlewyoming.org/.

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POSITIONS OPEN

Weston County Children's Center/Region III Developmental Center is accepting applications for a full-time Early Childhood Special Education Instructor and/or Early Childhood Special Education Coordinator. Candidate must hold or be eligible for Wyoming PTSE certification in Early Childhood Special Education. Interested applicants should include a letter of interest, resume, and letters of reference to Weston County Children's Center at 104 Stampede, Newcastle, WY 82701, or email to fgregory@region3.co. The position will be opened until filled.

WCCC/Region III is an EOE.



WESTON COUNTY JOB OPENING

The Weston County Board of Commissioners is accepting applications for

COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

A detailed job description is available at westongov.com or the Weston County Clerk's Office.

Please submit a cover letter and resumé to the Clerk's Office at 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY 82701.

Position will be open until filled.
 For questions, please call (307) 746-4744

EOE



All-School Reunion

BACK

Welcome to NEWCASTLE




WESTON COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES!

Weston County Health Services is currently accepting applications for the following positions.
 Please see our website at www.wchs-wy.org for more details.

Position	Status
Radiology Technician	FT
Maintenance Technician	FT
Pharmacy Tech/Pharmacy Tech in Training	FT
Laboratory Tech	MT/MLJT, with ASCP preferred, FT
RN – Long-term Care	FT/PT/PRN
RN Acute Care	PRN
Nutrition Support Aide	PT
CNA	FT/PT/PRN
Dietary Aide	PRN
Environmental Services Aide	PRN

Employment Applications can be found on our website or picked up at the hospital front desk.
 Fax completed applications/resume packets to 307-746-3726, or email CTurner@wchs-wy.org.
 WCHS performs post offer, pre-employment drug screening. EOE.



Newcastle Apartments

has 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments for rent. HUD subsidized, Section 8. Rental based on income. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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Use local pick-up or delivery!




Positions Open

Weston County Children's Center is now accepting applications for full- and part-time employment to begin in August.

Positions include classroom aides and subs, Special Education one-to-one paraprofessionals, and kitchen help.

Please apply in person at 104 Stampede. WCCC is an EOE.





Kase Lambert, left, does his best to control his horse and pull it back toward the poles during his run at the gymkhanas on June 22 at Weston County Fairgrounds. Above, Hadlee DeLaRosa works the barrels. Lower left, Emeree Tavegie on barrels. Below, Jentry Harrington breaks away towards the finish after rounding her last barrel.

Photos: Submitted by Jan Farella and by Alexis Barker/NLJ

Off to the races!



COVID-19

SCHEDULE YOUR VACCINATION TODAY



Weston County Pharmacy is currently assisting Weston County Public Health by offering COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics.

There are a set number of hours with a set number of doses. We will take your name and phone number, then call when we have the next clinic set up.

PLEASE CALL WESTON COUNTY PHARMACY AT 746-2425.

Vaccination registration is open for the general public 18 years and older.



1124 Washington Blvd. Newcastle WY 82701 | www.wchs-wy.org
Weston County Pharmacy (307) 746-2425

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FREE Call for an appointment or walk-ins welcome

SPORTS PHYSICALS

Please wear shorts; bring glasses and school form filled out



WC NEWCASTLE Clinic 1121 Washington Blvd., Newcastle WY (307) 746-6720

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