

News Letter Journal

Weston County

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Newcastle, Wyoming

Year 135 Week 29

State's unclaimed property hits \$93M

Have you got a stash of cash you don't know about?

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

Over \$500,000 in unclaimed property is still held by the state for Weston County residents, according to Jeff Robertson, administrator of

unclaimed property for the Wyoming Treasurer's Office.

"Property is turned over to the state when a business, agency or governmental entity owes property, typically money or securities, to someone and for whatever reason cannot locate the

owner for a specified period of time," says a state treasurer's press release dated July 6 says.

During fiscal year 2021, Robertson said, a total of \$81,738.48 was paid to Weston County residents through 50 different claims.

Of those claims, the largest amount returned to the rightful owners was \$2,115.92, with 16 of the claims totaling over \$1,000.

Statewide, the office paid out a record breaking \$7.423 million, approximately \$2.3 million more than was paid out

the previous year and a half-million dollars more than the previous record, according to the release.

The largest of these claims, the release says, was more than \$580,000

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That's entertainment



The Weston County Library in Newcastle hosted Denise Gard and her famous Border Collies, Joey and Kira, for a fun event on Thursday at 11 a.m. Gard entertained children and adults with fun stories and dog tricks. She and her Border Collies later made an appearance at the Upton Community Center at 2 p.m.

Photo by KateLynn Slaamot/NLJ

Hospital earns WDH peds rating

Alexis Barker
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Weston County Health Services is the third Wyoming facility to be recognized as a pediatric receiving facility by the Wyoming Department of Health's Emergency Medical Services for Children and Wyoming Hospital Preparedness program, joining Campbell County Memorial Hospital and Community Hospital in Torrington.

According to a press release dated July 2, the Wyoming Pediatric Recognition Program is an

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Concerts are back

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

Plans to reinstate the Weston County Concert Association are moving forward after a hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, according to board member Jan Ellis.

She said the group is very excited to bring another round of family-friendly entertainment back to Weston County.

"The last concert of season 2019-2020, Presidio Brass, was canceled but has been reinstated in the

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..... Honadel celebrates 96th

Hannah Gross
NLJ Correspondent

Not many people can say they've lived 96 years and counting, but Wyoma Alice Honadel did just that when she recently celebrated her 96th birthday on July 3. She was born in 1925 to Frank and Erma Sturdivant in Torrington, before moving to the Jay Em ranch just outside of Torrington. According to Wyoma's daughter Kathy Jones, the house that Wyoma lived in is still there today.

When Frank and Erma were getting divorced, Wyoma traveled with her mother to Provo, South Dakota, in 1929 to live with her aunt and uncle, Mark and Iva Dunbar, who owned the grocery store and gas station in that area. On July 4 of that year, Wyoma's brother Dean was born in Edgemont. Erma remarried to Charlie Stearns, so the family moved to his farm a few miles northeast of Provo.

Wyoma remembers having to

travel 3 miles in a wagon to haul water, so during the cold winter months, they would pile the wagon floor with straw, blankets and even buffalo hide to keep warm. Sometimes, instead of traveling all the way to town, they either collected water in the rain barrels or melted snow to use for washing.

Wyoma also had to walk a mile to school every day, even during the winter months, until her family moved back into town in 1935. Stearns built a four-room house with a barn, and around that time, Wyoma's two half-sisters were born.

One of Wyoma's most memorable experiences growing up happened when she was merely 4 years old — she received her first spanking. She loved climbing on top of her grandpa's "barn," although it didn't look like one, and jumping onto the haystack. On the third time, her mother told her not to jump off anymore and warned her to come back down.

On the way, Wyoma's brand new pants caught hold of a nail and ripped. Her mother was waiting at the bottom and told her daughter to take off her clothes. Wyoma did so but began crying. She said that she was so nervous for what was to come that she wet her pants. So, she took her pants off too before her mom swatted her.

"She sure tanned me when she got ahold of me," Wyoma said. "Boy did she spank me. I think I'm still red from it."

On a lighter note, Wyoma also

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Submitted photo

Howard and Wyoma Honadel were married on Jan. 29, 1944. They met in the Provo, South Dakota area when Wyoma was just a teenager, and they often enjoyed seeing movies together. They had four daughters together.



WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 97, Lo 68



Friday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 93, Lo 63



Saturday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 92, Lo 64



Sunday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 91, Lo 64



Monday
Sunny
Hi 94, Lo 66



Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 96, Lo 66



Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 93, Lo 64



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Support our hard-working youth at the Weston County Fair!

The Weston County Fair is a tradition dating back to 1904. The 2021 event will take place July 23-Aug. 1.

Friday, July 23
7 p.m. Public Fashion Revue
7 p.m. Spring Track Races

Saturday, July 24
10 a.m. Fair Parade, Downtown
6 p.m. • Truck Pull

Sun., July 25 • 10:30 a.m. Jr. Horse Show
1 p.m. Weston County Has Talent Contest
4 p.m. • Newcastle Ministerial Society Outdoor Service & Chicken Dinner
5:30 Brent Reed, Heavyweight of Clean Comedy

Monday, July 26
Jr. Horse Show Speed Events
2:15 Cat Show
5:30 p.m. • Pig Wrestling

Tuesday, July 27
10:30 a.m. • Jr. & Open Dog Show
4 p.m. • Corn Hole Tournament
4-7 p.m. • Family Fun Carnival
6 p.m. Rough Stock Rodeo

Wednesday, July 28
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Messy Mania
5 p.m. • Jr. & Open Swine Show
6 p.m. ATV Gymkhana

Thursday, July 29
8 a.m. Jr. & Open Sheep & Goat Show
1 p.m. Jr. & Open Poultry Show
4-7 p.m. • Newcastle Farmers Market
7 p.m. • Ranch Rodeo, Grandstands

Friday, July 30
8 a.m. Jr. & Open Beef Show
11:30 a.m. Tumbleweeds Show
12-4 Strong Man Contest
4:30 Junior Livestock Committee BBQ
6 p.m. • Junior Livestock Sale

July 31-Aug. 1 • 9 a.m. • Weston County Junior Rodeo
1 p.m. Heritage Team Roping followed by Jackpot Team Roping

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COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION

GET YOUR VACCINATION TODAY!

We have made it even easier to get your COVID-19 vaccine.

Weston County Public Health is now offering once-a-month vaccine clinics throughout the summer.

Our next clinic is scheduled for Friday, July 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Wyoming Refining Training Center, for those 18 years and older.

OTHER LOCATIONS PROVIDING COVID-19 IMMUNIZATIONS ARE:
Cambria Discount Drug: Call 307-746-9191
Weston County Pharmacy: Call 307-746-2425

Weston County Public Health
400 Stampede St., Newcastle WY
If you have questions, please call 307-746-4775

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paid to a Sweetwater County resident. In addition, over 12 checks had a value of over \$100,000, while 108 claims topped \$10,000.

With a total of \$10.102 million added to the unclaimed property fund during the past fiscal year, the state is holding \$93 million waiting to be claimed by the rightful owner.

Of the \$93 million, a total of 15,656 shares or securities totaling \$543,910.72 are owed to Weston County residents. Of those properties, four are valued at more than \$10,000, 79 properties are valued at over \$1,000, and 15 of them are securities.

The largest amount still owed to a Weston County resident is \$26,053.88.

According to Robertson, these properties will be held by the state until claimed by their rightful owner, which can be done through a seemingly simple process.

"The money is not the state's money — the state is only acting as custodian until the rightful owner comes forward," he said. "If we have unclaimed property in your name, remember that it's rightfully yours and we want to turn it over to you as quickly as possible."

"Whenever we locate someone who is owed a large amount of money, the No. 1 thing we hear is, 'I had no idea this existed,' or they had no idea the money was turned over to the state," he continued.

To see if you have any unclaimed property held by the treasurer's office, Robertson said, it only takes a couple of minutes to go online to mycash.wyo.gov to see if your name, or a loved one's, is listed in the database. "There is a two-minute instructional video on the left side of the page that explains how to make

Top 10 payouts during fiscal year 2021

1. Sweetwater County — \$582,473.16
2. Campbell County — \$305,377.50
3. Albany County — \$277,518.06
4. Laramie County — \$159,092.44
5. Johnson County — \$152,934.77
6. Unknown location — \$141,886.89
7. Sheridan County — \$136,368.75
8. Lincoln County — \$159,092.44
9. Goshen County — \$105,156.31
10. Natrona County — \$93,878.12

Top 10 largest remaining properties

1. Unknown location — \$475,582.53
2. Niobrara County — \$252,698.75
3. Natrona County — \$177,264.12
4. Sweetwater County — \$174,580.27
5. Laramie County — \$173,111.80
6. Sheridan County — \$133,507.65
7. Albany County — \$127,099.18
8. Fremont County — \$101,918.29
9. Carbon County — \$101,229.45
10. Campbell County — \$91,839.59

and then complete the claims process," the release says. "To make a valid claim, owners will need to provide information about themselves and may need to submit official documents. This could be as simple as a copy of a driver's license if the property is in your name, but additional documents may be requested if you are claiming as an heir or a business."

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has good memories growing up, and she remembers laying on top of some hay to pick out different shapes in the rolling clouds.

"For fun, I would get on top of the straw stack and look up at the clouds," she said.

Right next to Provo is Igloo, South Dakota, and Wyoming also lived there for a time. Igloo is home to the Black Hills Ordnance Depot, where the U.S. government stored bombs during World War II. Wyoming's future husband, Howard, helped build the fence around Igloo. With her mother, Wyoming helped cook and serve meals to the Igloo workers, as well as to local ranchers and other workers. In 1941, they opened a restaurant in their living room to offer breakfast and supper to 35 men. Wyoming remembers waking up at 3 a.m. and not getting to bed until 11 p.m.

Around that time, Wyoming met Howard Ralph Honadel in Sunday school, and the two soon became an item. In order to have money to take Wyoming on movie dates, Howard hunted rabbits, selling their skins to pay for the 25-cent tickets. However, because Wyoming was small for her age at 17, she got away with paying the children's price of 10 cents for two years.

On Jan. 29, 1944, Howard and Wyoming were married in Hot Springs when she was just 19 years old. Their first daughter, Carol, was born that December. They lived on a farm, and during the war, the government wanted Harold to continue farming in order to grow food.

"My dad was too young for one war and too old for another," Jones said.

The family lived in the Provo and Igloo area for several years, until Howard began working for Black Hills Power and Light Co. He started out in the Provo plant, but the company asked him to relocate to Newcastle to haul diesel engines, so in 1948, they did just that by moving to 506 Pine St. By this time, they had their second daughter, Nancy, and while living in this house, two more daughters were born, Kathy (Jones) and Barbara.

"I remember lots of things about that house," Jones said, even though she was only 3 years old when they moved out.

Around 1954, they moved across the street to 616 Pine St. Although neither physically nor financially ready to build an addition, Howard, who was recovering from back surgery, added the top part to the house due to severe rainstorms in 1962.

Wyoma has seen her fair share of work over the years, and in the late '50s, Wyoming worked at Toomey's Mill tying flour



Submitted photo

Wyoma Honadel was born in Torrington and grew up near Provo and Igloo, S.D., for most of her childhood. Moving to Newcastle in 1948, she has lived here ever since and recently celebrated her 96th birthday on July 3. She still lives on her own, and has many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and even a few great-great grandchildren.



sacks, which gave her many blisters, for a month to fill in for someone who was recovering from surgery.

After Toomey's, she was hired at the Circle M Motel for three summers and the Graham's Motel (now Sundowner Inn) for 10 years before working in laundry at the Weston County Hospital in the late '60s. She didn't have a car, so she walked to the hospital every day for those three years, even in sub-zero temperatures.

After Jones graduated from high school in 1969, the Honadels decided to build a house on the corner of Birch Street and Second Avenue, in the early '70s. The sandstone

blocks for the house and garage came from a building at the fairgrounds that was torn down and a gas station in Osage. They lived there for two decades until they moved to Forrest Hill Way around 2003, which is where Wyoming still lives today. Her husband passed away in 2008.

Through her four daughters, whom Wyoming describes as "wonderful girls," she has 10 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

"It makes me dizzy," she said, with a laugh.

Now, at 96, Wyoming still lives by herself, and she enjoys spending her days quilting and playing pinochle with friends.

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Our View

It's Weston County Fair time

It is time once again for the Weston County Fair. A time of year that is chock-full of events, excitement and time with family and friends.

The festivities kick off this Friday evening with the fashion review and continue on Saturday with the parade and truck pulls.

This year, organizers have come together to prepare several new activities and events for people of all ages including the ATV gymkhana, a comedian, extreme

rides and carnival games. Back again this year are community favorites including the pig wrestling, Weston County Has Talent and the mini roughstock rodeo.

And like always, there will be a variety of animal shows, the Outlaw Motors Truck Pull, the ranch rodeo Heritage team roping and the junior rodeo.

This week of fun in the sun, and mud, is a cumulative event for so many members of the community,

especially those youngsters that put in time and effort to raise animals to show and sell during the youth livestock sale. So make sure you head on down Friday, July 30 to snatch up a pig, goat or some beef to fill your freezer or donate back to the youth.

As you make your way down to the Weston County Fairgrounds to enjoy the week's worth of events, don't forget to stop and say thank you to all of the volunteers and organizers that make the fair

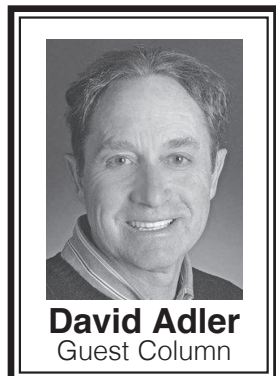
possible every year.

Like always, the *News Letter Journal* will be your hot spot for photos and updates on the top performers throughout the week so don't forget to grab your copies of the paper the next few weeks and stay turned for the annual fair section.

A full schedule is featured in this week's edition, page 13, as well as stories highlighting events and youth projects, in the back section of the paper. We will see you at the fair!

The case against congressional term limits

Advocates of congressional term limits have strong arguments, as we observed last week of the ongoing effort to impose a ceiling on the number of terms that members of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate can serve. But the arguments against term limits are also strong, and find support in the founding of our nation and in current debates.



David Adler
Guest Column

the founders. Their reasoning was reiterated by President Woodrow Wilson, who wrote in 1913: "By seeking to determine by fixed constitutional provision what the people are perfectly competent to determine by themselves, we cast a doubt upon the whole theory of popular government."

A constitutional ban on reelection struck many of the founders as counterproductive to good government. There was a widespread belief that service in office for a reasonable number of years was a prerequisite to the acquisition of knowledge necessary to become a good representative skilled in the art of making laws and policies. It was believed, moreover, that frequent elections — two-year terms in the House and six years in the Senate — insured accountability to the people and that poor performance could be corrected at the ballot box. At all events, they regarded elections as term limits.

The founders never contemplated the desire of anyone to serve lengthy terms in office, far from family and professional concerns. They believed that

short terms would produce rotation in office, which would, they further believed, protect against corruption and the arrogance of power that often are byproducts of numerous terms in governmental positions. Modern-day opponents of congressional term limits offer several arguments against inorganic ceilings. There is a genuine concern that term limits will, for example, decrease the capacity and expertise of Congress, undercutting its ability to pass wise, effective legislation and policies. Experience matters, it is said, as it does everywhere else. The numerous and varied problems that Congress confronts requires skills often acquired through years of serving in Congress. Opponents of term limits are quick to note that freshmen members will be likely to defer to experienced lawmakers, those skilled in the art of making laws, which will have the net effect of extending or consolidating the power of those boasting years of experience.

Term limits, it is argued, will also create a disincentive for members to develop expertise in complex policy areas. Why spend the many hours, months and years acquiring knowledge in foreign affairs and national security matters, or developing expertise and learning in areas such as tax

policy, if term limits will arbitrarily cut short members' ability to create and pass legislation that will well serve the nation? The resulting "disinterest," it is claimed, will lead to further legislative deference to the executive and the agencies that administer laws on a daily basis.

The theme of "arbitrariness" courses through the arguments of those who oppose term limits. It is one thing to defeat and thus remove from office incompetent members, but why punish those members who are hard working, competent, skilled and extremely valuable representatives on the behalf of the American electorate. Further, why punish the voters, and deprive them of their democratic right to select their representatives in the House and Senate? Punishment of effectiveness strikes these advocates as arbitrary and unwise.

Opponents of term limits also doubt that the mechanism will actually curb the corruption that advocates claim is directly tied to careerism. As a consequence, there is no reason to set term ineligibility in constitutional concrete. The assertion of undue influence of lobbyists on members of Congress won't be allayed, but rather exacerbated, by term limits, they say. While advocates of limits believe that members might look more closely at the merits of

legislation, without the overbearing presence of lobbyists, the reverse is true. Novice legislators will become more, not less, reliant on lobbyists once veteran legislators are removed from office. The loss of experience and expertise is reflected, they contend, in surveys conducted in states with term limits. In those states, lawmakers exhibit greater reliance on bureaucrats, agencies and lobbyists.

As citizens ponder the question of the relative desirability of term limits, they would do well to grapple with the pros and cons of such a proposition. Both sides have good arguments worth consideration.

David Adler, Ph.D., is a noted author who lectures nationally and internationally on the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and presidential power. His scholarly writings have been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court and lower courts by both Democrats and Republicans in the U.S. Congress. Adler's column is supported in part through a grant from Wyoming Humanities, funded by the "Why it Matters: Civic and Electoral Participation" initiative, administered by the Federation of State Humanities Councils and funded by Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Adler can be reached at david.adler@alturasinstitute.com.

Hey Phoenix Zoo, those ferrets are from Wyoming!

This past spring, I noticed that Wyoming's Black-Footed Ferret is a rock star at the Phoenix Zoo. In fact, you might think the elusive little critter was native to Arizona.

Not so. Here is the real story. An obscure place in the Cowboy State was the host of one of the most impressive recovery stories of an apparently extinct animal that has occurred in America over the last several decades.

The famous naturalist and artist John James Audubon first painted and published reports of the critter around 1846. In 1979, the Black Footed Ferret was declared extinct in the world. In 1981, Lucille Hogg's pet dog Shep dragged home a carcass of an unusual animal at their ranch home near Meeteetse. Lucille was a fixture in Meeteetse at her Lucille's Café. She and husband John took the odd critter to a local taxidermist to talk about possibly getting it mounted.

The taxidermist took one look at it and after a long pause said he needed to make a phone call. When he returned he said this animal was not only an endangered species, but it was extinct!

Wyoming Game and Fish officials descended en masse on Meeteetse and the Hogg home. The hunt was on for

the rest of the animals. This was an amazing coincidence involving a pesky dog and some folks who thought they had found a really odd-looking animal. Thankfully that taxidermist was alert enough to contact the Game and Fish.



Bill Sniffin
My Wyoming

Our local newspaper in Lander along with most newspapers in Wyoming ran news stories and ads in the late 1970s trying to locate any colonies of the elusive nocturnal animal. None were found.

An animal called a "ferret" is common in America as a pet. But these critters are not native. They are originally from Europe. The only local ferret in America is the Black-Footed Ferret, which originally roamed all over North America.

In a column last year, I wrote about how reliant the American Indians were on the buffalo for food, clothing, and shelter. Well, in this case, the prairie dog is the buffalo to the Black-Footed Ferret. The latter's entire existence is based on killing and eating prairie dogs.

One Game and Fish biologist described the relationship as the prairie dog providing "room and board" for the ferrets, since ferrets live in abandoned prairie dog towns. One

study showed that an adult female Black-Footed Ferret and her litter of kits will kill and eat over 1,000 prairie dogs a year for their diet.

This ferret looks a lot like a mink but the two animals are not related. Our Ferret has a close relative in Europe called the Polecat, not to be confused with the expression "doggone polecat" to describe a bad guy in old-time Wyoming.

Bob Oakleaf and Andrea Orabona, non-game biologists of the G&F, worked on the recovery project, which is featured in a video on YouTube.

Back in the 1980s, G&F staffers tried to locate the rest of the pack of ferrets, using an old-style trap and then some huge hand-held antennas. G&F staff walked around trying to track the ferrets, which had radio collars installed on them.

Ultimately they found over 50 of the ferrets and the small colony seemed to be doing well.

But this did not last long. The reason the Black-Footed Ferret was declared extinct in 1979 was because of a disease called plague, which had been wiping out prairie dogs and killing ferrets at the same time.

By 1985, the number of Meeteetse ferrets was down to 18 and the decision was made to put them in a captive facility to prevent further deaths leading to extinction. The initial facility was in Sybille

Canyon. As the G&F was able to breed more ferrets, other places got involved, including the Phoenix Zoo.

Today, ferrets have been re-released to the outdoors. A big event was held in Meeteetse on July 26, 2016 where the critters were re-introduced to their original home area. There are now more than 1,500 ferrets running loose. Not good news for prairie dogs.

Meanwhile, I even bought a tee shirt at the Phoenix Zoo, which was emblazoned with a big logo for the zoo.

I cannot blame Arizonans for wanting to take some credit for this amazing survival success story. In the brief information piece about the ferret, Wyoming was hardly mentioned and the location where they were found was spelled "Meeteetse."

Over the years the zoo has provided over 500 Black-Footed Ferrets, which have been re-introduced into the wild. So, I grudgingly have to give them a little bit of credit after all.

Not sure I will ever wear that tee shirt back here in Wyoming, though.


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

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DORIS JEAN WIGGINS
 Nov. 20, 1935–July 8, 2021

Doris Jean Wiggins, 85, died Thursday, July 8, 2021, in Douglas, Wyo.

A family and public visitation was held on Sunday, July 11, from noon to 5 p.m. at the Gorman Funeral Homes – Converse Chapel in Douglas, and then a gathering at 275 Esterbrook Road, Douglas Wyoming. There will be no formal funeral services per Doris's request.

Interment will be in the Douglas Park Cemetery at a later date.

Doris was born Wednesday, Nov. 20, 1935, in Oshkosh, Neb., the daughter of John Clifton and Edith Leota (Garrick) Teppert. She went to grade school in Oshkosh and graduated from Oshkosh High School.

She married Gene Lewis Wiggins on May 8, 1954. They moved from Nebraska to Gillette, Wyo., in the early 1960s. They ranched in the local Gillette area, Douglas area, and Upton area.

Doris cooked at the Memorial Hospital in Douglas for several years before retiring. Everyone loved her "Chicken noodle soup."

Doris loved crocheting, knitting, baking, gardening, and sewing. She loved her family and all the grand- and great-grandchildren very much. You never left her house feeling hungry. When her children were young Doris sewed all their clothes and they loved all of her baked sweets and treats. She is going to be greatly missed by her family and all of her friends. She loved babysitting her grandbabies and her grand-animals. Doris enjoyed her country life and setting on the front porch in the evenings.

She is survived by her four children, Cathy (Gary) Lamb of Newcastle, Wyo., Vickie (Steve) Erickson of Douglas, Becky (Don) Swisher of Douglas, and Danny Gene Wiggins of Lander, Wyo.; two brothers, Larry (Myrt) Teppert and Rich (BJ) Teppert both of McGrew, Neb.; three sisters, Shirley Fincher of Springfield, Mo., Julie (Herb) Norton of Hudson, Colo., and Marilyn McGaughey (Rod Thyme) of Brush, Colo.; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Doris was preceded in death by her father, John, in 1968; mother, Edith, in 1958; husband, Gene, on Sept. 24, 2013; and brothers, Charles Robert Teppert on Jan. 13, 2012, and William "Bill" Teppert on Nov. 26, 2008.

The Gorman Funeral Homes – Converse Chapel of Douglas is in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at gormanfh.com.

MICHAEL EDDY WORDEN
 Aug. 30, 1950–July 13, 2021

Funeral liturgy for lifelong Newcastle resident Michael Eddy Worden, 70, was held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 20, at the Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 19 W. Winthrop, Newcastle, Wyo., with Father Brian Hess as the Celebrant. A vigil for the deceased was held at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 19, at the church. Interment was in the Greenwood Cemetery in Newcastle.

Mike Worden died Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at the Wyoming Medical Center in Casper, Wyo.

Mike was born Wednesday, Aug. 30, 1950, in Denver, Colo., the son of Glenn Edwin and Madeline Vera (Tanner) Worden. Mike was 5 years old when his family moved from Colorado to Midwest, Wyo., where Scott, Mike's brother, joined the family. Mike attended school there until moving to Newcastle.

He enjoyed hunting antelope, elk, and moose with his dad and had numerous funny stories about those hunting trips. He was in the Boy Scouts and attended the National Boy Scout Jamboree trip. Mike worked a few places around town in high school including McColley Funeral Home, mowing and doing odd jobs. The owner, Don McColley, would later become his mentor. After graduating Newcastle High School in 1968, Mike attended the University of Wyoming pursuing a degree in engineering to follow in the footsteps of his dad. Mike later decided to follow his true desire to serve and enrolled in and graduated from the San Francisco School of Mortuary Science.

While in high school and attending college, Mike dated Sandra Y. Johnson of Osage, Wyo. The two were married on Jan. 6, 1973 in Laramie, Wyo. Their marriage started off with a trip to McDonalds in their wedding attire, leaving trails of rice all over the restaurant in a story often laughed about as they told that story through the years. Mike and Sandy moved to Gillette, Wyo., after his graduation from mortuary school where he worked for the local funeral home. Later, Mike and Sandy moved back to his hometown of Newcastle, where he began working full time at McColley Funeral Home. Mike's family grew while in Newcastle, having two children, Rebekah and Geoffrey. Eventually, Mike took the step and purchased the funeral home and ambulance service from Don McColley and began Worden Funeral Directors, where he worked and served the surrounding area for many decades, retiring in 2020.

Mike and Sherry met on AOL LOVE CONNECT; seven months later they were married on Feb. 13, 1999, at the Methodist church with Rev. Robert Firebaugh and Deacon Ken Pitlick of Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Newcastle.

Mike was an EMT II and served as coroner for Weston County. When Mike was getting ready to retire, he gave up being coroner to Dr. Stephenson. Slowly the ambulances were given up and on Nov. 19, 2020, he sold the funeral home, and began looking forward to retirement.

Through Mike and Sherry's 22 years of marriage they really never fought, mostly disagreements over the funeral home. He loved showing Sherry Wyoming and they cruised to Alaska, Montana and other places. He loved his blended children. Mike treated his and Sherry's children fairly and would do things with them, especially Tristin, Taylor and Taryn.

They had two big plans for their retirement, go to Europe — but COVID-19 came along and stopped that — and then to attend Sherry's oldest son's wedding in Georgia in August of this year. Mike passed away with this non-curable disease "Lewy Body

Dementia" which is fast growing.

Mike and Sherry loved staying at home and doing little things around and outside the home, they would dance around the house while Sherry sung, "May I have this dance for the rest of my life," no more dancing, laughing, and sleeping on the back porch. Sherry has the memories to cherish forever. Mike enjoyed his trips through the Black Hills, fishing, shooting with his stepsons, Eric and Billy.

Through the years, Mike enjoyed playing the piano as long as he thought nobody could hear him. He enjoyed taking his family on trips around Wyoming and the Black Hills area, camping along the way. Practical jokes were often at the wit of Mike. Coming home from a late night of work to a house full of kids having a sleepover would lead him to playing jokes on everybody to wake up, too. You could often find him on the shooting range. He had a passion for collector guns and loved shooting. He was often on his Harley riding around town and the area, or flying around a lake on his jet ski, a newfound passion while on a family camping trip. Mike very much loved spending time with his grandchildren every chance he had to see them.



Michael Worden

He is survived by his wife, Sherry F. Worden, of Newcastle; children, Rebekah L. "Becky" (Barry L.) Clyde of Springfield, Ga., and Geoffrey M. "Geoff" (Kristie L.) Worden of Gillette; grandchildren, Chord G. Worden of Laramie, Tristin S. Clyde of Springfield, Taylor L. Clyde of Springfield, and Taryn W. Clyde of Springfield; and brother, Scott E. Worden.

Mike was preceded in death by his grandparents; father, Glenn, on March 26, 1981; mother, Madeline, on July 27, 2016; and first wife, Sandra Y. Worden, on May 1, 1998.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Salt Creek Veterinary Clinic in care of the First State Bank, P.O. Box 910, Newcastle, WY 82701 would be appreciated by the family.

The Gorman Funeral Homes–Converse Chapel of Douglas, Wyo., is in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at gormanfh.com.

WHAT'S UP CALENDAR

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 What's Up Calendar

faith & values

Daily Devotional Reading

July 23 1 Thess. 2:1-16	July 27 2 Thess. 1:1-12
July 24 1 Thess. 2:17-3:13	July 28 2 Thess. 2:1-17
July 25 1 Thess. 4:1-18	July 29 2 Thess. 3:1-18
July 26 1 Thess. 5:1-28	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 am
- **CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Pastor Rob Carr, 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9 am
- **CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS:** Bishop Ty Checketts, 120 Ash, 746-4131. Sunday Sacrament Mtg 9:00 am; Sunday School 10:20 am; Relief Society & Priesthood Mtg 11:15 am
- **CHURCH ON THE HILL:** Pastor Wayne Wilson, 301 Delaware, 746-9663. Adult Sunday School 9:30 am; Prayer 10:15 am; Worship 10:45 am; Prayer Service Tuesday 6 PM; Celebrate Recovery (18+) & Undeclared Youth (Infant- 12th Grade) Wednesday 6:00 pm
- **CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Brian Hess, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5 pm; Sunday Mass 8 am; Weekday Mass 7 am
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- **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:** Interim Pastor Ben Roberts, 903 S. Summit, 746-2188. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Evening Service 6 pm;
- AWANA Clubs Wednesday 6:30 pm
- **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Brenda Torrie, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Adult Bible Study 8:45 am; Traditional Church Services 10:00 am; 10:15 am Children's Church; Youth Group Sunday evenings 5:30-7 pm
- **GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Jon Andersen, 12 Old Hwy. 85, Evangelical Free Church, Bible Study 9:15 am, Worship 10:30 am. Call 949-0869
- **KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES:** 5018 US Hwy 16, 746-2319 or 746-4517. Tuesday 7:00 pm. Congregation Bible Study, Theocratic Ministry School and Service Meeting, Sunday Public Talk 10 am; Watchtower 11 am
- **NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sun. Worship 10 am; Wed. Night Prayer
- **OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH:** 348 Sheridan St. in Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm
- **OUR SAVIOR CHURCH:** Pastors Doug and Frezil Westerlund. For Bible Study, call (605) 515-3058
- **SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST:** Pastor Lester Bently 612-240-7536, 78 Old Hwy 85, Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11 am
- **ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Brian Hess, Upton. Sunday Mass 5 pm
- **UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Rev. Michael Paschall, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Worship 9 am; Fellowship 10 am
- **VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH:** Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366

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Recapture

A PIECE OF HISTORY

25 Years Ago July 25, 1996

Weston County firefighters have hit their busy season. County fire warden Steve Macheichok plans to ask the county commissioners within the week to impose a ban on burning garbage in the rural areas. On Wednesday afternoon, July 17, firefighters battled a 100-acre blaze near Osage. One old abandoned house burned down, but firemen were able to protect two primary residences.

The Prairie 4-H Club held a meeting July 1 at the Extension office. The meeting was called to order by President Sara Freeburn. The American Pledge was led by Ty Cummings and the 4-H Pledge was led by Tara Krell. The secretary's report was given by Tandi Krell. The treasurer's report was given by Jennifer Praeuner.

The Newcastle Middle

School, the Weston County Library, and Walden Books are hosting the Sagebrush Book Fair. Stop by the library meeting room and browse through a great selection of new books for all ages. Hours are Friday 9-5 and Saturday 9-3.

Not much went wrong for the Northeast Eagles at last weekend's Northeast District American Legion Tournament in Wright. Pitchers Brian Mefford, Aaron Berger and Jason Burrough combined efforts to give the Northeast Eagles an undefeated tournament and the Northeast District championship in three games.

Upton will host a non-contact football skills camp. Session one, July 29-30, is for seventh and eighth grade players and session two, Aug. 1-2, is for grades 9-12.

The Kozisek Aquatic Center, in its first day of operation, got a lot of business. Kids and

adults lined up at the front reception area to pay their admission fees throughout the afternoon Monday.

The Newcastle Little League All-Stars had a disappointing tournament, being forced out in two games. The first game against Evanston was a wake-up call for Newcastle, as they were shut out 8-0.

50 Years Ago July 22, 1971

Two New York couples have purchased the historical Flying V Guest Ranch north of Newcastle. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gaultieri of Long Island and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Napolitano of White Stone, Queens, purchased the ranch on July 15 from Jack and Stella Rosenwald.

Debra Sewell, of Osage, with a total score of 470, won the Rocky Mountain Paint and Saddle Horse Association trophy as the top winner in

the junior judging competition at the annual 4-H state horse judging contest at Casper recently.

John Ratigan was elected president of the board of trustees of school district number one at their recent meeting. Other officers elected were Bill Stearns, vice president; Bob Engle, clerk; and Lyle Sylte, treasurer.

An attempted break-in at the Corner Bar Tuesday night is being investigated by local law enforcement officers. Entrance was apparently not gained as nothing was reported missing. The lock on the front door was pried and discovered during the night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Simpson, Astrid and Hans were social callers of Mr. and Mrs. David Peterson and Jean Friday evening

Mrs. Reuben Necklason and Mrs. Barnes were social callers at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Mayberry, Carl Jonasson and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jonasson Saturday.

Bert and Todd Garman are visiting a few days at the Virgil Schlup home. Earl Christensen was a caller at the Jay Mayberry home Wednesday evening.

Miss Judy Jones of Denver, Colo., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jones of Upton, Wyoming was united in marriage with Geoffrey Phillips of Denver, Colo., son of Mrs. Betty McMinn of Massachusetts and Mr. Phillips of Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hoag celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday, July 18 with a family gathering and picnic held at Dow Park. The couple received a money tree and numerous gifts. A cake was baked and decorated for the special event.

100 Years Ago July 21, 1921

Word comes from Cheyenne that A.M. Nichols of this city has been appointed a member of the advisory board to the state historian. Mr. Nichols is one of seven members and will represent the counties of Weston, Campbell and Crook. The duties of the board will consist in gathering historical data concerning Wyoming in the counties they represent.

Four accidents marred Frontier Days. None of them are expected to prove very serious, although at the time of happening it looked as though fatalities might occur. Jim Sunderland of Moorcroft, Ronald Corneilson of Hampshire, Bill Forman of Bell Fourche, and Tony Oilvetti, violin player in Barnes orchestra, were the victims.

The Newcastle baseball team won two out of three of its Frontier games. The game the first day was lost to Moorcroft, 8 to 4. Only seven innings were played on all of the days, as it was found necessary to shorten the games so the contests of the afternoon could be completed on time.

Frontier Days of 1921 have come and gone. They will be remembered by all as the largest and best that have ever been celebrated in Newcastle. South Dakota and Montana as well as Wyoming were repressed by some of the best riders that the west has ever produced.

The Golden Rule store of this city was seriously damaged by fire around midnight Saturday. The fire, was discovered by Albert Camari, who immediately sent in the alarm, having noticed smoke which was coming up from the basement. The fire apparatus was hurriedly brought and volunteers were soon at work trying to locate the fire, and playing water on where they thought it was.

Messrs. Jenkins and Marshall of Ohio are guests of J.L. Jenkins and family here. L.N. Hills started Saturday for a few weeks vacation in Sheridan and the mountains around there.

ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE:

City of Newcastle road closures due to Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad Maintenance

Monday and Tuesday, July 19-20:
Main Street and Walker Avenue will both be closed for maintenance

Wednesday, July 21:
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This is a historical picture of Al Miller shocking wheat.

WHAT'S UP

July 2021

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

Thur. July 22	2PM	Pediatric Readiness Certification Celebration	WC Hospital
July 23-Aug. 1		Weston County Fair, see schedule page 13	Fairgrounds
Fri. July 23	11:30AM 9-4PM 5-9PM 5:30PM	WC Library System Board Mtg. WC Public Health Vaccine Clinic Warm Summer Nights, Feat. Kim and the CUE BALLS BINGO	Library Meeting Rm. WY Refining Training Center Main Street VFW Hall
Sat. July 24	10AM 6PM	Weston County Fair Parade Outlaw Motors Truck Pull	Downtown Newcastle Fairgrounds
Tues. July 27	11AM 3:30PM 6PM	Story time Alzheimers/Dementia Support Weston County Mini Roughstock Rodeo	Library Zoom Fairgrounds
Wed. July 28	6:30-8:30AM 1PM	Wellness Wednesday Summer reading program	WCHS Library
Thur. July 29	8-4:30PM	Wyoming Veterans Service Officer	WY Dept. of Workforce Serv.
Fri. July 30	4:30PM 5:30PM 6PM	Weston County Cowbelles BBQ BINGO Junior Livestock Sale	Fairgrounds VFW Hall Fairgrounds

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Hannah Gross
NLJ Correspondent
With Leonard Cash,
historian

In this week's installment of "History on Main," Leonard Cash begins a new series on the Weston County Bank, located on lot 1 of block 11, which started out as a clothing and drug store, according to files from the Sanborn Map Co. The building became a bank in 1903 until a big fire broke out in 1912, destroying the building.

An April 11, 1890, article from the local newspaper notes that I.H. Chase of Deadwood purchased this corner lot for \$2,000, which at the time was home to D.G. Davidson's saloon. Chase planned to build a two-story brick building with a basement that measured 25 feet by 70 feet. Jake Lang was going to use the building for his general store.

Work was progressing along, reported the May 2, 1890, paper, and both the interior and exterior were to be finished "in

an expensive manner." Once the store was stocked and "the business boom commences, he will as he deserves do a great deal more than hold his own."

According to the May 12, 1890, edition of the *Weston County Democrat*, Davidson relocated his saloon to Railroad Street.

The June 25, 1890, issue of the *Democrat* announced that the excavation for Chase's building was complete and the foundation was nearly finished. An architect named Mr. Burnham from Deadwood was awarded a contract for the work.

By Aug. 7, 1890, the brick work was completed, and it was expected that in the following month, Newcastle would see "a brand-new stock of goods in one of if not the finest store rooms in Newcastle." According to the July 3, 1890, issue of *Newcastle News*, the brick came from Nebraska.

The store was finally complete, according to an announcement in the Oct. 9, 1890, *Newcastle News*. Recapping the original purchase, the article said that Chase, the "Deadwood millionaire clothing king," bought this lot for \$2,200 from the Bank of Hemingford, which originally purchased it for \$1,850.

"Jake Lang the local managing partner of Mr. Chase had long coveted this prize and before anyone knew what the witty Jake was doing, he had secured it by telegraph, the lot no sooner was secured than a force of workmen were upon it, and the foundation fairly

grew out of the ground until it is now occupied by Jake Lang as the palace clothing house," the article says.

The "elegant" show front was furnished with heavy French plate glass, and a vast selection of rubber goods, shoes and more was stored in the basement. The completed building had an estimated worth of \$8,000, with \$20,000 worth in goods.

According to a different article from the same time, Dr. Horton had his office in a room on the second floor, along with Jake's personal office, which he went to "considerable expense in the furnishing."

"We marveled a little at the reason of it, but Jake shook his head and said our suspicions were wrong. What did he mean?" the article asks.

Lang carried the finest and most complete stock "found west of the Great Muddy" (which is the Missouri River, Cash said), according to the Dec. 12, 1890, newspapers, and "all who would be saved from the ghost dance should see him before buying elsewhere."

The following issue of the *Newcastle News* reported that Burnham installed cathedral glass doors to the fronts of the "palace block," where Lang's general store was located. This added "a fine appearance" to the block.

By Jan. 2, 1891, Chase was moving his stock of goods from Deadwood to his Newcastle store.

On Jan. 30, 1891, the paper announced that Chase was moving to San Jose, California,

but before taking off, he stopped in Newcastle to look after his business interests, which were going successfully.

"Chase is really selling many goods for fifty cents on the dollar. No sham — he means business," the article says.

The bankrupt stock was selling like "hot cakes," according to the April 3, 1891, paper. However, there were complaints from other businesses that the products were too cheap, so around April 10, 1891, the district judge sentenced Lang to "one year's good trade" for selling his goods at too low prices.

"The grand jury found I.H. Chase dealer in bargains in clothing, dry goods, boots and shoes guilty of selling as advertised," the article says.

Not only did the store contain inexpensive products, but it also sold popular ones too. The March 3, 1893, paper said that the Stetson hat, which was a favorite in the Black Hills area, was available at Lang's store.

After several years of managing a successful business, Jake Lang decided to retire on Jan. 1, 1895, according to the Oct. 21, 1894, paper. He was closing out the shop "regardless of profit cost or anything else in cash," so the community could save money by shopping there.

Chase was still the owner, so around Jan. 5, 1895, he closed the store for the purpose of taking inventory of his large stock. D.W. Tillotson from Hot Springs was replacing Lang as manager.

Along with taking inventory, the following issue

reported, Chase was making some updates by having the exterior of the store papered, painted and "generally fixed up preparatory to opening under new management."

"Mr. Chase promises some bargains which will attract favorable attention from customers," the article says.

By Jan. 18, 1895, the improvements were complete, and the store was reopened for business. In all the years Lang, a "pioneer businessman," managed the entire stock of the store, only \$13 was found missing after the recent inventory. This loss was accounted for by an overcoat that had been stolen from the front, along with a few other small articles. The article wished it was possible "for every young man to obtain such a record for honesty and for stock for such attention to the detail."

However, his replacement was announced to be a "capable manager," in a news report from Feb. 22, 1895, and the community welcomed him as a valuable addition to the community.

Lang didn't stay in retirement very long because, according to an article from April 5, 1895, he returned from his travels east, where he bought a selection of dry goods to open up another general store in the Ost building next to the Baird Drug store. Lang and J.P. Ost were going into a partnership in conjunction with Ost's furniture store.

Cash will continue discussion on the partnership in next week's installment of "History on Main."

Senior Happenings

WC Senior Services

FRIDAY July 23

Exercise Room	8AM
Walking	8AM-NOON
Rolls	9AM
Bridge	1PM

MONDAY July 26

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

TUESDAY July 27

Exercise Room	8AM
Walking	8AM-NOON
Dominoes	1PM
Bridge	1PM

WEDNESDAY July 28

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

THURSDAY July 29

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



Right to Life



Photo by Hannah Gross/NLJ

Development Director at the Women's Resource Center Tracy Barber came to speak at the Right to Life Banquet at the Weston County Senior Center. She shared her own abortion story from when she was in college, and the hope and forgiveness she found in Jesus. She wants others to find the same healing she did.



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Concerts

season of 2021-2022 at no extra cost to our members," Ellis said. "We will have the normal four-concert season added to this to make a total of five concerts for the upcoming season."

The series will kick off on Sept. 13 with Presidio Brass, a brass quintet playing popular Broadway tunes. The group was formed in 2005 and has performed in over 40 states, according to Allied Concert Services information.

The second show of the season, on Oct. 30, will feature America's Sweethearts, a female vocal trio performing the "greatest generation" era hits. According to information provided, the trio performs a wide range of music from World War II, Great American Songbook favorites, classic Broadway, pop tunes from the 1950s and jazz in colorful costumes with crystal-clear harmonies.

On Nov. 20, the series will feature New Odyssey Guy, an energetic entertainer

playing lots of instruments, sprinkled with humor. Gary Todd, according to Allied Concert Services information, has been performing since the age of 2 and his high-energy show features 10 instruments, music, comedy and more.

The fourth show of the season will feature The Chipper Experience on March 27. Comedian Chipper Lowell uses "clever magic tricks to get the audience involved, and his quick — but always clean — wit to get them laughing and smiling," Allied Concert Services Information says.

Rounding out this year's lineup is Branden & James, a vocal and cello duo from Manhattan, on April 28. The duo reinvents pop music in classical form with powerful vocals and soulful cello, according to provided information.

All concerts will be held in the Crouch Auditorium, Ellis said, starting at 7 p.m., except for the 3 p.m. Sunday matinee fea-

ture The Chipper Experience on March 27. "A one-time fee of \$10 for students, \$40 for adults and \$85 for a family will get you into all the concerts," she said. "This is an amazing deal for quality live entertainment."

In addition to the local concerts, members will be able to attend concerts in South Dakota in both Belle Fourche and Hot Springs at no additional charge. Members will also be able to attend shows in Rapid City, although they will cost an additional \$15 on top of presenting their ticket for the Weston County Concert Association series.

"Tickets will go on sale July 27 from many sellers across the county. There is also an insert in this week's paper, which lists concerts and a cutout entry from that can be sent in to receive tickets by mail," Ellis said.

Tickets will be sold at A-1 Agency and both Pinnacle Bank and First State Bank.

Hospital

evidence-based approach to ensuring that minimum services, equipment, disaster preparedness and staff competencies are in place in a facility that may treat an acutely injured or ill child in the state. The program is funded by a Health Resources and Services Administration state partnership grant and is completely voluntary.

"The system is designed to not be just another set of boxes to check for a facility. It is based on the National Pediatric Readiness Project, a scholarly long-term study, that has been running now for over thirty years," said Brandon Kelley, supervisor with the Office of Emergency Medical Services through the Public Health Division. "This base evidence shows a direct correlation between facilities, big and small, having the proper equipment, regular and recurring training, advocacy, and certain policies and procedures; with improved mortality, morbidity, and outcomes of the pediatric population they serve."

According to the National Pediatric Readiness Project website, the program is a multi-phase quality improvement initiative to ensure that all emergency departments have the essential guidelines and resources in place to provide effective emergency care to children.

"The program required us to meet specific guidelines in regards to readiness to provide the best service to children that are in a trauma situation," said Maureen Cadwell, facility CEO. "In a rural facility, this is extremely important for services in our emergency department and shows the community that we are ready."

In order to achieve the recognition, Tamie Wesley, the trauma program coordinator in Weston County, spent countless hours working on devel-

WCHS seeks new board member

The purchase of the Newcastle Clinic by Weston County Health Services has created a board opening, and applications from interested parties are being sought to fill the slot on the Weston County Hospital District board.

"The open board position is due to Lanny Reimer, MD, becoming an employee," CEO Maureen Cadwell said. "The state rules on hospital districts state that employees cannot be trustees."

On July 15, the Weston County Health Services board of trustees acknowledged the vacant seat and approved an advertisement for a replacement. The hope, Cadwell said, is to have applications received in time to interview potential candidates at the board's next meeting on Aug. 19.

Applicants must be registered voters and residents of Weston County.

oping policies and procedures specific to pediatrics. She also took classes to become an instructor for the Pediatric Advance Life Support and Emergency Nursing Pediatric Course so that nursing staff at the facility could become certified in both areas.

"The team at Weston County Health Services worked hard to organize what they do every day for their community into one place," Kelley said. "They committed to meeting the measures in the program, trained, organized and closed every gap we found in the process, not because they had to but because they saw the benefit and decided to accept nothing less."

While previous scores on

the assessment are not known, Kelley said that scores at the facility have drastically improved and that Wyoming in general has always struggled when it comes to national measurement surveys, not because there is necessarily something missing but because of the small population and limited capabilities of rural facilities.

"We built this program to help solve that issue. By achieving this step in the Wyoming system, a facility can count on a score of at least 88/100. To put that into perspective, Wyoming's score last measurement cycle in 2013 was a 59," Kelley said. "Compared to the rest of the country, we were 10 points lower on average."

"If each of the hospitals in Wyoming did what Newcastle has done, our state would sit in the top five of the national list, most likely number two, based on data from the past," he added.

While Kelley said that Weston County has always provided great care to patients, the difference now is that they decided they wanted to do better and be able to show it.

"There is no mandate and little outside money to help, aside from the small amount that I am able to help with through the grant for purchasing some equipment and building the training infrastructure," Kelley said. "Weston County found things that they thought were locked down but actually weren't, then they fixed it. They have created a system to ensure continual competency on the procedures and process to make sure that when one of our kids enters their facility they get the right treatment in the right amount of time and can get to the right place in the right amount of time. Best of all, they did it not because someone made them do it but because the team thought it was the right thing to do."

He added that he is very proud of Weston County Health Services, and the other Wyoming facilities that have achieved this goal.

"What they have done isn't easy and it is an "extra" thing on top of everything they already have to do," he said. "It isn't going to increase their bottom line, and many of the effects can't be neatly placed in a metric to show its impact."

Cadwell added that she and the staff are excited to bring this level of care to Weston County's service area.

"When it is your kid in the ED bed, there is no such thing as good enough. The same is true for readiness. 'Good enough' can only be measured after an event has transpired, and then you can't change it. Readiness is trying to account for all of it, especially the things that you can't possibly know, and building the infrastructure to be able to manage the surprises so that you are at your best when the time comes to use it," Kelley concluded. "That is the goal of this program. Be ready for every kid that comes through those doors. After it is done, be better, no matter how good a job you did. Then do it again tomorrow. Weston County Health Services and the others have decided that is what they are going to do: be good ... then be better, and repeat."

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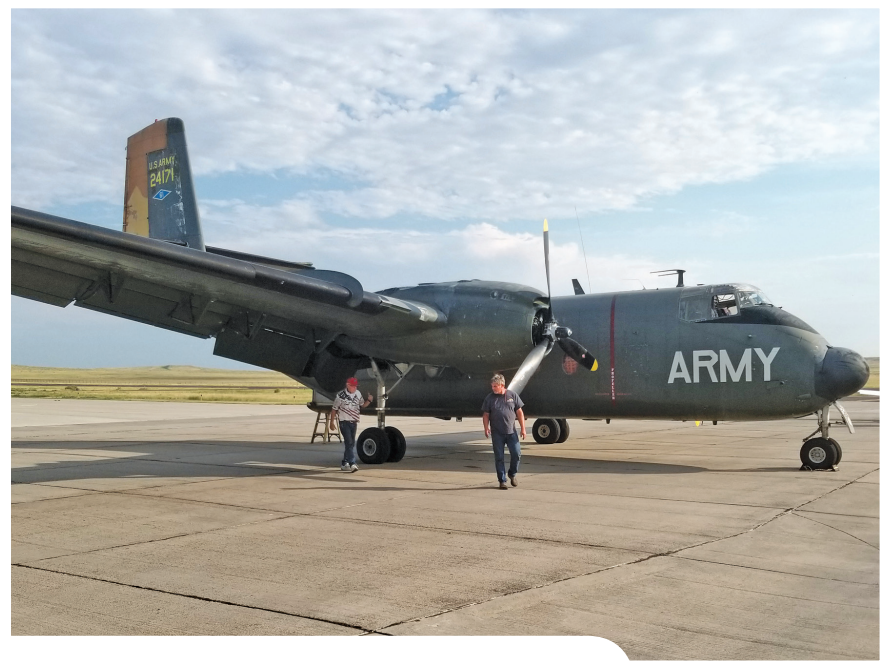
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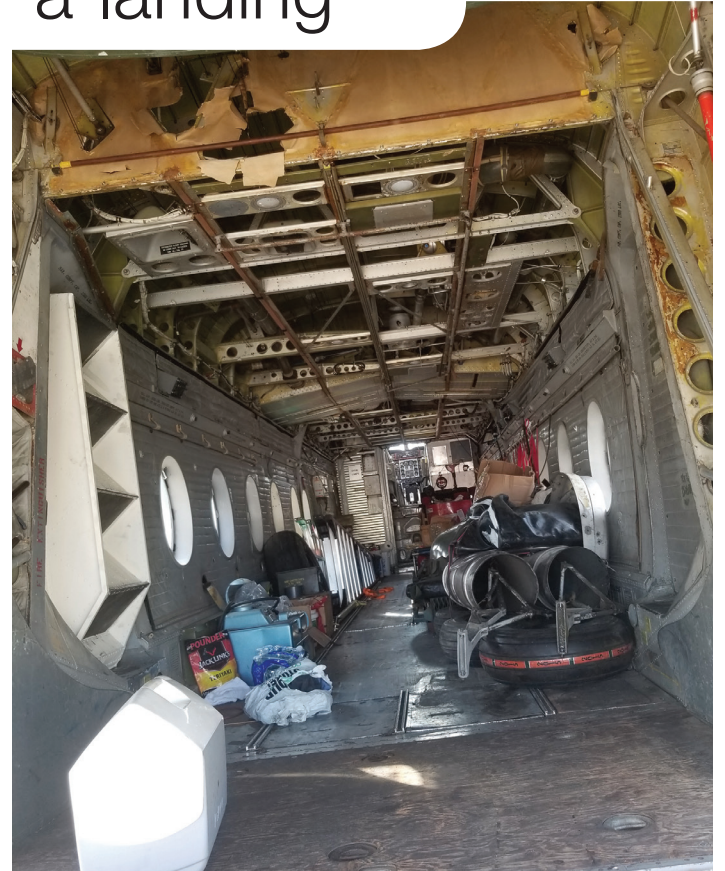
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Come on out to the county fair!

KateLynn Slaamot
NLJ Correspondent

The 2021 Weston County Fair, July 23-Aug. 1, has a lot to offer for all community members, according to Kara Fladstol Brown, fairgrounds manager. The theme is Keeping the American Dream Alive.

“We’re excited this year,” Brown said. “We’ll have a little something for just about anyone.”

Fair 2021 boasts a lot of new events, Brown said, in addition to some events making a comeback after a smaller fair last year. Pig wrestling, on Monday, July 26, is one such comeback, and Brown said she is excited about that.

Some new events include sprint track races the first evening of fair, Friday, July 23. While the races are a common community occurrence, this is the first time they’ve had the races at fair.

After the Newcastle Ministerial Association’s chicken dinner on Sunday, July 25, they are going to have a family-friendly comedian.

The ATV Gymkhana is also a new event, featuring regular gymkhana-style events, such as pole bending and barrel racing, except that riders will use four-wheelers and dirt bikes. Entry fees are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids, all put into a jackpot for the winners. The ATV Gymkhana is Wednesday, July 28.

A new bungee-jumping extreme ride is going to be offered a few nights of the fair. The ride is ticketed, Brown said, to save money for more of those fun rides in the future.

Also making an appearance is a beer garden every evening of the fair, except for Sundays, and proceeds from that are going back into fairgrounds improvements.

Other fair festivities include the mini rough stock rodeo, bouncy houses, ranch rodeo and much more. And, of course, all of the educational opportunities from all of the animals and projects being entered in the fair by 4-H students and community members.

Brittany Hamilton, 4-H/Youth Development extension educator, said that 4-H’ers have been working hard preparing their fair projects.

“This is where they get to showcase their hard work,” Hamilton said. She added that it’s a beneficial educational opportunity for everyone because the kids get to explain their projects to judges and interested community supporters. It’s also a great opportunity

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Swentesky twins prepare for fair

Hannah Gross
NLJ Correspondent

It’s that time of year again when the local youth get to showcase the projects they’ve been working on at the annual Weston County Fair, July 23 through Aug. 1, and twins Hollie and Christine Swentesky are entering a vast array of projects throughout the summer.

The nearly 13-year-olds have been

participating in the fair for three years, and they’re ready to come back this year with their animals, art projects and baked goods. Both girls also signed up for the open class horse show, and Christine will be showing her horse Peggy Sue for the first time at the 4-H horse show.

“I just like riding my horse and doing stuff with her,” Christine said.

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Christine Swentesky, right, washes her horse Peggy Sue. She entered the open class horse show at the 2021 Weston County Fair as well as the 4-H horse show for the first time. Hollie Swentesky, above, showcases her pig at the Weston County Fair, and plans to show two more pigs this year. Along with her sister Christine, they donated a Hog this year to the Peace Officers Association to be raffled off on July 30.



A ‘BONE’-A-FIDE LEGACY

Hanson Research Station contributes to scientific, taphonomic research

KateLynn Slaamot
NLJ Correspondent

When Carolyn Johnson’s grandfather, a Mormon boy from the Salt Lake Valley of Utah, came to the area southwest of Newcastle and began homesteading, little did he know the treasures that lay beneath his feet, waiting to be discovered. Did he ever imagine that his homestead would later become a place of groundbreaking paleontological discovery?

Henrick Hanson, the oldest of 17 children, came to this area in the early 20th century. He trailed 13 bands of sheep from the Salt Lake Valley and across Wyoming to the McCuen ranch. Hanson worked as a foreman on the McCuen ranch, 7 miles from the current Hanson ranch.

Henrick eventually decided to start his own homestead in 1908, the same year he married Carolyn’s grandmother Roxie Freel, who grew up near Mallo Camp. Glenn Hanson, Carolyn’s dad, was born in 1917, the youngest of three children born to Henrick and Roxie.

“It’s interesting that God caused him (Henrick) to come right here and homestead here,” Carolyn said. “I think it’s neat to look back and see how God has worked.”

Glenn and his siblings grew up on the Hanson ranch, and then Carolyn and her siblings grew up there. She says she remembers seeing dinosaur bones everywhere. It was just a common occurrence, she said, and they didn’t realize how valuable they really were.

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Diggers with the Hanson Research Station uncovered a femur bone this year.

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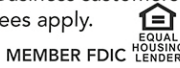
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Above, Chris Dutcher, Kurtis Bell, Saul Larson, Justin Brockway, Chris Hintz, Adrian Quintana, Alonzo Sandoval, Nick Brooks, Allen James and Don Botkin pose for a group photo after the Black Hills Classic 3 – Squat To Depth. Below, Chris Hintz deadlifts at the Black Hills Classic 3 – Squat 2 Depth.

Friends compete together

Braden Schiller
NLJ Reporter

Barbells rise and fall, and more weight is lifted than most people think possible. On June 26 a group of 10 power lifters from Newcastle participated in the Black Hills Classic 3 ... Squat 2 Depth.

The participants from Newcastle were Alonzo Sandoval, Adrian Quintana, Chris Dutcher, Chris Hintz, Kurtis Bell, Allen James, Don Botkin, Nick Brooks, Saul Larsen and Justin Brockway. The group trains together at the Newcastle High School gym. Some of them know each other from working at the Newcastle refinery or beforehand. Others have met at the gym.

"And so that was kind of how it was started — just guys that we kind of knew from the gym, part of our gym family, so to speak," Botkin said.

Bell said that he and Sandoval, his coworker and friend, started lifting after Bell "tweaked" his lower back. The two eventually began to talk about power lifting.

"We started a power lifting program and then just kind of rolled with it, and then about like six months into it, he (Sandoval) talks about a power lifting meet. He had done a few already. And, again, he talked me into doing it," Bell said.

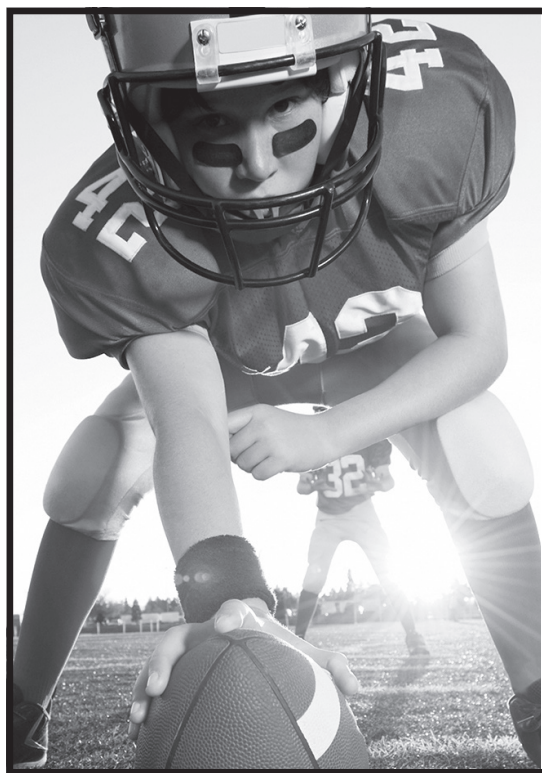
A common thread in the weight lifting group is that they lift to compete with themselves. Brooks started lifting to improve his health, which is how he met the other competitors from Newcastle. They told Brooks that he had the potential to be competitive in the weight lifting circuit.

"I wish more people would go down there (to the gym), especially at a young age. One thing I tell my kids is that, in my opinion, exercise is one of the most powerful antidepressants known to man," said Brooks. "People go to the gym to power lift and start feeling better and more confident."

At the competition, members of the group did well in their respective weight and age classes. Botkin placed first overall in his age group, doing all three lifts (squatting, benching

and dead lifting). Larson placed first in his age group, doing all three lifts. Bell placed first in his age group, doing all three lifts. James placed second in his age group, doing all three lifts. Brockway placed first in his age group, doing all three lifts. Brooks placed first in his age group, doing all three lifts. Hintz placed first in his weight class for all three lifts. Dutcher placed first in his weight class, Quintana placed first in his weight class, and Sandoval placed third in his weight class.

"We're a very open group and the more the merrier. If anybody would like to join in, we are more than happy to teach and show and mentor and train you," said Dutcher. "I think that the other thing too is (that) people need to not be afraid of these guys that are just lifting big amounts of weights in the gym and getting hyped up. We're friendly, good, reasonable, personable people, and I think it's (power lifting) something that everybody should, if they're not into, at least give it a try to see if it's something that they like."



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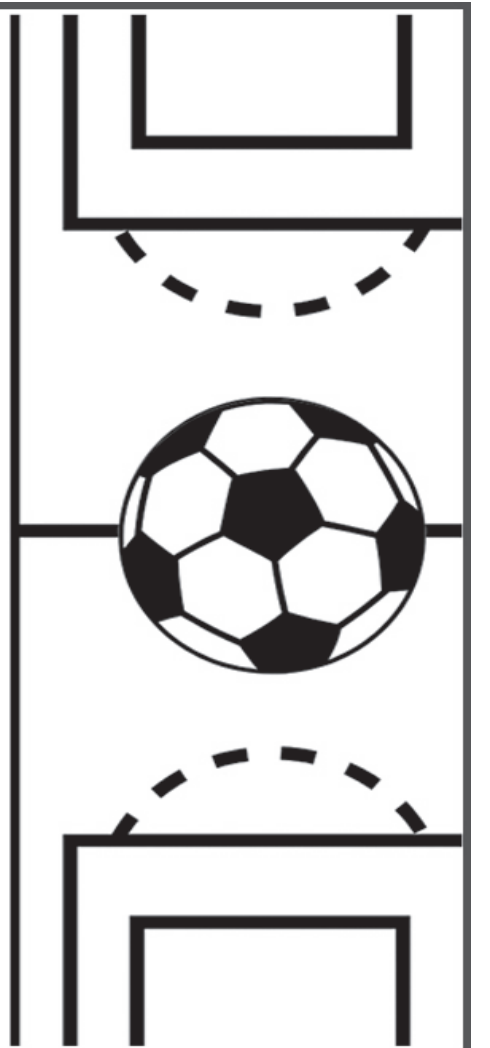
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“We always picked up the dinosaur bones,” Carolyn said, noting that she and her siblings would keep the ones they wanted and toss the ones they didn’t.

As time went on, the family began to realize the significance of what lay scattered on the surface of their ranch as interested persons began to inquire about the dinosaur fossils. A scientist from New Orleans stopped by their ranch one day and asked about digging, so Glenn allowed him to. He then continued for a few years, before they parted ways due to a disagreement.

Glenn decided that he wanted his ranch to be the site of scientific discovery, and he did not want to sell the bones, Carolyn said. A deep passion to use the deposits of bones on his land to further scientific research catapulted his search for scientists who would work with him and share his beliefs on the origin of the universe — that God created it with intelligent design.

After working with a couple of different creation scientists, the Hansons finally found a team that fit, Carolyn said. Lee Spencer, who was a geological consultant from Oregon, went to the ranch to examine the dinosaur bones. He then got his colleague Dr. Art Chadwick, who was a professor at Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas, to also come to the ranch.

Chadwick went to the ranch in 1996, and he admitted that he wasn’t interested in dinosaur fossils. He was working on a project with fossil whales in Peru at the time. However, Chadwick recalled the moment he first saw what the unique desert landscape of the Hanson ranch had to offer, and it quickly changed his perspective.

“When I opened the door of the truck, there were bones all over the ground,” Chadwick said, recalling that he was afraid to step on them. And that was just what was on the surface of the land. Chadwick said his first thoughts were that this was all scientific data that could be washed away and lost if nothing was done about it.

“We’ve got to save as much of these data as we can,” Chadwick said.

Thus began the Hanson Research Station and its taphonomic research



One of the excavators at the Hanson Research Station shows a piece of a skull that he found on site.

Photo by KateLynn Slaamot/NLJ

project, which would only continue to grow from its humble beginnings, headed by Chadwick, who would direct the project for the next 20 years.

The Hanson ranch has been the site of numerous discoveries, from thousands of bones to new techniques that brought paleontology into the 21st century. Chadwick said that the Hanson Research Station team was the first to use GPS systems to map bone discoveries in the bone beds. Previously, paleontologists had always drawn the bones on a grid, but Chadwick and his team discovered how they could use a GPS to record the position of the bone at various points to outline the specimen and then record all of that in a computer for a digital map of all the bones in relation to one another.

“We’ve recorded the positions on over 30,000 bones,” Chadwick said.

Jared Wood, a professor at Southwestern Adventist University, who became co-director of the project about three years ago, also commented on the GPS system they developed.

“That really revolutionized paleontology,” Wood said.

Wood explained to the *News Letter Journal* that the station’s primary objective is research, particularly taphonomic research, which deals with fossil deposits and how they were transported. The scientists involved want to discover the reason behind the large deposit of dinosaur bones in the Lance Formation, on which the ranch is located.

From research and excavation over the years, it has been found that most of the bones in the main quarry are disarticulated, which means that they are jumbled and lack orientation. The bones are also deposited with small bones closest to the surface, getting progressively larger deeper in the layer. Another interesting fact, Wood said, is that most of the bones are extremely well preserved.

The scientists’ theory is that a large number of dinosaurs drowned in a major catastrophe. The animals may have floated to a shore where they accumulated and decayed. At a later

time, a secondary event moved and separated the bones.

The group published a research paper last year about its findings in the main quarry, after more than 20 years of labor. The animals found in that quarry are predominately Edmontosaurus annectens, a species of hadrosaur, generally known as duck-billed dinosaurs.

“We’re working on publications for the other quarries,” Wood said, noting that the more outlying quarries have some different properties that they are continuing to research. Wood said that those outlying quarries contain mostly triceratops.

Several fascinating discoveries have been made at the research station over the years. Wood said that a 70%-75% complete *Thescelosaurus* skeleton was found. In addition to dinosaurs, several fossilized turtles have been found, including one that was about 90% complete. Chadwick told the *News Letter Journal* that, in 2001, some parts of the skull and body of a *Nanotyrannus* were found. As one of

the rarest dinosaur finds, this was only the second-known specimen.

Another important mission of the Hanson station is to conduct credible science from a biblical viewpoint.

“We are creationists, yet we’re doing science,” Chadwick said, noting that the work they do at the station is considered credible by others in the same field, and they hope to continue working with other scientists.

“I really want to collaborate with more scientists,” Wood said.

However, beyond the paleontological and taphonomic research and findings, the team is also driven by a goal to bring dinosaurs to life to a wide range of people. The Hanson Research Station is a unique project in the way that allows almost anybody, no matter their experience, to come to the annual June dig and participate in hands-on fossil excavation. Whether one is wanting to receive college credits or to just go and enjoy the experience, everyone is welcome.

Wood said that, as a child, he never imagined he’d be able to actually touch dinosaur bones. He wants to make that opportunity available to as many people as possible to bring that to life.

“I’m really driven by my mission to get all types of people involved in this,” Wood said. “That’s just really rewarding to give kids that chance.”

Wood added that there’s something special about how kids’ faces light up when they get to hold a T-rex tooth for the first time.

Growth could happen in the near future as the team is hoping to build a field station to accommodate more people, Wood said.

Chadwick and Wood both said that they are honored to be part of such a significant project. Chadwick said that Newcastle is like a second home to him, and he appreciates the people here. He also appreciates the Hanson family and their continued support. And for the people of Newcastle, he said, they can be fascinated by the rich treasures that lay right in their back yard.

“I’m just humbled to be part of something that has an impact around the world, both in science and the Christian community,” Wood said.

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The annual Upton Fun Days, held July 16-18, featured a variety of events from fun and games in the Upton City Park to music, rodeo and an air show. Clockwise from left: Nick Schiller, Kaden Donner, Will Johnson and Aiden Keller face off against the opposing team in a game of Gelly Ball at City Park; Hailey Turner the 2021 Rodeo Queen takes a sharp turn around the arena; Keith Materi and Lori Olson pose for a photo at the air show they organized for this year's Upton Fun Days; Gabe Knowlton enjoys clowning around in the Upton Fun Days parade with his kids in tow; Bonamo plays a concert in the Irontown Tavern parking lot.

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Sandy Hart (center) accepts the Citizen of the Year award next to Paycee Todd (left) and Sawyer Todd (right) on her Little Safari Daycare float during the Upton Fun Days parade Saturday.

Hart awarded Citizen of Year

Braden Schiller
NLJ Correspondent

Upton resident Sandy Hart was named Citizen of the Year at Upton Fun Days on Saturday.

The award recipient is decided by nomination, which is kept secret from the recipient, whose family members help organize the ceremony.

“They sort of do this secret operative thing. And they write something up and there’s only a few people that know, other than the council or the chamber themselves,” Hart explained.

Clark Coberly, who helped announce the parade, said that he believed the award started sometime in the 1960s or 1970s. Upton Fun Days got its start in the 1950s.

Hart, a former paraprofessional in Weston County School District No. 7, opened Little Safari Daycare in January to provide a day care service to Upton residents, after realizing that Upton did not have a day care for children.

Hart was on the Little Safari Daycare float in the Fun Days parade when she received the award from last year’s recipient, Randy Krein.

Next to Hart on the Little Safari Daycare float were children Paycee Todd, Finley Todd, Trey Samuelson and Asa Samuelson.

Krein, who said he was excited to pass on the award, waited at the announcer’s podium before the parade started.

“I can’t think of anybody more deserving, and I’ve known her since I’ve lived in this town. It’s going to be awesome,” he said.

Hart said that she was humbled to receive the award and that she had only tried to help out where she could.

Hart has taken on various roles in Upton over the years before becoming a day care professional. She coached a little girls dance team and a year of high school and middle school track and cheerleading, in addition to her job as a paraprofessional. Hart said that she and her husband have also fostered kids in their time as residents of Upton.

“If we don’t do things, (if) we don’t support our community just because it’s the right thing to do, then people will do nothing. I think it’s really important,” Hart said.

Air show



Tom Johnson, above, prepares for take-off at air show Saturday at Upton Municipal Airport. The air show was part of the Upton Fun Days events. Below, Randy Fowler walks over to inspect his drone after a crash landing at the air show.



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SATURDAY 7/17

9 AM: Open Horse Show, Four Seasons Arena

FRIDAY 7/23

10 AM: Clothing & Fashion Revue Judging, Newcastle Lodge
3 PM: Fashion Revue Rehearsal, Newcastle Lodge
7 PM: Public Fashion Revue, Newcastle Lodge
7 PM: Sprint Track Races-admission charged, Sprint Track

SATURDAY 7/24

9 AM: Weston County Fair Parade Line-up, Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce
10 AM: Weston County Fair Parade, Downtown Newcastle
6 PM: Outlaw Motors Truck Pull, Grandstands

SUNDAY 7/25

9:30 AM: Junior Horse Show, Four Seasons Arena
1 PM: Weston County Has Talent Contest, Ertman Memorial
4 PM: Newcastle Ministerial Society Outdoor Service & Chicken Dinner, Ertman Memorial
6 PM: Brent Reed, Heavy Weight of Clean Comedy, Ertman Memorial

MONDAY 7/26

9:30 AM: Junior Horse Show, Speed Event, Grandstands
2 PM: Cat Show Check-In, Open Class Building
2:15 PM: Jr. and Open Cat Show, Open Class Building
5:30 PM: Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce Pig Wrestling Calcutta, Pig Wrestling Pit
6 PM: Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce Pig Wrestling, Pig Wrestling Pit

TUESDAY 7/27

9 AM-7 PM: Static Exhibit Check-In – No check in on Wednesday, Event Center
8:30 AM: Dog Show Check-In, Four Seasons Arena
9 AM: Jr. and Open Dog Show, Four Seasons Arena
4 PM: Cornhole Tournament, Kilpatrick Park
4-7 PM: Family Fun Carnival, Kilpatrick Park – FOF Bouncy Houses, Community Organizations/Business Booths
5 PM: Junior Horse Show Awards, Ertman Memorial
6 PM: WC Mini Rough Stock Rodeo, Grandstands

WEDNESDAY 7/28

7-8 AM: Jr. Sheep, Goat, and Swine Weigh-In, Livestock Barns
8-9 AM: Jr. Beef Weigh-In, Livestock Barns
9 AM: Rabbit Judging, Rabbit Barn
9:30 AM: 4-H Interview Judging Begins – Closed to public, Event Center
10 AM: Static Judging Begins – Event Center closed to public
10 AM-5 PM: Messy Mania, Mini Ninja Course, Kilpatrick Park
11 AM: Beef Exhibits Must Be Stalled, Beef Barn
Noon-7 PM: “WC Fair Strong” Contest – \$5/3 hits, Kilpatrick Park
Noon- 7 PM: Extreme Rides – Tickets/Wristbands Needed, Kilpatrick Park
3 PM: Breeding Sheep, Breeding Goats, Dairy Goats Must Be Stalled, Sheep Barn
5 PM: Jr. & Open Swine Show, Outdoor Show Ring; Over-the-Hill & Peewee Swine Showmanship
5:30 PM: ATV Gymkhana Registration, Outdoor Arena
6 PM: ATV Gymkhana, Outdoor Arena

THURSDAY 7/29

8 AM: Jr. & Open Sheep & Goat Show, Outdoor Show Ring; Over-the-Hill & Peewee Sheep/Goat Showmanship
Noon PM: Flower Show Entries Must Be Checked-In, Event Center
Noon-7 PM: Messy Mania, Mini Ninja Course, Kilpatrick Park
Noon- 7 PM: Extreme Rides – Tickets/Wristbands Needed, Kilpatrick Park
Noon-7 PM: “WC Fair Strong” Contest – \$5/3 hits, Kilpatrick Park
1 PM: Jr. and Open Poultry Show, Poultry Barn
1 PM: Flower Show Judging, Event Center
5-7 PM: Newcastle Farmers’ Market, Kilpatrick Park
6:30 PM: Calcutta for Ranch Rodeo, Grandstands
7 PM: Ranch Rodeo, Grandstands

FRIDAY 7/30

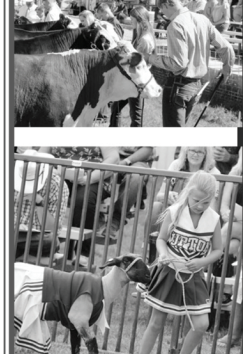
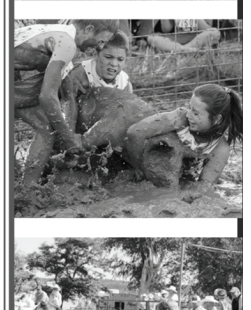
6 AM: WC Health Services Foundation Pancake Breakfast, Ertman Memorial
8 AM: Jr. & Open Beef Show; Over-the-Hill & Peewee Beef Showmanship, Outdoor Show Ring
Noon-4 PM: Extreme Rides – Tickets/Wristbands Needed, Kilpatrick Park
12-4 PM: “WC Fair Strong” Contest – \$5/3 hits, Kilpatrick Park
11:30 AM: Pocket Pets Show, Ertman Memorial; Peewee/Tumbleweeds Pet Show,
1 PM: State Fair Livestock Meeting/Brand Inspection, Ertman Memorial
3 PM: FFA & 4-H Round Robin Contest, Outdoor Show Ring
4:30 PM: Junior Livestock Committee & CowBelles’ Barbecue, Ertman Memorial Buyer Registration
5:30 PM: Catch-a-Calf/Lamb, Outdoor Show Ring
6 PM: Junior Livestock Sale, Outdoor Show Ring. ALL animals to be released immediately following sale

SATURDAY 7/31

9 AM: WC Junior Rodeo, Grandstands
1 PM: Heritage Team Roping, Grandstands; Jackpot Team Roping, Grandstands
1-4 PM: All Static Exhibits Released, Event Center

SUNDAY 8/1

7:30 AM: Cowboy Church Service, Grandstands
9 AM: WC Junior Rodeo, Grandstands
1 PM: WC Junior Rodeo Awards, Grandstands



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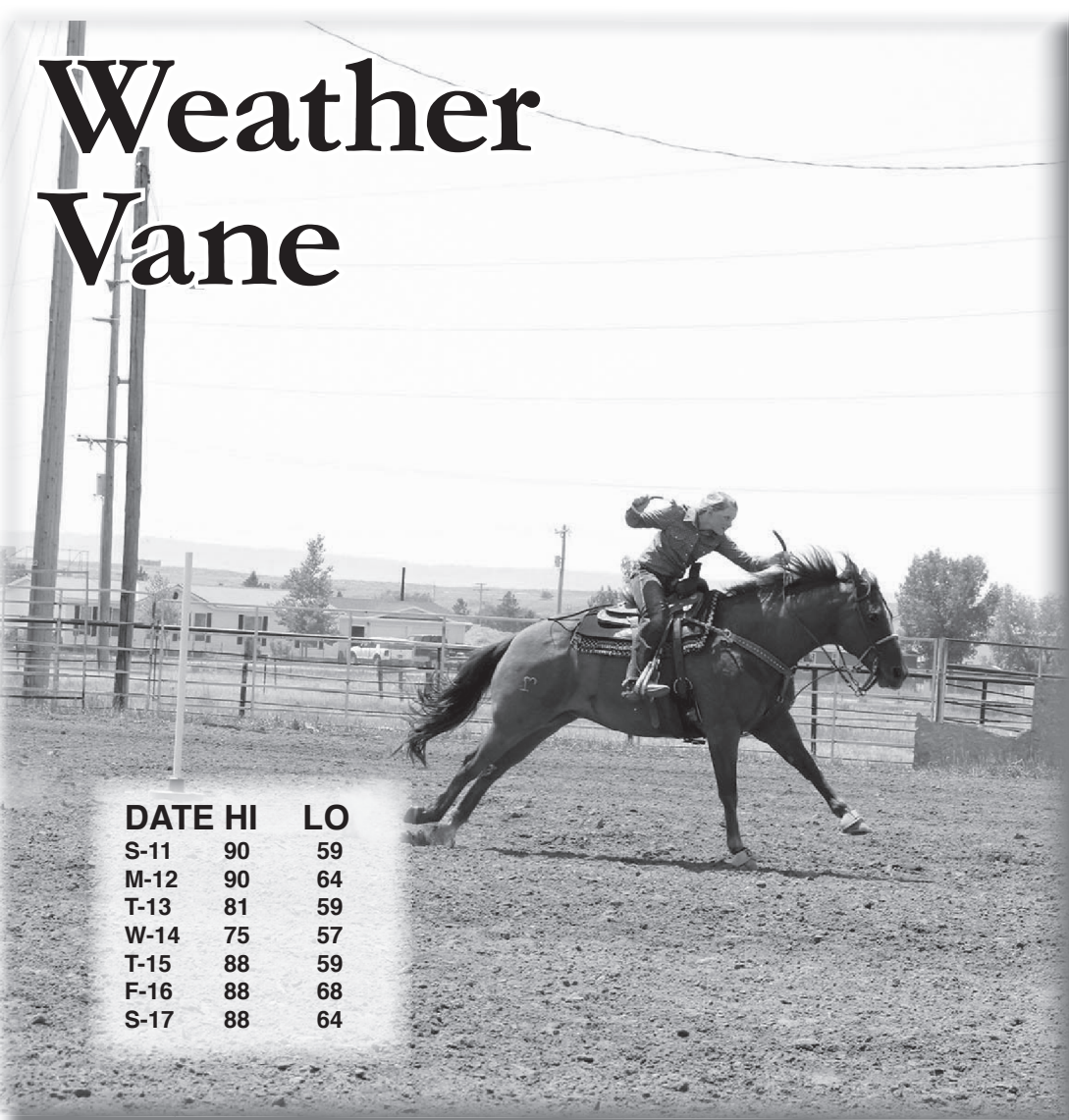
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City Salaries

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to WY State Statute, 15-1-110(b) (i), the following is a list of gross salaries for each Chief Administrative Official, Assistant Administrative Official and Department Heads and actual hourly pay rates and paid overtime for hourly employees. These rates do not include any fringe benefits such as health insurance costs, life insurance benefits and pension plans.

Mayor Pam Gualtieri	\$600.00 per mo.
Councilman Lance Miles	\$150.00 per mtg.
Councilman Daren Downs	\$150.00 per mtg.
Councilman Michael Alexander	\$150.00 per mtg.
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Councilman Don Steveson	\$150.00 per mtg.
Councilman Tyrel Owens	\$150.00 per mtg.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James	\$4895/mo
City Engineer Mike Moore	\$6191/mo.
City Police Chief Sam Keller	\$5083/mo. OT/\$2026

CITY OFFICE

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Stacy Haggerty	\$16.12/hr. OT/\$83
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Becky Vodopich	\$17.87/hr. OT/\$380
Building Inspector Adam McFarlin	\$21.42/hr. OT/\$118

POLICE OFFICERS AND DISPATCH:

Communications Supervisor Melissa Stubbs	\$21.01/hr. OT/\$3940
Dispatcher Ashley Knowlton	\$15.37/hr. OT/\$1253
Dispatcher Taylor Ide	\$14.35/hr. OT/\$10
Dispatcher Cathy McMeekin	\$19.68/hr.

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Dispatcher Genell Rothleutner	\$18.77/hr. OT/\$3139
Dispatcher Haley Barker	\$15.37/hr. OT/\$1398
Technology Leanne Cox	\$16.32/hr. OT/\$1236
Police Sergeant Richard Hillhouse	\$25.70/hr. OT/\$6889
Police Corporal Quentin Tacy	\$24.85/hr. OT/\$4385
Police Officer Keith Russ	\$19.54/hr.
Police Officer Peg Miles	\$22.56/hr. OT/\$4691
Police Officer Jason Barker	\$19.42/hr. OT/\$2370
Police Officer Lance Riehel	\$19.42/hr. OT/\$2042
Community Service Officer Rebecca Swentesky	\$12.24/hr.

CITY SHOP:

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Laborer Robert Schlup	\$15.42/hr. OT/\$582
Laborer James Hanson	\$17.85/hr. OT/\$210
Laborer Tim Stith	\$18.96/hr.
Laborer Tracey Tupa	\$18.24/hr. OT/\$546

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Pursuant to the provisions of the Wyoming Real Estate Subdivision Act, Statutes 18-5-301 through 18-5-315, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Douglas B. Hudson and Diane Baird Hudson intend to apply for a Subdivision Permit from the Weston County Board of County Commissioners to subdivide land in Weston County, Wyoming, to be called Sunset Ridge.

These lands are comprised of 35.508 acres located in Section 21, Township 45 North, Range 61 West. The property is being subdivided for the purpose of creating 9 residential lots.

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NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE AND FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR THE SALEM STREET RECONSTRUCTION 2021 LOCATED IN NEWCASTLE, WYOMING

Notice is hereby given that work by Croell, Inc. for the Salem Street Reconstruction project for the City of Newcastle has been accepted and the final settlement for payment is to be made per WS 16-6-116 in consideration of any outstanding financial obligations. Concerned parties may contact the City Engineer, City of Newcastle, 10 West Warwick, Newcastle, WY 82701. Full amount due will be on August 25, 2021. The date of first Publication is July 15, 2021.

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- "NHL's "The Great One"
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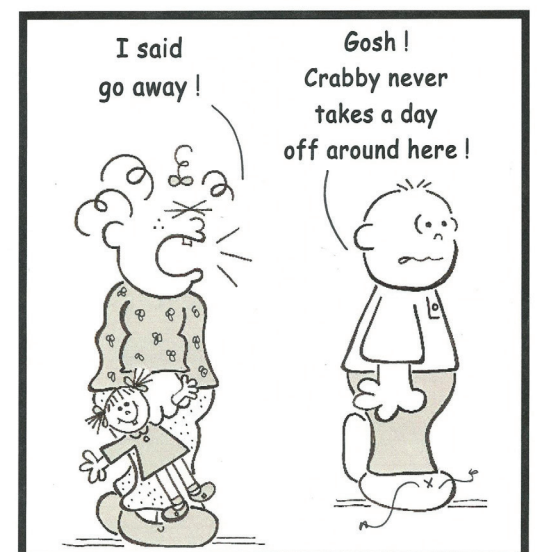
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In accordance with the provisions of the Wyoming Environmental Quality Act and Chapter 1 of the Solid Waste Rules and Regulations, the Red Giant Oil Company LLC has submitted a renewal permit application for the Red Giant Oil Newcastle Facility.

This facility provides for the transfer, treatment, storage of used oil, used antifreeze, slop diesel, and process water which have been generated within Wyoming, Idaho, Nebraska, Montana, South Dakota and Northern Colorado. The 8.8-acre facility is located approximately 2.5 miles southwest of the Town of Newcastle on Highway 16. More specifically, this facility is located in a portion of the SE ¼ of Section 2 and the NW ¼ SW ¼ of Section 1, T44N, R61W, in Weston County, Wyoming. The volumetric capacity of this facility is comprised of 30 yards of petroleum contaminated soil, 371,620 gallons of used oil, 8,000 gallons of used anti-freeze, 98,500 gallons of slop diesel and 19,800 gallons process water totaling 497,920 gallons and 30 cubic yards. The life of the facility is estimated to be indefinite.

The Department of Environmental Quality, Solid and Hazardous Waste Division (DEQ) has

issued a proposed permit for this facility. Copies of the application and the proposed permit can be viewed at DEQ's Casper office, at the Weston County public library (23 W. Main St., Newcastle, WY 82701) and the Weston County Clerk's Office (1 W. Main St, Newcastle, WY 82701).

Any interested person has the right to file written comments, including objections on the proposed permit. The period for providing comments on the proposed permit shall begin on July 15, 2021 and end on August 23, 2021. Any written comments must be received by 5:00 PM on the last day of the notice period. Comments must be submitted in writing to the Department of Environmental Quality, Todd Parfitt, Director, 200 West 17th Street, Cheyenne, WY 82002 or submitted using the DEQ comment portal provided at <https://shw.wyomingdeq.commentinput.com/>.

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Gas prices up 4.2 cents

CHEYENNE (WNE) — Wyoming gasoline prices have risen 4.2 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.40 per gallon Monday, according to GasBuddy.com's daily survey of 494 stations in Wyoming.

Gas prices in Wyoming are 26.9 cents per gallon higher than a month ago, and stand \$1.26 per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the

cheapest station in Wyoming was priced at \$2.89 per gallon Monday, while the most expensive was \$4.05, a difference of \$1.16 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 1.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.16 per gallon Monday. The national average is up 10.2 cents per gallon from a month ago, and stands 98 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

Sundance plans for rally

SUNDANCE (WNE) — Early estimates suggest that this year's Sturgis Motorcycle Rally could be a big one, with South Dakota authorities reportedly planning for up to a million visitors across the week.

With that in mind, the Sundance City Council spoke with Sheriff Jeff Hodge at last week's regular meeting about protocols for parking and extra deputies.

In the past, said Mayor Paul Brooks, authority was given to the city's police chief to be flexible in closing

the streets.

The city normally starts off by closing 3rd Street and has expanded to Main Street if Burnout Wednesday gets big. Hodge commented that he is planning to bring in extra law enforcement officers for that day.

Voicing approval, Brooks said, "I think the deterrent of seeing the police is probably more effective than anything else we can do."

It's "uncharted territory" as to how big the event will be, Brooks said, further commenting that he is in favor

of discussions over how law enforcement will be handled because, "If something goes wrong, you guys have got to manage the crowd, so I think you should have input on what we do so that crowd management is part of the equation."

Council Member Callie Hilty agreed with the estimates that this year's rally will be significant in size, noting that the summer so far has already been busier than usual.

"I think with the way that the tourists are going right now, it's going to be huge," she said.

Fish in streams are stressed

BUFFALO (WNE) — We have not yet reached the hottest, driest part of the summer, but already fisheries experts are warning that fish in local streams are stressed.

"We're just getting there with the highest temperatures and lowest streamflows," Wyoming Game and Fish Sheridan Region fishery supervisor Paul Mavrakis said.

Clear Creek usually runs about 140 cubic feet per second during the second week of July. Over the past seven days, discharge was between 60 and 100 cfs.

It's not unusual for the streamflows in Clear Creek to drop during the summer as irrigators use the water they are entitled to. This year, however, there weren't a lot of spring rains that would have replenished the creek.

The problem for the brown and rainbow trout that call Clear Creek home isn't the water

volume, per se, Mavrakis said. It's that when the water volume gets so low, the water heats up faster — that has been exacerbated by the recent hot weather.

Mavrakis said that anglers who are catch-and-release fishing should be aware that the fish in lower-elevation creeks are already stressed, and they should avoid catch-and-release fishing in the heat of the day.

On very hot days, Mavrakis said, anglers would do well to fish higher elevation streams where the water is colder and fish aren't stressed.

"If you're going to catch and release and it's hot, play the fish as quickly as possible," he said. "Keep them down in the water and get them off the hook as fast as you can. It's stressful for those fish to be caught, and they're already stressed."

Anglers who are catching fish to keep can do so any time of day, he said.

Warnings about invasive pests

CHEYENNE (WNE) — Wyoming Weed and Pest Council and the Wyoming Craft Brewers Guild are partnering on an initiative to help inform the public about the threat of invasive weeds and pests.

Members of the Wyoming Craft Brewers Guild recently released a Fruited Wheat Ale collaboration brew and offered a limited-edition pint glass sponsored by Wyoming Weed and Pest Council and

PlayCleanGo, a national education campaign focused on preventing the spread of invasive species.

Invasive insects and plants cost the U.S. an estimated \$40 billion annually in damages to trees, plants, crops and related management efforts. They can threaten the economy, food supply, environment and, in some cases, even public health.

The Wyoming Weed and Pest Council and PlayCleanGo are committed to stopping the

spread through awareness, education and community engagement.

To learn more about the 2021 Fruited Wheat Ale collaboration and where you can grab a pint, visit wyocraftbrewersguild.com and click on the Events tab. For more information about Wyoming Weed and Pest Council, visit wyoweed.org. To learn more about what you can do to help stop the spread of invasive weeds and species, visit PlayCleanGo.org.

Plans to purchase Plains Tire Co.

ROCK SPRINGS (WNE) — Plains Tire, Wyoming's largest and oldest tire company in operation since 1941, will soon be owned by Les Schwab Tire Centers.

Les Schwab will purchase Plains Tire for an undisclosed sum, said Les Schwab CEO Jack Cuniff in a press release from the company.

Plains Tire has nine full-service automotive stores in Laramie, Rock Springs, Gillette, Evanston, Casper, Sheridan, Riverton and Green River.

In the release from Les Schwab, Plains Tire owner Larry Nicholls said Les Schwab is the "right buyer at the right time."

"Being part of Les Schwab, a company consistently rated the best in the tire industry, will create even more opportunity for our people, and I know our employees, customers and communities will be well cared for,"

Nicholls said. "I don't believe I could have found a better partner than Les Schwab to sell our family's company to, and I'm excited to watch these stores grow and flourish."

Les Schwab plans to continue growing organically by opening its own new stores, but also to "proactively pursue other expansion and buy-out opportunities," said Chief Administrative Officer Corey Parks, who leads the company's expansion and development initiatives.

No changes will be made immediately for the Plains Tire stores while Les Schwab evaluates how best to integrate the two companies.

The sale is expected to close in early August. Les Schwab Tire Centers has more than 7,000 employees and 500 locations across Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming and Alaska.

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Mini Roughstock Rodeo adds new event to schedule

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

All of the roughest and toughest cowboys and cowgirls from across the area will be out to compete Tuesday, July 27, when the Weston County Mini Roughstock Rodeo holds its second annual event during the Weston County Fair.

The free event will be open to all kids ages 4 to 18, and includes mutton bustin' for ages 4-7, mini bareback for ages 6-14, bull riding for ages 9-14, a wild pony horse race for ages 8-14, and high school bareback and bull riding for ages 15-18, to include any senior who graduated in 2021.

According to Mike McFarland, the secretary-treasurer of the association, this year's event includes a new competition for high-schoolers, the saddle bronc riding.

Online sign-ups close July 24 and can be found at forms.gle/C27KSTfY8BwTrBvu8. The first 15 applications per category will be entered into each event.

The event was formed by a group of "rodeo minded" individuals who wanted to add another event for kids to the Weston County Fair.

"We had been kicking the idea around for two to three years. We decided we needed to do something for the kids," McFarland said.

Putting their thoughts into action, the group came together to form the association in 2020 and approached the Weston County Fair Board about hosting a rodeo at last year's fair. The group's board of directors includes Eric Gewecke, Kacy Jones, George Graham, Tim Sewell, Scott Sewell, Alvaro Baeza, Nancy McFarland, Tim Jones and McFarland.

"The fair board was enthusiastic but said they didn't have any money for us, but we could do it. So, we formed the association and split up into different areas and just started going around and asking for sponsorships," McFarland said last year. "I like to think of it more as a partnership. We are partnering with them for the kids. The response from the partners has been overwhelming. I can't believe how fast and easy it was to raise the money."

According to McFarland, last year's event was a success and featured cowboys and cowgirls from several states as they took to the arena to strut their stuff.

Swenteskys from Page 9

The Swenteskys will be showing four pigs at the fair. Hollie said that showmanship is her favorite part about the fair because she can show off her animals and how much progress they've made. Christine's favorite part is washing the pigs because she and her friends turn this chore into a fun activity.

"Everybody helps you, and you basically end up in a huge water fight," Christine said.

Her pigs are named Crispy Bacon and Elvis Pigsley, and Hollie named one of her pigs Boris, but the other one remains unnamed.

"I'm still trying to decide on

a name," she said.

For the first time this year, the girls are entering their cat into the cat show because of the fun categories the show presents, including such categories as cat with the longest tail, a cat costume show, and fattest cat, "which is why Hollie wants to do it," according to her mom, Rebecca Swentesky.

"They're both excited about the cat show," Rebecca said.

The girls are also entering their ceramic and wood-burning projects, as well as some baked goods, although they are still deciding what they want to bake. Hollie is also entering



NLJ file photo
Pig wrestling at the Weston County Fair will be held on Monday, July 26, this year, sponsored by the Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce.

Fair from Page 9

to have a lot of fun and take pride in all the hard work of 4-H'ers, volunteers and community members.

Hamilton said she is very excited for all the events slated for this year's fair and that fair is a perfect opportunity for community members from all walks of life to enjoy a week of fun and learning that caters to everyone.

"It (fair) bridges the gap between agriculture and consumers," Hamilton said.

She also noted that the 4-H'ers love the

support of the community.

"It puts a smile on the kids' faces," she said.

Brown and Hamilton said that all the events make for a busy and fun-filled fair week, and they welcome the whole community to come out to the Weston County Fair and keep the American dream alive.

"We welcome everyone to come down and have a good time," Brown said. "This is where the best of Weston County gets to show off what they can do."

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