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County offers city ultimatum

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

Citing years of dissatisfaction with the city-run dispatch system, the Board of Weston County Commissioners has officially provided the city with a letter

outlining its intent to terminate the dispatch and communications agreement and the county and city law enforcement city agreement in six months. The letter, dated Sept. 9, was drafted after an executive session, which referenced possible litigation, that included the

county commissioners and representatives from the Upton Town Council. "During the past six months, the City of Newcastle, Town of Upton, Weston County and other emergency services agencies have been again actively meeting to discuss the possibility of

forming a joint dispatch powers board," the letter says. "The county was hopeful that these discussions would lead to the creation of a joint dispatch powers board where all emergency service agencies would have a more active role in making dispatch decisions and

ensuring each agencies' dispatch needs are being met."

"Unfortunately, in the last several weeks, the city's actions have led the county to believe that the city is not

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All that brass!



Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ

Monday night, Weston County Concert Association began the 2021-2022 season with the musical group Presidio Brass at the Crouch Auditorium in Newcastle. Funny and likable, as well as great musicians, the group entertained the audience with Broadway hits from musicals such as "Oklahoma" and "West Side Story." Cancelled over a year ago due to the COVID outbreak, Presidio booked the concerts they had to cancel at that time. Giving the audience a laugh, above, are Josh Bledsoe on trombone, Mike Frasier on tuba, and Geoff Durbin on euphonium. See more on Page 7.

District releases COVID protocol

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

As COVID-19 cases continue to pop up across the state and many school districts implement mask mandates, the Weston County School District No.1 board of trustees has been talking COVID-19 protocol.

In light of varied responses across the state to the spike in COVID-19 cases, Superintendent Brad LaCroix prepared a memo, dated Sept. 9, outlining the district's protocol. The memo was discussed at the Sept. 8 school board meeting.

LaCroix said that with two nurses employed by the district this year, the schools will help with contact tracing and inform parents when children may have been exposed.

"If a student/staff member tests positive for COVID, an official notification letter will come from the State Health Department, public health or a medical professional," the memo says. "School staff will assist health officials with contact tracing. If we are aware of a possible close contact, the school will send out a courtesy phone call or letter

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School numbers holding steady

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

Weston County School District No. 1's enrollment in its three schools as of Sept. 8 is in line with last year's enrollment, despite student population fluctuation between the three buildings. The reports on enrollment were given to the board of trustees by Newcastle High School Principal Bryce Hoffman, Newcastle Middle School Principal Tyler Bartlett and Newcastle Elementary School Principal Brandy Holmes during the board's Sept. 8 meeting.

According to reports from building principals, district enrollment is currently sitting at 779 students, up two from last year's 777.

For Newcastle High School, Hoffman said that current

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The great misadventure

Walter Sprague
Art and Culture Reporter

When Garrett and Holly Borton got their 1960 and 1961 Ford Starliners, the last thing they expected to see was God in the adventure. It started a while ago when Garrett and Jim Shields were making small talk about what they thought was the best classic Ford. Garrett was partial to the '67 Fairlane, a car he had fallen in love with at about age 10. But Shields was shaking his head. He pointed Garrett toward the '61 Starliner. "I'm a Ford fan," Garrett said, "But I didn't know this car."

When he looked it up, he saw those futuristic lines and was intrigued. The car had those Cadillac-type fins, the bubble top and sleek lines.

"You take in what America was into in the late '50s and early '60s," Garrett said, "It had all that space travel look,

Jetsons and the like, very futuristic for the day. I really started to like it."

Garrett and Shields decided to message each other if they found one for sale somewhere. It turned into a kind of game.

When Shields died of COVID-related pneumonia on Nov. 5, 2020, Garrett no longer had that connection.

"We weren't really close," Garrett remembered, "But in losing Jim, I realized I no longer had my '61 Starliner buddy around anymore. We shared that interest before. Now it resided in my own flavor. You can see where that was at for me."

Holly didn't know about this game, nor had she even heard about the Starliner at that time.

Then, one day as they were getting ready for a trip to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, Garrett ran across a '61 on a classic car website. They were going to have an overnight layover in

Dallas/Ft. Worth, and this car was in Waxahachie, Texas, just 37 miles south of Dallas.

"You don't run into these cars very often," Garrett said. "But this one was modified the way I like it. It wasn't stock."

"It's more of a '61 Starliner hot rod," Holly said.

Garrett called about the car. Holly said he talked on the phone for hours. But by the time he finished the call, Garrett was not just comfortable with this car, he was excited. So they made plans to look at it during their layover,

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Photo courtesy of Holly Borton
Garrett Borton works on the back end of a 1960 Starliner on the trip home from Texas, with the Colorado Rockies looming large in the background.



WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 79, Lo 46



Friday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 70, Lo 52



Saturday
Sunny
Hi 87, Lo 57



Sunday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 86, Lo 57



Monday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 78, Lo 44



Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 53, Lo 39



Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 61 Lo 42



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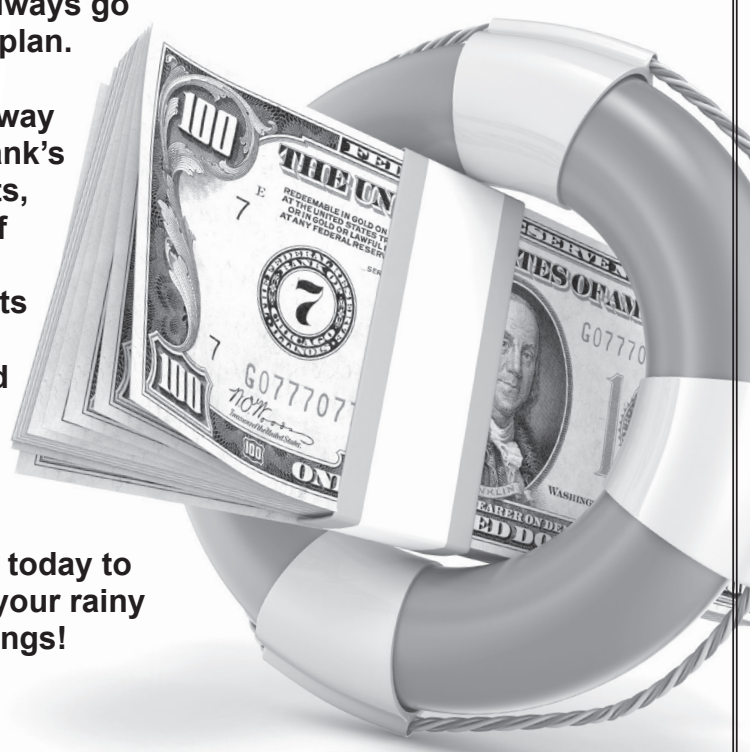


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Will James, 1892–1942, was an artist and author whose works centered on the American West and the Cowboy life. WJS is a non-profit that promotes the legacy, literature, and art of Will James, gifting his books to schools, public libraries, military units, hospitals and senior facilities throughout the world, as well as provide scholarships to high school graduates who seek a future in the arts, literature, agriculture, ranching and veterinarian occupations.

Find out more at willjamesociety.org
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Will James Society annual ‘Gather’ rides into Newcastle

“I feel a good horse under me whether he’s bucking, or running, or cutting out a wild cow, and it don’t matter where I’m at when I draw or paint ‘em ... I can always feel ‘em from the tip of my boot toe to my hat band.” — Will James, 1892-1942

An organization formed to honor that French Canadian cowboy who spent much of his life forking horses behind cows across Montana, Nevada, and other Western lands will enjoy “our part” of the West a few days this week as they celebrate their hero. Will James Society members from many states are expected, with activities centered at the Newcastle Lodge and Convention Center.

The non-profit Will James Society was formed in 1992 to preserve the memory and works of their namesake artist/author through preserving and reprinting his marvelous books and gifting them to schools and libraries nationwide. Their latest philanthropic outreach is awarding annual Will James Scholarships to high school graduates planning careers in Will James’ signature fields — ranching, farming, the equine industry, art or literature. Information is available at willjamesociety.org. WJS Gather visitors are eager to experience the beauty and history of our region — and we hope to show them true Western hospitality with our special Wyoming warmth. Make plans to be at the Newcastle Lodge for Saturday evening’s “boot-stompin’ open-to-everyone” event kicking off at 5 p.m.

Keynote speaker Winston Satran will open the evening with prayer before introducing WJS Chair Sharon DeCarlo and sidekicks John Washington and BB Palmer to present the “Big Enough” award and honor this year’s WJS Scholarship recipients.

Later Satran will share wisdom, humor and pathos from a rich pool of experience, expressing his love of America’s West through stories from his exciting life. Having worn the career hats of horseman, educator, husband, father, prison warden, horse racing commissioner and finally counselor/manager of at-risk young people in North Dakota’s Home on the Range, Winston’s tales will take you from laughter to tears, and back again. Talented Montana Cowboy musician Jay Linderman will also be on hand, bringing a toe-tapping touch to the entertainment through his fine vocal and

instrumental stylings.

It’s your opportunity to meet and greet the wonderful WJS members who’ve traveled across the nation to see the wonders of our region as well as becoming better acquainted with the life and legend of the late Will James, who author Lauren Feldman calls “a cowboy, cattle thief, author, and artist.”

Will James, born Joseph Ernest Nephtali Dufault in Quebec on June 6, 1892, was infatuated with cowboys from an early age. He left home at 15, wrangled in western Canada a while, found ranch work in the United States, assumed the alias William Roderick James, and fabricated his life story, claiming to be born in Montana. He shifted outfit to outfit until 1914 when he was arrested for rustling and sentenced to Nevada State Prison. Allowed to care for the prison’s horses, James passed cell time writing about the West and sketching horses and range scenes to illustrate them.

Apparently a well-behaved prisoner, the lad was released just shy of his full 15-month sentence. Drifting town to town, job to job, James sometimes documented his work in scribbled stories on scraps of paper and memories sketched on bunkhouse walls. Pay of \$50 to sketch a poster for the 1919 Nevada Round-Up in Reno made James a professional artist, and he married his cowgirl sweetheart Alice Conradt the following year.

The gritty authenticity and accuracy of James’ cowboy art garnered quite a following and the kids were soon able to buy the Washoe Valley, Nev., ranch where he composed his most famous work, “Smoky the Cowhorse” (1926). Smoky went on to win the Newbery Medal for children’s literature, enjoyed several film adaptations, and ensured that generations of children would fall in love with the West. Soon after writing “Smoky,” James bought a ranch in Montana and continued to write prolifically, including his fictionalized autobiography “Lone Cowboy” (1930).

If you’d like to become part of the WJS you can join for just \$35 per year or \$90 for three.

WJS invites the public to enjoy their annual fundraising banquet this Saturday, Sept. 18. You’ll be welcomed to an evening of food, fun, camaraderie and the special excitement of live and silent auction bidding for a variety of items — many hand-crafted! Will James Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Rhonda Sedgwick Stearns
Guest Columnist

Happy retirement



Photo by KateLynn Slaamot/NLJ

Donna Bombeck was honored at a retirement open house on Aug. 26, recently retiring after being compliance officer at First State Bank for 17 years. Above, Bombeck visits with Kim Praeuner.

Enrollment

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enrollment is 238.

“Initially, we were getting lots of kids, but then we had kids that didn’t return,” Hoffman said. “We are four below last year.”

Also experiencing a decrease in enrollment, Newcastle Elementary School was sitting at 353 students, according to Holmes.

“I anticipated us being down quite a bit. We sent a big class to the middle school. We are 353 today. This time last year we were at 364,” she said. “So we are down a bit.”

While enrollment may be down, Holmes said, the school has seen new faces joining the district, as well as students returning to the school after an off year.

In addition to losing a large class to the middle

school, she reported that this year’s kindergarten class is only 46 students.

“It is more than we anticipated last year but still small,” Holmes said.

The middle school is the only one to experience an increase in enrollment since last year. Bartlett put current enrollment at 188 students.

“We are actually up a fair amount. At this time last year, we were at 171. We are at 188 now and working on making sure we are not running out of computers,” he said.

Bartlett noted that some of the students are new to the district, while others left the district last year and chose to come back. In addition to new students, the principal said that three students have left the region.

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We all can help to prevent suicide

Anger. Stress. Sadness. Frustration. The feelings likely sound familiar to many these days. Global crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic, extreme weather, wildfires and national and international politics have created a sense of urgency and panic among many.

The Sheridan Press
September 11
Guest Column

Things seem so hard, in fact, Steve Burns — the host of the popular TV show “Blue’s Clues” — went online to try and soothe the world, millennials in particular. Since the video was posted, it has been watched more than 36 million times.

Everyone, it seems, needs a little help these days.

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, and as the state with one of the highest suicide rates in the country, there’s plenty to work on. The message for this year’s awareness campaign is #BeThe1To, which focuses on

efforts we all can take to prevent suicide.

We all can learn the risk factors for suicide. They include:

- Previous suicide attempt(s)
 - A history of suicide in the family
 - Substance misuse
 - Mood disorders (depression, bipolar disorder)
 - Access to lethal means (e.g., keeping firearms in the home)
 - Losses and other events (for example, the breakup of a relationship or a death, academic failures, legal difficulties, financial difficulties)
 - History of trauma or abuse
 - Chronic physical illness, including chronic pain
 - Exposure to the suicidal behavior of others
- We can also look for warning signs:
- Often talking or writing about death, dying or suicide

- Making comments about being hopeless, helpless or worthless
- Expressions of having no reason for living; no sense of purpose in life; saying things like “It would be better if I wasn’t here” or “I want out.”
- Increased alcohol and/or drug misuse
- Withdrawal from friends, family and community
- Reckless behavior or more risky activities, seemingly without thinking
- Dramatic mood changes
- Talking about feeling trapped or being a burden to others

One of the biggest barriers to helping people is the stigma that surrounds mental health issues. There is plenty everyone can do, though, to help those struggling with mental health or suicidal thoughts.

If you’re concerned about somebody you know:

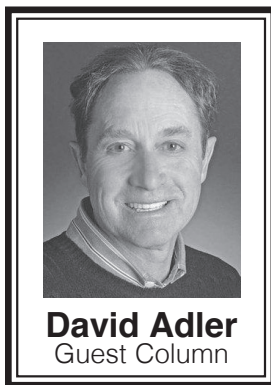
- Ask them. While people may be hesitant to ask if someone is thinking about suicide, research shows this is helpful.

- Keep them safe. Reduce access to lethal means for those at risk.
 - Be there with them. Listen to them and try to make a plan to get them the help they need.
 - Help them connect. Know what resources are available in your community and help connect them to professionals for ongoing support.
 - Stay connected. Keep checking in with them to see how they are doing and what they need.
- Most importantly, if you need help for yourself or someone you know, contact the Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

Editors Note: Locally, those who are struggling with thoughts of suicide or are worried about someone they know have access to help through the 21 Wellness Coalition and/or Sources of Strength. In honor of Suicide Awareness Month we would like to encourage those who many be struggling with mental health issues to reach out and access help, you don’t have to do this alone!

Adler: Let us all think Constitutionally

Americans typically consider questions about the meaning of the Constitution through the prism of their political views and values. As a consequence, they tend to defend as constitutional the acts of officials whom they support, and criticize as unconstitutional the acts of those representatives whom they oppose. This approach implies that the meaning of the Constitution turns on whose ox is being gored. Politics, partisanship and party affiliation are the controlling levers of constitutional understandings.



David Adler
Guest Column

This method of constitutional interpretation, it is obvious, converts the Constitution, to borrow Thomas Jefferson’s homespun phrase, “into a thing of wax,” an object that is subject to political manipulation, devoid of any intrinsic, objective meaning. In this context, the Constitution can be made to mean anything the reader wants it to mean. This is constitutional nihilism, and it undermines the very premise of American Constitutionalism and the rule of law. It precludes achievement among the citizenry of shared understandings about the meaning of the Constitution which, in turn, prevents consideration of the constitutionality of policies and laws apart from the deep division and polarization that

characterize contemporary America.

There is a better way, one that might help our nation overcome the deep polarization that besets us. Let me suggest that we think, constitutionally. Chief Justice John Marshall set forth this standard in 1819, in the landmark case of *McCulloch v. Maryland*: “The peculiar circumstances of the moment

may render a measure more or less wise, but cannot render it more or less constitutional.” A century later, Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes similarly declared: “The criterion of constitutionality is not whether we believe the law to be for the public good.”

The wisdom of Marshall and Holmes on this score cannot be overestimated. What it means for the public is that we should refrain from impulsive declarations of unconstitutionality simply because we object to the policy in question. Rather, we should distinguish the relative wisdom of a measure from the question of whether or not it is constitutional. Such an approach lends itself to critiquing and improving legislative proposals.

That is, we might be inclined to embrace a bill as good public policy, but conclude, upon reflection, that it contains provisions

that are inconsistent with the Constitution and require some improvement. If all Americans would embrace this approach we could, at a minimum, sit at the same common table, despite differences of politics and ideology, to fairly discuss the relative legality of legislative and executive acts. This enlightened means of interpreting the Constitution would have the likely benefit of lowering the wall that polarizes the citizenry.

Grasping the distinction between the wisdom of a measure, and its constitutionality, constituted a formative moment in my development as a constitutional scholar. My own experience may prove valuable for readers.

Years ago, I was engaged in a project on the question of how the Constitution allocated the authority to terminate treaties. Although the Constitution, in Article II, provided that the treaty making power was vested in the president and the Senate acting together, it was silent on the question of which branch or branches possessed the authority to terminate treaties. My initial premise, based on a review of the literature, suggested that the president enjoys the authority to terminate or abrogate treaties on behalf of the United States.

However, the more deeply I examined the issue, the more I realized that, for a variety of reasons, the framers of the Constitution could not have contemplated the idea of placing in the president

the authority to unilaterally terminate treaties. Indeed, the location of such awesome authority in the hands of the executive would have undermined their design for the conduct of American foreign policy, which was grounded on the principle of shared or collective decision-making among the departments of government, and the rejection of independent presidential power.

This extensive research led to the conclusion that the framers had placed the termination authority in the treaty power, that is, the hands of the president and the Senate, to terminate treaties, just as they possessed the authority to make treaties. In short, the principle of symmetry governed. This constitutional conclusion collided with my view at the time that the Constitution wisely vested the termination authority in the presidency.

What was I to do? I might have manipulated my findings to serve my sense of the wisdom of unilateral presidential power to terminate treaties, but that would violate my conception of a scholarly duty to follow the evidence. I had no interest in converting the Constitution into “a thing of wax.” Thus I accepted the fact that my initial view of the allocation of authority to terminate treaties was, in the end, wrong. Now, I accepted the evidence. With that acceptance, and further contemplation of the framers reasons for locating the power in the treaty-making

authority, I arrived at a clear understanding of the wisdom of the framers in granting the authority to the president and Senate.

That moment—a teaching moment—convinced me of the importance of thinking, constitutionally. I was free, of course, to believe that the framers had erred in their decision, but I was not permitted, if I was interested in maintaining my own intellectual integrity, to manipulate or bend the evidence to my own ideological preferences. If everyone did that, the Constitution would be deprived of its essential meaning and would, as Jefferson warned, become a “thing of wax.” There lies the path to the destruction of the rule of law and American Constitutionalism.

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.

Letter to the Editor

Here for the history

Dear Editor,
I see in the paper that the history story For the Ages – History on Main – is scheduled to be cancelled. This is very distressing to me. It is the first thing I read every week.



I enjoy visiting with Leonard as he has a vast wealth of Newcastle history knowledge and is always willing to share it. If this article is cancelled, I will have to think hard before renewing my subscription.

With history dying all over our country, do we really want Newcastle history to die too? Several people have told me how much they learn from these stories.

Let’s support Leonard! Continue publishing these stories!

Anna White

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History of Wyoming National Guard in Newcastle

Submitted by Della Fordyce

The Wyoming National Guard was organized in 1869, while Newcastle's first national guard organized in 1899. For many years, the Newcastle National Guard rented buildings before a more permanent structure was built. The first armory of Newcastle was built in 1913 for \$14,800, and it was the first armory built by Wyoming state funds.

The armory was constructed of native sandstone by a local mason, J. L. Sundstrom, and the building was located near what is now the *News Letter Journal*.

In 1960, Battery A moved into the current armory (Forestry Service building). The Anna Miller Museum building was built for the Wyoming National Guard in 1933-1936. It provided stables for the national guard horses and sergeant's quarters until approximately 1942 when World War II began.

The national guard of Newcastle was given many accolades as they were ranked the outstanding Unit in State of Wyoming.

In 1996, the Newcastle National Guard officially moved to its parent company located in Gillette, Wyo., which was during the terms of Gov. Mike Sullivan, Sen. John Barasso, and Sen. Malcom Wallop.

The reason given for the transfer to Gillette was that Newcastle experienced a 40% reduction in guards.

(Sources include Weston County, Wyoming First 100 years, News Letter Journal articles, and Wyoming National Guard Museum.)



Newspaper clipping courtesy of Anna Miller Museum
Newcastle's Battery "A" received the Eisenhower Trophy for being the Outstanding Army National Guard Unit in Wyoming in 1965. First Sgt. Russell "Rusty" Currey received the trophy for the unit.

Paulley art featured

The Wyoming State Historical Society and its fundraising arm, the Wyoming Historical Foundation, have published a full-color book featuring 30 paintings of important people and events in Wyoming history done by the late Wyoming artist Dave Paulley.

The original works were created in celebration of Wyoming's Centennial, and are held by the American Heritage Center in Laramie, Wyo.

The book will be available in September. Each painting in the book is accompanied by an informative historical narrative written by Dr. Jeremy Johnston of the Buffalo Bill Center of the West.

A limited number has been printed so consider pre-ordering now.

For details, contact Society headquarters at linda@wysls.org or 307-322-3014. The book, which revisits the 1990 Wyoming History in Art Centennial Project, sells for \$39.95 + tax and shipping, and all proceeds benefit the Society.



Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ
Dow Park held the first annual Freedom Festival on Saturday. Part 9/11 memorial service and part patriotic rally, several speakers spoke while patriotic music was piped throughout the park during breaks in the happenings. About 120 people came out for the event with a couple dozen more manning food vendors and information tents. Reverend Robb Carr, pastor at Christ The King Lutheran Church, gave the opening prayer for the Freedom Festival.

Newcastle Lodge No. 13, A.F. & A.M.
 Meetings are held the First and Third Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
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Daily Devotional Reading

September 17 Psalm 37	September 21 Proverbs 17:1-28
September 18 Proverbs 3:1-35	September 22 Ecclesiastes 1:1-18
September 19: Proverbs 3:1-35	September 23 Ecclesiastes 2:1-26
September 20 Proverbs 4:1-27	<i>Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society</i>

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- **CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Pastor Rob Carr, 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9 am
- **CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS:** Bishop Ty Checketts, 120 Ash, 746-4131. Sunday Sacrament Mtg 9:00 am; Sunday School 10:20 am; Relief Society & Priesthood Mtg 11:15 am
- **CHURCH ON THE HILL:** Pastor Wayne Wilson, 301 Delaware, 746-9663. Adult Sunday School 9:30 am; Prayer 10:15 am; Worship 10:45 am; Prayer Service Tuesday 6 PM; Celebrate Recovery (18+) & Undeclared Youth (Infant- 12th Grade) Wednesday 6:00 pm
- **CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Brian Hess, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5 pm; Sunday Mass 8 am; Weekday Mass 7 am
- **COUNTRY CHURCH:** Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley and Micah Popma, 746-9712. Worship 10 am
- **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:** 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 Westerland. 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:** Pastor Donnie Holt, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Worship 9 am; Fellowship 10 am
- **VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH:** Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366

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This is the threshing crew on the prairie. Don Marquiss is on the right. Homesteaded 1912-1919. Marvel Howell.

Recapture

A PIECE OF HISTORY

25 Years Ago
Sept. 19, 1996

Donated items for the '96 Auction which will benefit the museum and the library should attract the romantic as well as the practical to a unique fundraiser. It's shaping up to be the one event this year you won't want to miss.

The Mountain Man 60,000 Mile Challenge 5K is Saturday, Sept. 28. Registration begins at 9 a.m. at the Cambria Marker, 5 miles north of Newcastle on Highway 85.

Lawrence and Elsie Materi celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a reception at the home of Liz and Tom Barritt of Upton. Special guest of the afternoon was Mr. Delbert Strickling of Osage, who was the ring-bearer at their wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bond of Newcastle and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Merchen of Custer are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter Angela Sue to Troy William Svoboda of Hulett.

Recently, the Elk Mountain Outlaw 4-H Club delivered their three-year collection of aluminum tabs to the Box Elder, S.D., McDonalds restaurant. The tabs are then sent

to Rapid Recycling Center for \$.47 per pound. The proceeds will be sent to the Sioux Falls, S.D., Ronald McDonald House.

The Newcastle girls swim team travelled to the southeast part of the state to participate in meets at Cheyenne and Laramie over the weekend. Friday, the Dogies competed in a dual at Cheyenne Central while on Saturday they swam in the Laramie Quadrangular. Against class 4A central, the Dogies won six of the 12 events, but came up short in the 113-70 dual team score. Peggy Massman and Rae Joiner each won two individual events against Cheyenne Central.

The Newcastle cross country team travelled to Gillette Sept. 14 to participate in another large invitational meet, where both 3A and 4A teams competed.

Newcastle middle school cross country teams brought home the bacon as five of seven boys and all of the girls brought home medals from the meet in Belle Fourche.

50 Years Ago
Sept. 16, 1971

After winning and tying their two non-conference

football games, the Dogies will start their Absaroka conference schedule this Friday night at Douglas. The Dogies defeated Pine Bluffs 35-8 last Friday night and Douglas defeated Edgemont, S.D. 45-8 last Friday night.

Bill Bryant, a fourth year medical student at the Medical College of Virginia at Richmond, is in Newcastle under a preceptorship program. Bryant arrived in Newcastle Sept. 2 and will leave Sept. 21 to spend the remainder of the year at hospitals and clinics.

The Newcastle Jaycees have announced they will hold a turkey shoot on Sunday, Sept. 26, west of Newcastle. The shoot is for all classes of rifles and pistols. An advertisement can be found elsewhere in this issue.

The Weston County Historical Society will conduct a trek along the old Black Hills Stage Road on Sunday, Sept. 19. The tour will include historic sties of Tubb Town, Jenney Stockade, old stage stations, pioneer ranches, the old Boyd Post Office, the "witness tree," and many others.

Trinity Lutheran Church in Newcastle was the setting for the wedding of Miss Donna McDaniel and Matt Perino,

Saturday, August 28, at 2:00 p.m. The Reverend Stephen Grumm performed the double ring ceremony before an altar adorned by yellow daisies, pink carnations and lighted candles.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse White toured the old Eddy place and picnicked in that area on the Belle Fourche River Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sheehan and Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Wilmot called on Mr. and Mrs. Ken Burr Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Clyde and sons of Moorcroft were Wednesday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Glenn Julius and family.

Miss Bobbie Jo Cool and Martin Tysdal this week announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

The Weston County Peace Officers wives were hostesses to a tea and old time style show Thursday afternoon at the Anna Miller Museum.

100 Years Ago
Sept. 15, 1921

Messrs. T.P. and T.L. White, G. V. Vandervoort, T.A. Aggas and K. C. Barron of Tulsa, Okla., were in Newcastle Monday. The party is making a motor tour through the Wyoming oil fields, and is especially interested in the oil prospects of Weston County. Mr. Aggas stated that his survey of the country as they traveled over it convinced him that Wyoming would become a worthy rival of his home state at a not far distant date.

Chief Stinking Bear of the Pine Ridge Reservation is in Newcastle this week, paying respects to white friends he has here. Just when Stinking Bear first began making his annual pilgrimage to this vicinity no one remembers, and there is hardly an old timer here who is not acquainted with him and who is honored every year by a visit from him. The Chief travels in state as usual — a team of scrawny horses pulling a weather-beaten covered wagon, but his retinue is less pretentious than on previous occasions — his squaw, a boy and about a dozen dogs composing it.

The Library Club committee, of which Miss Marguerite Coyle is chairman, is to give a dance Friday evening of this week at City Hall, the proceeds to go to swell the "Fountain Fund." There will be snappy music. Refreshments will be served. Dancing from 9 to 2.

Thursday noon the large farm home of A.C. Rice of Hay Creek burned to the ground. Mr. Rice was away from home at the time. Mrs. Rice had washed and being tired had laid down and fallen asleep. The son Coy had been reading and had fallen asleep. When he awoke the house was full of smoke, and fire was breaking through from the kitchen. He awoke his mother and when they got out saw they could do nothing to save the building and were able only to save a very little of the contents so fast did it burn.



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September 2021

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

Sept. 16-19	Will James Society 2021 Gather	Newcastle Lodge & Convention
Fri. Sept. 17 5:30PM	BINGO	VFW Hall
Sat. Sept. 18 9AM-3PM	15th Annual Newcastle Shine & Show	Dow Park
3PM	2nd Annual Inyan Kara Youth Enduro	Upton High School
6PM	WC Humane Society Texas Hold'em Tourney	Newcastle Country Club
Sun. Sept. 19 8AM	27th Annual Inyan Kara Enduro	Upton High School
Mon. Sept. 20 6PM	WC Children's Center Directors Mtg	WCCC
7PM	Newcastle City Council	City Council Chambers
Tues. Sept. 21 9AM	WC Commissioners	Courthouse
6PM	American Legion Riders	Newcastle Lodge & Convention
Wed. Sept. 22 6:30-8:30AM	Wellness Wednesday	WCHS
9AM-1PM	GiGi's Closet	First United Methodist Church
Thur. Sept. 23 5-7PM	Farmer's Market	Pinnacle Bank
6PM	NHS Hall of Fame Ceremony	WC Senior Services
Sat. Sept. 25 10-1PM	WCNRD Hazardous Waste Day	Newcastle Elementary School

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For the Ages

News Letter Journal

WYO HELP offers assistance

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

WYO HELP has helped to distribute almost \$190,000 in assistance to Weston County residents, according to case manager Tanya Hespe.

The money, Hespe said, is mostly from the Emergency Rental assistance Program. According to the Wyoming Department of Family Services, the program is a U.S. Treasury initiative passed through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and expanded by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

“So far, in the last 10 months, we (WYO HELP) have contributed almost \$9,000,” Hespe said. “For the ERAP assistance, we have \$180,000 that we have applied for. That is only the application we have provided assistance for, not those who did it on their own, and that is just for Weston County.”

Hespe, in her role with the organization, helps county residents fill out their applications for assistance and access other assistance they may be

eligible for.

“It (applying) can be a hard process, especially for the elderly population. There is a learning curve, and it can be frustrating,” she said.

Hespe said that she took on the job for the past 10 months so she could help people.

“I was in health care for 20 years and wanted a change, but nothing too big. I am still helping people but in a different way,” Hespe said. “There have been learning curves with the job; there is lots I didn’t know.”

With people stretched thin because the COVID-19 pandemic, she said, the number of people needing assistance is continuing to increase.

“People are struggling to get caught up, even if they didn’t lose their jobs,” Hespe said.

“The financial repercussions of COVID have proven to be long lasting, especially for those who are already spread thin,” she said.

“The further someone falls behind, the harder it is to catch up. With the eviction moratorium, landlords are increasingly being left behind as well. I am glad for the opportunity

to help both sides get back on their feet.”

Rental assistance is not the only help WYO HELP offers. According to Hespe, the organization can also help with reasonable relocation expenses, security deposits, utilities including electricity, energy costs, water and sewer and up to \$50 for internet service.

In addition to housing-related expenses, she said, WYO HELP can assist in paying for mental health services, automobile repairs, food, medical expenses and other health-related obstacles.

“People need to know that someone is here to help. In the last month, I have applied for over \$10,000 in rental assistance for each (town) – Newcastle and Upton – along with utility assistance,” Hespe said.

As one of the newest organizations of its type in the nation, WYO HELP has been operating under that name for the last 10 months. Previously, the organizations operated under the name GOSHEN Help. WYO HELP serves the communities in Carbon, Crook, Goshen, Niobrara, Washakie and Weston counties.

Wedding



SIMON-HARRIS

Diane Michelle Simon and Michael Vernon Harris of rural Weston County, Wyo., were united in holy matrimony on Friday, Sept. 10, 2021, in Hot Springs, S.D., with their Pastor Robb Carr officiating over the ceremony.

Amy Halverson of Chadron, Neb., was the bride’s matron of honor, and Jess Harris of Hot Springs was the best man. The couple thanks everyone for their kindness and prayers.



SymBeeotic



Photos by Walter Sprague/NLJ

Mark Savelesky of Newcastle’s new business, SymBeeotic, uses a heavy duty house jack to lift up a sagging wall of a tired house and dismantles an old cabinet, making way for a remodel of a kitchen in a victorian house on South Summit Avenue.

History on Main
From the Leonard Cash Collection



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A vintage photo of the Chief Hotel.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, History on Main will not run this week. Look in next week’s edition of the *News Letter Journal* for the final installment of “History on Main,” focusing on the Chief Hotel.

Senior Happenings WC Senior Services

FRIDAY Sept 17	Bridge1PM
Belton9AM	Helping Hands Mtg.....6PM
Exercise Room8AM	
Walking8AM-NOON	WEDNESDAY Sept 22
Rolls9AM	Exercise Room8AM
Bridge1PM	Walking8AM-NOON
MONDAY Sept 20	Exercise Class.....9AM
Exercise Room8AM-NOON	
Walking8AM-NOON	THURSDAY Sept 23
Exercise Class9AM	TOPS #218.....7AM
Dominoes1PM	Exercise Room8AM
TUESDAY Sept 21	Walking8AM-NOON
Exercise Room8AM	NHS Hall of Fame Dinner.....6PM
Walking8AM-NOON	

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interested in working cooperatively on dispatch service issues," the letter continues.

The letter specifically mentions the city's decision to go with an update to the CAD/CIS system, as reported in last week's *News Letter Journal*, instead of the Spillman System that had previously been agreed upon. It notes that the county was not included in the discussion nor were county officials invited to attend a demonstration of the new system.

"Based on what appears to be a lack of interest by the city to work cooperatively on dispatch issues and concerns over the last several months, the county has no other option but to go in a different direction for dispatch services to county citizens," the letter says. "In its current state, the county believes that dispatch services being provided by the City of Newcastle are not adequately addressing the needs of the sheriff and county residents."

The county also says that it has attempted, without success, to address concerns with the city. These concerns include not always prioritizing emergency and non-emergency calls, not always gathering and conveying necessary call information, not always tracking deputy locations and other concerns.

"Given the repeated attempts at addressing these issues in various ways with no success, the county is at a crossroads," the letter continues. "The county has attempted to work cooperatively with the city on various attempts since 2016. The county sees no other option but to move toward providing its own dispatch services to county residents at a level that the county believes is necessary."

The county provided notice of its intent to terminate both the agreement for dispatch services and the agreement for the city's use of a portion of the law enforcement center. Although only 60 days' notice is required for termination of the agreement, the county is allowing up to 180 days.

"As a result, the termination notice/working new agreements period could go as long as March 8, 2022. In the event the city does not exhibit actions that indicate their willingness to work cooperatively, that period could be less," the letter states. "Written policies and procedures appear to be necessary to ensure that everyone's expectations and needs are being met. If a new agreement, with policies and procedures cannot be negotiated, the county is prepared to provide county dispatch and communications services to the county sheriff's office and the county emergency management/homeland security."

This new agreement request applies to both the dispatch and law enforcement center agreements.

"The county, absent some newly negotiated county and city law enforcement agreement, which addresses the county's concerns and needs, would expect the city to vacate that space, no later than March 8, 2022. Additionally, the county would expect that all equipment, databases, and software would remain at the county facility as those items were purchased with county funds and homeland security monies," the letter notes.

The letter concludes that the county is hoping the city is willing to address the dispatch needs and work cooperatively despite past interactions between the two entities.

"To that end, the county is inviting the City of Newcastle, and other emergency service providers, to a two hour meeting set on the county commissioner's agenda for October 19, 2021, at 9 a.m., to hopefully commit to working cooperatively, and having a frank discussion as to how all Weston County residents' dispatch needs can be met," the letter says. "If the City of Newcastle chooses to not meet, or commit to those meetings and discussions, further and more immediate action will be taken by the county to move forward with its own dispatch service."



Send in the clowns



Presidio Brass played at the Crouch Auditorium in Newcastle Monday evening, presented by the Weston County Concert Association. The highlight was a brass and piano arrangement of Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody," written by the late Freddie Mercury. The musicians also showed great flexibility playing different instruments, as well as the haunting song "Send In The Clowns," sung by trombonist Josh Bledsoe. The audience gave them a standing ovation and called for an encore, which the group gladly provided. Top, John Bledsoe (trumpet), Miles McAllister (trumpet), behind is Josh Bledsoe (trombone), and Geoff Durbin (bass trombone). Above, 'clowns' make an appearance during "Send in the Clowns." At left, Euphoniumist Geoff Durbin has it up during one of his solo sections.

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informing those involved that they may have had contact with someone who has COVID.”

LaCroix told the board that parents will then need to work with their health care providers for further direction on quarantine and directives.

“Quarantine times will vary depending on whether those involved have been vaccinated, tested negative, etc. The health department will make the decision on quarantine time. The school does not make any decision regarding quarantine,” the memo says. “Everyone is encouraged to contact their health care provider with questions.”

Asymptomatic students or staff, who are identified as close contacts, will be permitted to attend school. Those individuals will be encouraged to wear a mask during the recommended quarantine period or until they receive a negative COVID test.

“They will be monitored daily by the school nurse,” the memo says.

Students or staff who are sick or not feeling well are encouraged to stay home.

Currently, there are no restrictions for any school activities or facilities, including the weight room or pool.

“If you are comfortable using the weight room or pool, please feel free to do so,” the memo says. “Masks are encouraged, not required.”

During the meeting, trustee Dana Mann-Tavegia asked that the district encourage mask wearing in district facilities.

“I have spent several hours reading on lawsuits in courts now brought by survivors against employers,” Mann-Tavegia said, noting that she feels the district must do its due diligence

COVID-19 in the community

The number of COVID-19 positive people in Weston County has increased over the past few weeks with a 13% positivity rate according to the New York Times.

Over that two-week period, the Wyoming Department of Health has confirmed 16 cases. Currently, there are 29 active cases in the county.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, Weston County has reported 829 cases, 639 lab confirmed and 190 probable cases, the department’s website says. Statewide, there have been 65,944 lab-confirmed cases and 14,699 probable.

According to the Wyoming Department of Health, six Weston County residents have died after contracting COVID-19. Statewide, 879 people have died after contracting the disease.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the New York Times reports, at least one in eight Weston County residents have been infected and 28.6% or 1,981 people have been vaccinated, according to the Wyoming Department of Health.

as far as liability goes.

“The bigger lawsuit, I think, will be that we denied a child access to education. ... That worries me more than the other,” LaCroix said, noting that the district will make sure that protocols are in compliance with health orders.



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and Garrett brought money to put down on it and have it held for them.

“Garrett always likes to multi-task like that,” Holly said. “Bundling things together.”

During that visit to see the ’61, Holly saw another Starliner, this one was a ’60.

“Garrett wasn’t even paying attention to it,” she said, “He gets single-minded like that. But I’m looking at this ’60, and it has this gorgeous redone all-red interior. It didn’t have those bucket seats the ’61 had. You can see similarities, but this one just had beautiful lines. I wanted it.”

Garrett and Holly smile about the experience now. Ford only made the Starliner in 1960 and ’61, and here were both of those cars. Holly said Garrett had brought money for the ’61 and made plans to go back to Dallas to get it at a later date, again bundling tasks. Troy Cade needed a trailer picked up in Oklahoma City. So, they drove — empty — to Oklahoma City and then with trailer in tow down to Waxahachie. After that, it was a quick haul, 1,147 miles home to Newcastle, with a four-hour side trip to see Holly’s family in Arkansas. Garrett had his ’61, Troy had his trailer, sans the shipping cost, and Holly had her dreams of owning the ’60 Starliner.

When she had pointed out the ’60 to Garrett, it must have stuck because once they were home, he realized they could have cars from both years that Ford made. The thought would not leave his mind. So, they also made the trip to pick up the ’60, this time flying in and planning to drive the car home. It was in mid-July when they took this trip. Because it was sweltering, and they didn’t want to make a beeline north through Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska, where it’s hot with plenty of nothing the whole way, they decided to make an adventure of the trip. The plan was to head through Amarillo, Texas, and go through New Mexico and the mountains, going through Wolf Creek Pass in Colorado.

“Mind you,” Holly said, “This is not the first cross-country we’ve done. We once made a trip in a ’63 Squire wagon. It was the middle of December, and we had a 3-month-old baby. We went to see my mother in Arkansas.”

On that trip, Garrett had to re-do the alternator on the side of the road, fabricating a modern alternator to fit the older car.

“So this type of adventure is kind of a thing for us,” Holly said, indicating that when all goes well, they barely even

remember those trips. It’s when problems happen that it becomes an adventure worth remembering.

While heading north, they had goals each day, but right at first, things started to go wrong. First, traffic put them about three hours short of their first night’s goal, but the car was working well so far.

Garrett’s idea was to be cruising through Wolf Creek Pass early the following day with a cup of coffee in hand. But, in Taos, New Mexico, he noticed something going on with the rear end of the ’60 Starliner.

“I wasn’t worried. Honestly, I don’t worry with him. He can fix anything. He’ll figure it out.”

— Holly Borton

“When I’m going straight, there wasn’t much of a problem,” Garrett said, “But as I’m turning on these sharp curves, it was clunky and pulling.”

“It felt like the tires didn’t want to spin freely,” Holly said.

About 160 miles of mountain roads later, the rear end was noticeably worse. They were in Pagosa Springs, Colorado, by then.

“There’s no straight shot out of there,” Holly said, “It’s either further up the mountain toward home or down the mountain the way we came, but it’s all mountains.”

They stayed there on Saturday night and then had to find parts for the car on a Sunday. This time, while scanning through all the paperwork of what had been fixed on this car through the years, Garrett realized that it was a typical, standard Ford part used for many years and that it shouldn’t be a terrible wait for some obscure part for an old car.

“I wasn’t worried,” Holly said. “Honestly, I don’t worry with him. He can fix anything. He’ll figure it out.”

After asking a local about what he needed to fix the car, the man told him that he might have the part in his yard. As they rolled into the yard, Garrett saw a sign that said, “I own a backhoe and a gun. Sometimes I need both.”

“After reading that,” Garrett said, “I knew I was in the right place.”

Holly took some pictures of the mountains in the background as Garrett had the car jacked up and replaced the

faulty part. It took a few hours, but Garrett said it was a simple fix. And then they were heading home again.

As they were coming into Wyoming, there were more problems with the car.

“If I knew then what I know now,” Garrett said, “I would have headed straight up I-25 and just got us home quick.”

Later, though, he recalled the wonderful people he met, those who helped and those he talked to. Now he wouldn’t trade the trip for anything.

Eventually, the car made it home. It was only firing on six of its eight cylinders, and the trip took a couple of days longer than planned. They needed help along the way more than once, and just the right person was there to help them. Holly posted pictures of their trip on Facebook and described the mishaps, the adventure and the beautiful people they met on the journey.

As Garrett looked through those pictures, he came across the one she took of him fixing the rear end. There, in the background, were the magnificent mountains of Colorado.

“I was so focused when I worked on that car,” Garrett said, “that I missed it the whole time.”

As he looked at the picture, he realized that God was with them the entire trip. They might have been problems, but it was full of his helping hand. From the inception to the moment they drove the car into Renegade Paint and Pipe, God had been holding them in his hand the whole way.

The Bortons say they will cherish the trip always and are also looking forward to showing the set, a his-and-hers collection of all the years that Ford made the Starliner.

“When you collect Camaros,” Garrett said, “You’ve got to collect a new car every year because they’re still making them. But we now have all the years, both of them, the Starliner was made.”

He’s still working on the ’60, and the parts are on the way to fix all the problems. But Garrett said it still drives, and they are looking forward to showing the cars at the Shine & Show at Dow Park on Saturday.

“I mean,” Holly said, “How many people have both years of the Starliner?”

“We were lucky enough to have found someone, to begin with, who had both for sale. And now we have this beautiful pair of cars,” Garrett said.

Having arrived home safe and sound, the Bortons say they feel the entire adventure was a God thing.

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NEWCASTLE HIGH SCHOOL

NHS Football
9/17 Big Horn HS A 6PM
9/24 Tongue River HS H 6PM
(Homecoming)

NHS Volleyball
9/17 Thermopolis H 3PM
9/18 Buffalo A 11AM
9/24 Torrington H 4PM
9/25 Wheatland A Noon

NHS Cross Country
9/16 Custer, SD A 2PM
10/8 Campbell County HS A 1PM

NHS Girls' Swimming
9/17 Triangular H 4PM
9/18 Newcastle Invite H TBA
9/24 Buffalo HS A TBA
9/25 Worland HS A 10AM

Let's make it official

It's been coming for a few years now. Officials have taken more and more abuse from fans over the years, and the old guard who grew thick skin and selective hearing due to experience are starting to hang up their whistles.

Unfortunately, the climate at sporting events has become

hostile enough that fewer young people are putting on the stripes to officiate youth sports.



Sonja Karp
Karpe Dogie

Just last week, the Dogie football team experienced

the impact of this critical issue. The game scheduled for last Friday in Sundance had to be moved to Thursday because they couldn't staff officials for the Friday night game.

I'm afraid that we may be seeing more of this situation play itself out in many different high school, middle school and club sports throughout the year.

It's amazing how many "experts" on any given sport are sitting up in the stands and who feel not only free to, but entitled to, express their opinion regarding calls, or the lack thereof, by referees.

And yes, I have been that

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Swimmers are back at it

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Editor

After taking the Labor Day weekend off, the Lady Dogies jumped back in with back-to-back meets in Cody and Powell on Friday and Saturday.

"We haven't had a meet in two weeks, so on Friday I had to encourage them to get excited to compete after all that time just working in our own pool," head coach Doug Scribner explained. "I wanted them to be ready to race and drop some time since this was just our second weekend of competition this year."

The young team took what their coach had said to heart as each competed hard and dropped time in nearly every event over the two days of racing.

"There was really quite a little bit of improvement, especially with the newbies," Scribner said. "As they improve their technique and endurance, we will see some dramatic improvement."

Freshman Hailey Beastrom has a bit of a leg up on the other swimmers who are new to the sport. Because she swam in club, she came into the season with some endurance, and according to Scribner it's more about cleaning up her technique and knowing how hard she can push herself at this point.

With her performance this weekend, it is clear that Beastrom is getting the swing of high school competition. Throughout the two days, she found herself in heats where she was up



Photo courtesy of Doug Scribner

Freshman Ruth Rose made a splash last weekend, surprising herself by winning her heat in the 100 Free on Friday in Cody.

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Dogies are making strides on gridiron

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Editor

It used to be called the Weston County Civil War, but now that Upton has teamed up with Sundance to play football in the 2A Conference, the name has changed — however the rivalry has not.

The Dogies made the drive to Sundance Thursday for their conference opener against the Upton/Sundance Patriots with some motivation to up their game over the first two weeks of the season. Though they didn't come away with a win, head coach Matt Conzelman is pleased to see that his team is taking huge steps forward with every game they play.

"I thought it was a fun game! We still need to work on execution and some other things, but I feel like we're going in the right direction," he said.

"The Patriots are no slouch team. They are ranked fifth in the state for a reason, with a history and a tradition of winning which is on their side. We were right there though, and we had them on the fence."

Upton came out of the gate swinging and put one on the board in the first quarter. On the PAT attempt, they fumbled the snap but were able to turn lemons into lemonade as they got around the edge and into the end zone for the two-point conversion to go up 8-0.

Then Dogie defense got to work. As the clock ticked down to close out the first quarter, Upton/Sundance was making another drive when Newcastle forced a fumble to retake possession.

"It was a great turn of events and we finally got in!" said Conzelman. "Our D was playing well again and we segued that into our first TD

of the season."

At the tail end of the first quarter, the Patriots ran a sweep and Holden McConkey was flowing on defense. According to Conzelman, he over-pursued a little and the ball carrier attempted to jump him for an open path to the end zone.

Senior Slade Roberson was having none of it. He was right there and just lit him up causing a fumble which the Dogies recovered. The recovery happened right about midfield, and, ramped up by the turnover, Newcastle began to drive down the field.

The first quarter ended, so the Dogies switched sides to start the second and Roberson put the team on his back and ran through the Patriot defense in six plays to punch in the Dogies' first touchdown

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against competition which was close to her level. “Especially in Cody in the 100 Free, there were four girls that came in with close to the same time she put up,” Scribner explained. “I just talked to her about racing and being competitive, which she did and then she did a pretty good job in Lander and started to figure it out.”

In Cody, Beastrum dropped about five seconds in the 100 Free which, given the length of the race, is a significant drop.

“She won her heat in that race, and I think it surprised her,” Scribner chuckled. “I’m not sure she thought she could do it, so she really gained some confidence there.”

Beastrum is already knocking on the door of putting up state qualifying times in the 100 Freestyle, 100 Backstroke and 100 Breaststroke as she is just six and seven seconds away from hitting the magic number in those events.

Raeleigh Ship, the junior veteran of the team, is focusing on qualifying for the state meet, and Scribner is confident she will achieve that goal given she is not far away in more than one event.

In the 50 Free, she put up a time of 31.24 in Cody which leaves her just three seconds shy of qualifying, and then on Saturday in Powell, she went 1:07.96 in the 100 Free so only needs to cut five seconds there to punch her ticket.

Scribner also requires everyone to swim the 500 Free once, and Shipp opted to get the hard one out of the way early. As such, she took on the grueling race on Friday in Cody and though it’s a challenge, the junior took off time from her best time last season.

“It was kind of interesting because coming off of the three-day weekend over Labor Day without any competition, it was almost like starting over,” Scribner admitted. “Tuesday at practice was kind of like just getting back into the swing of things which is a little disappointing, but we’ll get back where we need to be. At the same time, it was exciting for the girls because despite all the challenges, they all were able to drop time.”

Scribner described another great race swam by freshman Ruth Rose. She, like Beastrum, was in a heat with several girls who had similar times as she had put up in the 100 Backstroke.

“Ruth has really been working on the backstroke and has gotten her flip-turns down pretty well, which makes a world of difference,” Scribner emphasized. “She also won her heat and got out of the water and there were still girls swimming. She didn’t believe me that she won so I took a picture of the scoreboard to prove it, and that all went a long way toward building confidence.”

Though she DQ’d the 100 Back in Lander, between the time she recorded there and her time in Cody, she dropped 30 seconds, which is huge in a race that short.

Rebekah Olson also made improvements over the weekend. She dropped 13 seconds in the 200 Free and then in the 100 Butterfly she dropped a little over a second. In the 50 Free, the sophomore is now six seconds away from a state qualifying time and 10 seconds away in the 100 Butterfly.

“The fly is her favorite stroke, and she is also working on her breaststroke to try to perfect her

NHS Ladies Swimming	
Newcastle @ Cody Invite 9/10/21	
Lander Relays 8/27:	
Team:	
1. Jackson 338	
2. Cody 298	
3. Douglas 257	
4. Riverton 174	
5. Newcastle 75	
200 Medley Relay: 2:49.98	
10. Lilly Ralls, Raeleigh Shipp, Hailey Beastrum, Ruth Rose	
200 Freestyle:	
10. Rebekah Olson 2:50.27	
50 Freestyle:	
9. Raeleigh Shipp 31.24	
21. Lilly Ralls 40.98	
100 Freestyle:	
7. Hailey Beastrum 1:11.40	
18. Ruth Rose 1:38.25	
500 Freestyle:	
6. Raeleigh Shipp 7:15.60	
100 Backstroke:	
15. Lilly Ralls 1:50.42	
16. Ruth Rose 1:57.86	
100 Breaststroke:	
5. Hailey Beastrum 1:28.63	
DQ. Rebekah Olson	
400 Free Relay: 5:20.99	
5. Raeleigh Shipp, Lilly Ralls, Rebekah Olson, Hailey Beastrum	
Newcastle @ Gene Dozah Invite in Powell 9/11/21:	
Team:	
1. Powell 319	
2. Green River 285	
3. Douglas 208	
4. Cody 180	
5. Buffalo 141	
6. Worland 121	
7. Newcastle 33	
8. Riverton 4	
200 Medley Relay: 2:54.23	
10. Hailey Beastrum, Ruth Rose, Rebekah Olson, Lilly Ralls	
200 IM:	
15. Raeleigh Shipp 3:00.57	
50 Freestyle:	
25. Rebekah Olson 34.75	
36. Ruth Rose 40.91	
100 Butterfly:	
18. Rebekah Olson 1:26.77	
19. Hailey Beastrum 1:35.73	
100 Freestyle:	
17. Raeleigh Shipp 1:07.96	
25. Lilly Ralls 1:30.38	
100 Backstroke:	
9. Hailey Beastrum 1:18.08	
100 Breaststroke:	
DQ. Lilly Ralls	
400 Free Relay: 5:21.96	
11. Rebekah Olson, Ruth Rose, Hailey Beastrum, Raeleigh Shipp	

technique, so that is really improving,” Scribner said. “As she continues to improve her technique in all of her strokes, she can then use the strength she has to really go fast.”

The Lady Dogies also competed in the 200 Medley relay as well as the 400 Free relay over the weekend, and Scribner noted that there was improvement across the board in those events.

“The girls always bemoan the fact that I like the 4 Free, but both days they improved so that’s awesome,” he grinned. “With the medley, I am rotating the girls to see where the best fit is. All of them are able to do all the strokes so we are working to figure out how to put the best combo together.”

This weekend, the Lady Dogies will be in their home pool. On Friday, beginning at 4 p.m., is a triangular where they will host Cheyenne South and Worland. Those two, along with Buffalo and Douglas, will also both be on hand for the Newcastle Invite on Saturday. Competition will begin Saturday morning at 10. Both events will run as a regular meet beginning with the 200 Medley Relay.

“The girls are excited to have one at home,” Scribner said. “I think they are liking high school meets and are getting excited.”

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of 2021.

“We kept smash-mouthing Slade and he got in for the first score of the season,” Conzelman said. “There was just really no stopping him.”

Having closed the gap to two points, Conzelman opted to go for the two-point conversion, but a missed block thwarted freshman Connor Stohlhammer’s attempt to convert so the Patriots maintained an 8-6 lead.

From there the battle ensued. Upton/Sundance was able to get a slant on the Dogies to punch another one in before the end of the first half, but this time they failed on the PAT attempt, so they went into the break with a 14-6 lead.

“Being able to capitalize off their errors was great,” Conzelman began. “And we still felt pretty good knowing that all we needed was to get another one in and convert the two-point attempt and then we’d be all tied up again.”

Unlike the first two contests of the season, the Dogies were able to pick up 66 of their 140 yards on the ground in the final two frames of play. Though they got close, however, they weren’t able to punch another one in the end zone.

In the third quarter Upton/Sundance extended their lead to 21-6 using a run play that the Dogies struggled to defend.

“They had a play that

NHS Football	
Newcastle @ Upton/Sundance 9/9/21:	
6-28	
140 yards rushing, 55 yard passing	
Slade Roberson: 1 TD, 5-17 pass completions for 55 yards, 14 carries for 59 yards, 3 tackles, 10 tackle ast.	
Aidan Chick: 3 tackles, 1 tackle ast.	
Holden McConkey: 17 carries for 60 yards, 2 receptions for 22 yards, 1 punt return for 13 yards, 2 kickoff returns for 35 yards, 1 tackle, 10 tackle ast.	
Quint Perino: 1 fumble recovery, 5 tackle ast.	
Tate Engle: 7 carries for 21 yards, 1 reception for 1 yard, 5 tackle ast.	
Tanner Neilsen: 1 reception for 17 yards, 3 kickoff returns for 56 yards, 3 tackles, 3 tackle ast.	
Braden Jenkins: 1 tackle, 2 tackle ast.	
Hogan Tystad: 2 receptions for 22 yards, 3 tackles, 3 tackle ast.	
Josh Womack: 4 tackles, 4 tackle ast.	
Jacob Prell: 1 tackle, 2 tackle ast.	
Dylan McFarlin: 2 kickoffs for 107 yards, 7 punts for 219 yards, 1 tackle	
Tristan Troffgruben: 1 tackle ast.	

kept getting the best of us,” Conzelman admitted. “They faked one way and went the other and we just had a hard time stopping them.”

Then in the fourth quarter, the Dogies helped out their opponent for their final score of the night.

Newcastle was backed up on a punt, and ended up fumbling the ball in their own end zone which the Patriots fell upon to pull even further ahead and put up a 28-6 lead, which closed out the scoring for both teams.

“There at the end, we were making a drive and I was really hoping to get back in the end zone and get another one on the board,” Conzelman stated. “Then we could try an

inside kick and see what would happen. Tanner [Neilsen] had it in his hands in the end zone, but couldn’t hang onto it and then they came out and took a knee and it was over.”

In their third game of the season, the Dogies are certainly showing progress. This week they were able to put together some offense in the second half, which is something they had struggled with in their first two contests of the year.

“I’m trying to instill in them the ‘Never Say Die’ Dogie mindset which is that we go full throttle until the end no matter what, and I think it’s working,” Conzelman determined. “We’re still making some mistakes, of course, and it doesn’t take much to stall up a drive. We had the momentum going and then we’d make a mistake at a costly time, but all our goals are still in front of us, and we’re working toward those.”

So far the Dogies have been faced with pretty daunting challenges and going up to Big Horn this week will be another tough one.

“They aren’t ranked, but they also have a pretty strong tradition up there in Ram Country,” Conzelman acknowledged. “They’re always a tough, well-coached team, so we have to ramp things up again this week.”

Kickoff is scheduled for 6 this Friday in Big Horn.

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Mother Nature can't stop Newcastle's runners

Sonja Karp
NLJ Correspondent

The Dogies took on one environmental challenge after another at their cross country meet Thursday in Belle Fourche, S.D. According to head coach Kathy Beehler, her team prevailed despite having to tackle hills, heat and smoke.

"Given the circumstances, I was actually surprised at how well we did," said Beehler. "We put up some really good times for that course and given the conditions."

Aspen Bloom continues to prove that, though she is just a freshman, she has what it takes to compete with the big girls. Bloom didn't let hills, nor heat, nor smoke hold her back as she finished eighth out of a field of 31 runners with a time of 23:58.09.

"Man, she ran well!" Beehler exclaimed. "I am just really impressed with how she is stepping up and

taking on the challenge of competing at the varsity level."

Janaya Ralls and Tara Carter were once again close together as they finished 22nd and 23rd with times of 27:51.89 and 28:02.11 respectively.

At this point, Beehler has yet to enter all her girls in the varsity division due to their age and experience. On Thursday, she ran three in varsity and the rest in JV. Rachel Baird, though she competed in the JV division, finished 10th with a time of 27:28.99, which would have put her just ahead of Ralls in the varsity race.

"Rachel just really wanted to run in the JV race one more time, so I was fine with that," Beehler explained. "And it was nice because that gave her the opportunity to medal so that was awesome."

"It's still early, so she will get up to that varsity level before too long," Beehler continued. "We may go one more week before we move everyone

up to varsity, but it will for sure happen by the Hot Springs meet on the 21st."

In the men's race, Avery Chick once again led his team across the finish line with a fourth-place finish. Thatcher Troftgruben was next in 11th place, and Sam Scribner also impressed Beehler with his effort and 18th-place finish.

"Sam ran in the top 15 pretty much all the way, but it seemed as if the heat was really getting to him," she began. "It was probably in just the last 400 meters that things went south for him."

Max Makousky was back on the course this week after missing the meet in Spearfish, S.D. He took the break in stride, however and was just two places behind Scribner, while Travis Scriber closed out the Dogie team finishing 29th.

"In JV, Nick [Lopez] and Ben [Carter] did great and they are just pumping

NHS Cross Country

Newcastle @ Belle Fourche

Invite 9/9/21

Men's Results

Team: Varsity

1. Custer 17

2. Belle Fourche 29

3. Newcastle 37

Individual Varsity:

4. Avery Chick 19:10.71

11. Thatcher Troftgruben 20:04.04

18. Sam Scribner 21:14.82

20. Max Makousky 21:33.21

29. Travis Scribner 27:35.19

Team: JV

1. Custer 19

2. Rapid City Central 65

3. Newcastle 78

4. Hill City 83

5. Douglas, SD 127

Individual JV:

9. Nick Lopez 22:14.66

10. Ben Carter 22:16.29

27. Logan Olson 23:45.47

36. Tayson Wheeler 25:17.42

51. Caleb Hoover 29:17.65

60. Richard Smith 33:15

Women's Results

Individual Varsity:

8. Aspen Bloom 23:58.09

22. Janaya Ralls 27:51.89

23. Tara Carter 28:02.11

Individual JV:

10. Rachel Baird 27:28.99

22. Taylor Conklin 32:02.94

right along," Beehler added. "I feel like our freshmen are really coming through for us. They are jumping in and trying to help the varsity."

On the way back to Newcastle, the team made their traditional stop at Devil's Bathtub for a post-meet ice bath, which was refreshing after the heat of the race. While there, Beehler allowed herself to get talked into going down the rock slide for a nice cold dip in the water.

"I have never gotten in the water,

but I finally did and it really wasn't that bad," she said. "The water is definitely cold, but it was fun."

On Thursday, the team will head to Custer, S.D., for their meet. Covid stopped the team from competing in South Dakota last season, so the squad is looking forward to getting back on the Custer course. Varsity starts things off at 2 with the girls race followed by the boys. JV is up next, while middle school will close out the meet.

Netters wrap up preseason play in Rawlins

Sonja Karp
NLJ Correspondent

The Lady Dogies finished up their preseason tournament schedule at the Rawlins Invitational Friday and Saturday. These first three weekends of the season have been all about getting ready for conference play, and the squad has taken full advantage of the opportunity to fine tune their game and work through some adversity in the process.

A week ago in Gillette the ladies were short players, and in Rawlins, they were short coaches. As such head basketball coach Chad Ostenson accepted the call to fill in for head coach Keeley Anderson and assistant coach Andrea Gregory.

"Being a volleyball coach was hard," Ostenson admitted. "It was fun, but it was very different than coaching basketball. Fortunately, they have a pretty good crew who know what they are supposed to do, and I had girls on the bench helping me out with suggestions to improve their play."

With all nine girls being

active participants throughout each match, Ostenson noted that it was a real team effort and the squad showed improvement over last week in many aspects of their play.

The first match-up for the Lady Dogies in pool play on Friday were the Lady Wranglers from Pinedale. These were two very evenly matched teams who battled back and forth to ultimately split the match. Newcastle dropped the first 18-21 and rallied to win the second, 21-20.

Next up were the Lady Bulldogs of Lovell whom Newcastle took care of with ease, winning 21-15 and 21-16. The final match of the day was yet another meeting with the Burns Lady Broncs. For the third week in a row, these two teams battled and Newcastle ended the day the same way they started, with a tie — the first set ending in a 20-21 loss, and the second, a win of 21-17.

Their record put them in the silver bracket on Saturday and their first opponent was the Lady Warriors of Worland. In the first set, the Lady Dogies rolled over their opponent, winning 21-12.

However, Worland came back with a vengeance and then beat Newcastle 21-12, and 15-7.

"That was our weakest performance of the weekend," Ostenson admitted. "I think maybe they got a little complacent after taking care of them pretty easily right away, and then they had the momentum going into the third."

The loss meant the team had a bye in the second round of the tournament, and set them up to have a rematch against Lovell for the consolation championship. There was no complacency in this title match, as Newcastle again dominated, winning in two sets with twin scores of 21-16.

Last week in practice, coach Gregory noted that a focus was going to be on controlling hits a little more to keep them on target and Ostenson confirmed that the work paid off.

"We were doing a much better job of keeping our hits in, and we were really hitting pretty well all weekend," he nodded.

With the return of 6-foot, 2-inch middle hitter/blocker Tiernan Stanton, the team's blocking stats were back to

normal. With the help of the front line slowing down the attack, the back row was then in a better position to get that pivotal first touch more on target.

"I don't know a ton about volleyball, but I do know that you have to get a good pass to set up the whole offense, and I felt like our passing looked a lot better than it has the last couple of weeks," Ostenson said. "The better the pass,

the better the sets, the better the hits. Their first pass just looked so much better. They were reading the ball and getting to it which was great."

The Lady Dogies will be taking all their preseason

growth into this week as they launch conference play on Friday with their home opener against the Thermopolis Lady Bobcats. On Saturday, they will travel to Buffalo to take on the Lady Bison.

NHS Volleyball

Newcastle @ Rawlins Tournament

9/10-11/21

Tie v. Pinedale 18-21, 21-20

Win v. Lovell 21-15, 21-16

Tie v. Burns 20-21, 21-17

Loss v. Worland 21-12, 12-21, 7-15

Win v. Lovell 21-16, 21-16

Individual Tournament Stats

Jaylen Ostenson: 40-41 serves, 2 aces, 20 kills, 1 stuff block, 2 block assists, 38 set assists, 32 digs

Tiernan Stanton: 32-36 serves, 3 aces, 28 kills, 2 stuff blocks, 7 block assists, 26 digs

MacKenzie Conzelman: 14-15 serves, 1 ace, 21 kills, 5 block assists, 8 digs

Hunter McFarland: 32-36 serves, 3 aces, 13 kills, 32 set assists, 37 digs

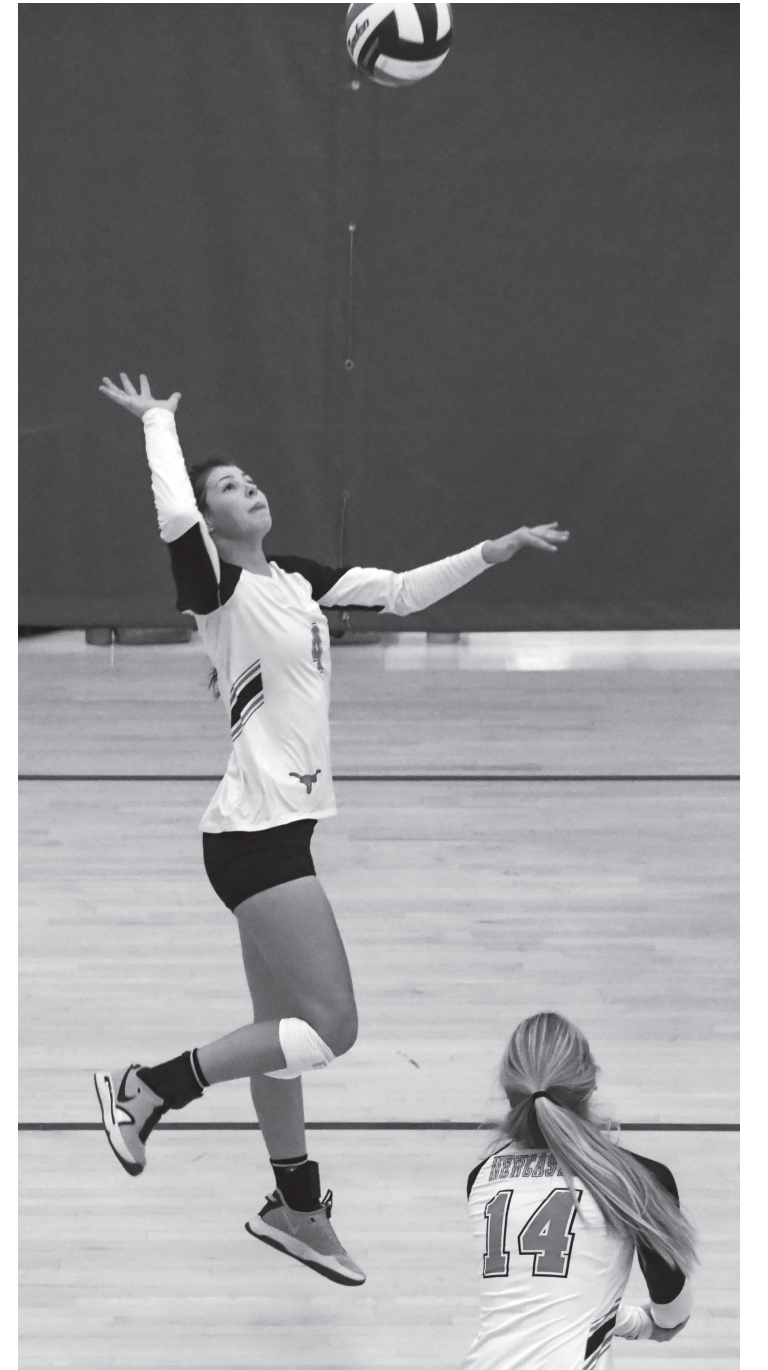
Shelby Tidyman: 33-34 serves, 5 aces, 6 kills, 6 block assists, 7 set assists, 21 digs

Gabby McVay: 18-19 serves, 6 set assists, 9 digs

Mckenzie Rose: 11-15 serves, 1 ace, 6 kills, 5 block assists, 5 set assists, 9 digs

LaKacee Lipp: 9-11 serves, digs

Olivia McVay: 1 dig



Photos courtesy of Nicole McFarland

Above, Jaylen Ostenson racked up 20 kills over the course of five matches last weekend at the Rawlins Tournament. In addition, she missed only one serve out of 41, scored 2 aces, had one solo block and two block assists. The all-around player also put up 38 set assists as well as hustled for 32 digs. At left, Chad Ostenson tries his hand at coaching volleyball in the absence of head coach Keeley Anderson and assistant coach Andrea Gregory.


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Legal Notice

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

Civil Action Case No. CV-2106
 Plaintiff/Petitioner: Donald Ballard Jr. vs.
 Defendant/Respondent: Kimberly Janicke

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 Dated this 13 day of September, 2021
 By Clerk of Court: Tina Cote
 Clerk of Court
 (Publish September 16, 23 and 30 and October 7, 2021)

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

Probate No. PR-8256
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LINDA SUE TABEL
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(Publish September 9 and 16, 2021)

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Wyoming. Only bids received on Wyoming Department of Transportation bid forms will be considered. Bid forms and further information may be obtained, without charge, by going to <http://www.publicpurchase.com>, logging in and clicking on Bid No. 21-195AC. You must be registered with Public Purchase to log in and view bids. If you are not registered, click on the "free registration" button and follow the registration instructions. The registration process takes up to 24 hours, so signing up right away is recommended.
 BY: CORI SCHRINAR
 PROCUREMENT SERVICES MANAGER

(Publish September 2, 9 and 16, 2021)

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 116 CASPER AVENUE
 NEWCASTLE, WY 82701

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 Maintenance Director

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Gwamma

by JaNel M. Farnsworth

Annnnd now to introduce our players

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- # 1 Flint Ferris
- # 22 'er uh ... correction ...

Double question mark, Granbaby and ...

- ### THE 1990s
- ACROSS**
- Ridden or pushed around yard
 - Chlorofluorocarbon
 - Spiral-horned antelope
 - Make a canyon, e.g.
 - Much of this about nothing?
 - Forest destroyers
 - Basic belief
 - Popular pickup
 - Lake scum
 - *Popular email service eventually bought by Microsoft
 - *CD "maker"
 - FEMA's assistance
 - Musician's time to shine
 - Stephen King's Christine, e.g.
 - Plural of locus
 - Mongolian monetary unit
 - Wraths
 - Jar covers
 - Like yellow polka dot bikini?
 - Desert in China and Mongolia
 - Knight's mount
 - Cogito ____ sum
 - Change the Constitution, e.g.
 - Ready and eager
 - Table mineral
 - *Jennifer Aniston-inspired haircut, with "the"

- Bank on
 - Modern prefix
 - Beacon light
 - Oolong, e.g.
 - * ____ Sese Seko, overthrown Zairian dictator
 - *African National Congress leader released from prison
 - Like a candle?
 - *1997's "Fly" by Sugar ____
 - Lowest point
 - Smart ____
 - Marching insect
 - Opposite of digest
 - *Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan's domain
 - Employer Assisted Housing, acr.
 - Fender bender consequences
- DOWN**
- Crystalline hydrochloride, colloquially
 - Nabisco top best-seller
 - Refuses to
 - Bodily swelling
 - Not wholesale
 - Lewis of sprinting and long jumping fame
 - Vaccine-approving agency, acr.
 - Burger, fries and soda
 - Brick-drying oven
 - It's hard to resist
 - Precedes Abby

- Consume, as in drugs
- Slang for radical or cool, 2 words
- America's singer choices
- Last, abbr.
- Weapon in a holster
- Fidel Castro's smoke
- Pleasant odor
- Renaissance instrument resembling a violin
- *TV hit "Sex and the ____"
- "Bee ____"
- What many TV hits have done
- Fireplace
- * ____ Protocol, climate change-related international treaty
- Hyperbolic sine
- Withered
- COVID-19 variant
- Expose the falseness
- " ____ the Games Begin!"
- Pined
- Sign of a saint, pl.
- "Bad news travels fast," e.g.
- Algeria's neighbor
- Plow-pulling duo
- "Where It's At" singer
- Urban story
- Adam and Eve's garden
- *Oscar winner "Schindler's ____"
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- *Gulf ____ or Bosnian ____
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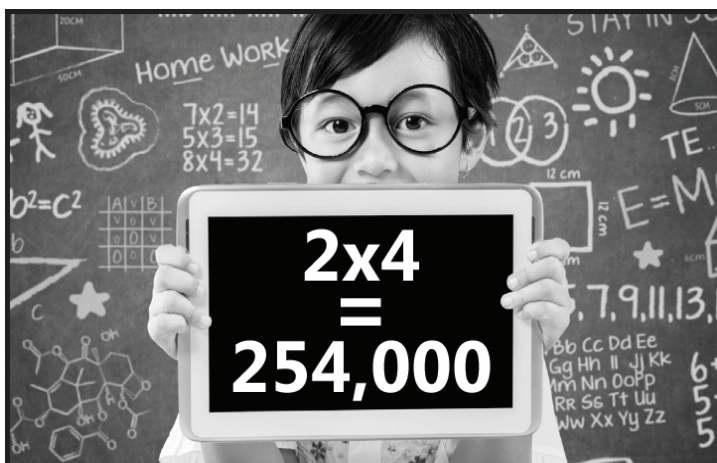
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Upton's Young Guns are here for the kids

Braden Schiller
NLJ Reporter

Upton is the proud home of a plethora of yellow-shirted children who love learning about responsibility and shooting sports.

"The Young Guns are the only youth shooting group that's not age based or like a scholastic clay shooting club in the state. So we would be the only club that, like, covers multiple things," Nick White said.

The Young Guns follow the National Rifle Association's Youth Hunting Education Challenge, which consists of eight events. Four shooting events are muzzleloader, .22 rifle, hunting, archery and shotgun. The four responsibility events are orienteering, wildlife identification, hunters safety trail and hunters responsibility exam.

Young Guns was founded in 2011 by Scott and Ladena Buckley, when their children, Colton and Kjersti, were competing. Scott said that Colton was shooting in YHEC tournaments and had been contemplating going to nationals.

When Colton decided to go to nationals, the family opted to fundraise for the trip to Rancho, New Mexico, along with two other kids. Scott served as coach, and during their time at nationals, they formed the idea of starting a team.

"The nice thing about the Young Guns is that there are a lot of kids that, you know, they're not

football players, some of them. Some of them are doing everything, but there's a few kids that don't play football, the girls don't play volleyball or basketball," Scott said. "There's nothing really to do. It's just another little focus for him, you know. It would be a lot of work, you know. It's eight disciplines. You've got to be able to do them all to do well, you know, and the coaches are great."

Five years ago, the Buckleys handed the Young Guns off to Nick and Cassie White, who have continued to teach the members of Young Guns and expanded the club. This year the Young Guns took home awards at regionals, which was held July 19-24. Tevon White received third place in Junior Shotgun, Jude Harrell received second place in Junior Wildlife Identification, Trevon White received third place in Muzzleloader, and Brendan Sanderson received second place in Safety Trail.

The Young Guns also have been helped by the community. The Upton Gun Club hosts the Young Guns indoor practices and helped put on a fundraiser with the group. The Young Guns were also gifted a tag by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission to help fundraise.

"I think in Upton nobody could argue that we're super youth based. I mean, a lot of everything that's done is for the kids. And so, anyway, that's pretty cool. That's what makes Young Guns possible," said Nick.

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"expert." I've offered my critique from the stands and from the sidelines as a coach. As a coach, I would sometimes do it strategically in order to provide motivation for my team or if I needed to create a momentum shifter.

As a parent, it came from my mama-bear emotions because I was totally invested in my child's game.

As a fan, my need to loudly vocalize my view on

officiating calls admittedly decreased as I didn't have as much of a dog in the hunt. And then I started photographing the games, which really shut me up.

I must say that I began to enjoy each sport I shot so much more when I was no longer focusing so much energy on the people wearing the whistle and started focusing more on the players.

Obviously, I still disagree with a call or two, because who doesn't? But I also try really hard to remember that officials are just people like me. I mean really like me as I ref volleyball. I know that when I am up on the stand, I am doing my best to do a good job for the teams on the court. Do I make mistakes? Of course I do, but they are never intentional.

I have also been asked multiple times to officiate basketball, but my answer has always been no, because hoops refs wear big, red bullseyes on their chest the second they step on the court. Volleyball fans are pretty mellow and mostly there to cheer on their team, but basketball fans are vicious.

There's not enough money to get me to invite that kind of abuse.

The problem is that I'm not the only one who feels that way about donning the stripes and hanging a whistle around my neck.

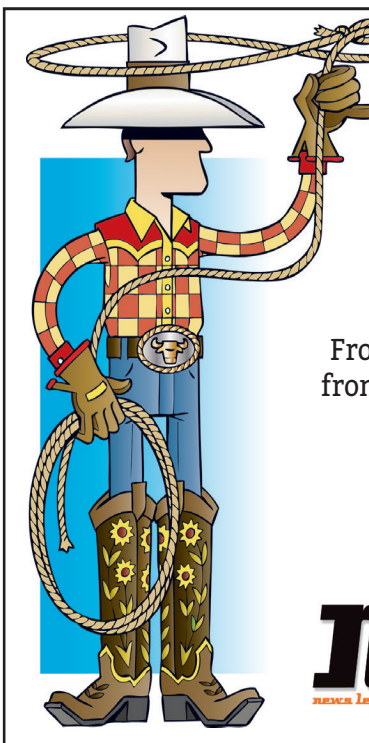
I know that one of the biggest challenges that athletic directors face is lining up officials for high school and middle school sporting events. Unfortunately, that puts the future of youth sports in jeopardy.

If there are no officials, there will be no games.

In order to avoid this unthinkable eventuality, we all need to get a check on our behavior toward officials at youth sporting events. And maybe, if we feel passionate, we go ahead and take on the job ourselves.

All I know for sure is that it would be a shame for kids to lose out on the opportunity to participate in the sports they love because people have been driven out of the refing profession.

Let's give them a break and focus on the game so that the kids can play.



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