

City to hire new police chief

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

The Newcastle City Council appears to be ready to appoint a new police chief for the police department at its meeting on Sept. 21, according to Clerk-Treasurer Greg

James, although little is known about where the candidates are from and what qualifications they have.

In a saga that began with the abrupt resignation of former Newcastle Police Chief Jim Owens on July 6, the council appointed officer Samuel Keller as interim chief after a com-

mittee meeting on July 2 at which council members chose Keller. Keller was sworn in as a new hire on Oct. 21, 2019. As previously reported, the *News Letter Journal* was only able to obtain confirmation that now former Mayor Deb Piana and Councilman Roger Hespe attended this police

committee meeting.

At the July 6 meeting, the council voted unanimously to appoint Keller with no public discussion about why he was the best candidate and that a search for a new police chief had begun. Keller's appointment as interim chief was effective July 11.

According to James, nobody was specifically charged with advertising for candidates for the position, and as far as he is aware, no advertising was done. James said he was tasked with answering any inquiries the city may

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Nuisances addressed

■ *Commissioners nix creating resolution*

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The Weston County commissioners have decided they would rather not create a resolution to address "nuisance" complaints for properties outside of city limits. According to the Aug. 20 meeting minutes, Commissioner Marty Ertman had expressed interest in having these complaints dealt by the Department of Environmental Quality or the state fire marshal, rather than by resolution.

On Sept. 1, County Attorney Alex Berger reported that other counties in the state have nuisance resolutions, specifically Carbon and Natrona counties, although they are very different. Ertman explained, however, that she would like to see nuisances handled by the other entities and that there should be no need for the commissioners to get involved.

"As I explained last time. Different boards could have different definitions," Ertman said, noting that too broad a resolution could create issues with future boards being too controlling. "Someone could say they don't like an orange house. It can get to that point. I am not comfortable with that at all."

Ertman said that she was not comfortable with the county coming up with rules and regulations dictating what landowners could and could not do on their own property.

Berger explained that state statute gives county commissioners the authority to draft a resolution outlining nuisances and that there was a way to make the resolution broad or to be more specific.

"These are two different resolutions. ... They are polar opposites. One is vague (Carbon County) and Natrona County's is detailed," Berger said, adding that Natrona's resolution contains various definitions of the nuisances covered by the resolution.

According to Berger, the county could easily draft a 50-page resolution so that there was little chance of

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She's a winner!



On Saturday, at the Weston County Fairgrounds, Region 6 Trail C.R.E.W.W. (Competitive trail Reining Endurance Working Western) club held the Ticket to Ride horse show. Above, 6-year old Zinnia Barton, from Carlile, Wyo., proudly looks at the green ribbon she won showing Gumdrops, a miniature horse. See more photos on Page 8.

Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ

Bob McEwen speaks at Lincoln Day Dinner

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Over plates of prime rib, corn and potatoes, Republicans of Crook County and the surrounding area met at the Moorcroft Town Center on Sept. 5 for the annual Lincoln Day Dinner hosted by the Crook County Republican Party. The speaker at the event was Bob McEwen, a former congressman from Ohio and an "advocate for pro-family interests and free-market economics," according to his website. This year's theme was "We the People," and at every table, the preamble of the U.S. Constitution was printed out for everyone to read.

The event was \$50 per person, but children under 18 attended for free. The members hosting the event said they believe that young people need to get involved with politics, so the Crook County Republican Party set up a \$1,000 essay scholarship. To be eligible for the scholarship, students had to write an essay about patriotism.

This year's scholarship winner is Christian Velder, a freshman at Sheridan college. Velder attended the dinner and delivered his essay to the guests. His essay was about the importance of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the separation of powers to defend the rights of the people from an oppressive government.

In addition to dinner, there were door prizes, silent and live auctions, various recognitions and a drawing for a custom 6.5 Creedmoor rifle that came with a case and two

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Photo by Hannah Gross/NLJ
The attendees at the 2020 Lincoln Day Dinner, hosted by the Crook County Republican Party in Moorcroft, had the opportunity to hear from former U.S. Representative for Ohio Bob McEwen, who is an advocate for pro-family interest and free-market economics.



It's dry out there

■ *County designated as contiguous natural disaster*

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"It has been really dry, especially recently," said Melissa Smith, a hydrologist with the National Weather Service when speaking about the current weather conditions in Weston County. "It is not as bad as it could be, but it's still pretty bad."

According to the National Weather Service, Newcastle has received a total of 11.48 inches of precipitation through the end of August. The area averages, according to precipitation summaries, 16.44 inches of precipitation annually.

Despite not making the top 10 for driest years, 2020 is slated to remain in the top 30 driest years on record. The driest years

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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
Sunny
Hi 84, Lo 49



Friday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 79, Lo 55



Saturday
Mostly Cloudy
Hi 84, Lo 51



Sunday
Sunny
Hi 76, Lo 47



Monday
Sunny
Hi 77, Lo 51



Tuesday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 81, Lo 49



Wednesday
Sunny
Hi 76 Lo 49



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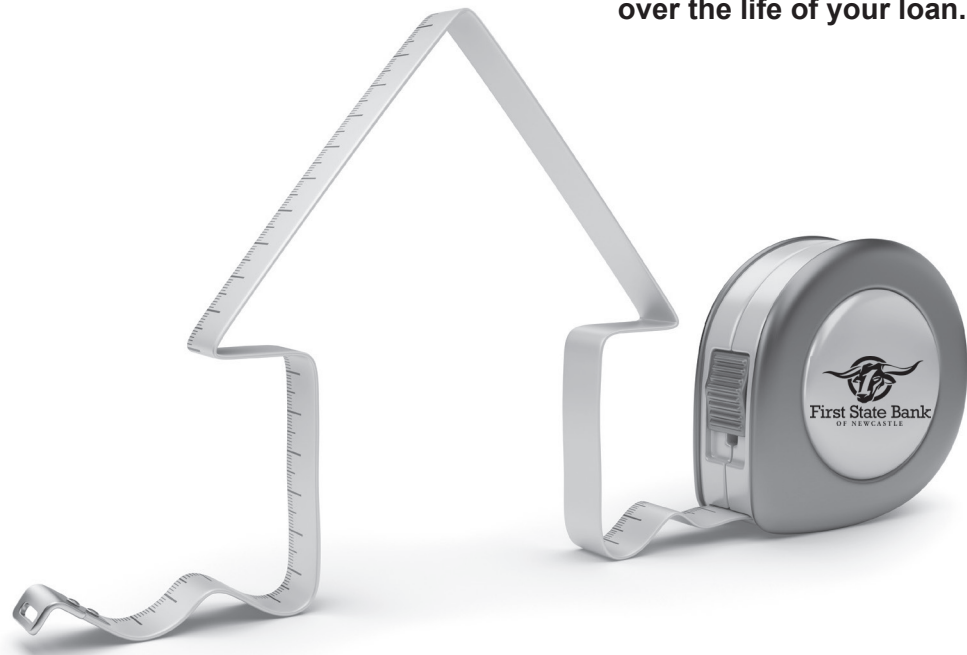
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Eight students quarantined

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As a result of the first confirmed COVID-19 positive test result in a Weston County School District No. 1 student, eight students from Newcastle Middle School are under a 14-day quarantine after the district worked with local health officials to use contact tracing to help identify students possibly exposed to the student who tested positive. According to a district press release, on Sept. 8 the school was notified of a positive test for a NMS student.

"Once we were notified by public health officials, we went to work assisting them in their investigation trying to identify students who may have had close contact with the individual diagnosed with COVID-19 during the time frames we were given," Principal Tyler Bartlett said. "Thankfully, we had anticipated issues like this in the school district and had done some work in advance to make contact tracing a little less cumbersome."

Working with the public health officials is key, according to Bartlett, who helms the 173-student school, and so far, those individuals have been helpful and informative. Both Bartlett and Superintendent Brad LaCroix assured the *News Letter Journal* that the district had no ability to perform any of the testing, although they would monitor symptoms, if needed.

"As a district, we don't have any say in who gets tested or quarantined and obviously don't do any testing or diagnosing," Bartlett said.

LaCroix noted that the district will check with students who are exhibiting symptoms, just as they would with any potential illness or issue at any time during any school year.

"The school is not making any of the decisions. We are just bridging a gap between the school population and the public health officials," LaCroix said. "We are here to educate

kids. The idea that we are pulling kids out and testing them is crazy."

LaCroix added that the rumors spread regarding the procedure are not helping.

"If we are going to get through this, we have to believe that no one is out to be the boogeyman," LaCroix said.

Thankfully, Bartlett said, the parents and students involved in the positive case at the middle school have been patient and understanding.

"Nobody wants to miss two weeks of school, but everyone is complying with directions from public health and doing everything they can to keep everyone healthy and safe," Bartlett said. "Everyone is also putting in a lot of extra work now to try and help students stay caught up and not stress about missed school work."

Both administrators maintained that the situation showcases the need for the guidelines set by the district and Wyoming Department of Health.

"Of course, it serves as a great reminder that COVID-19 is still something we're battling against, and it reiterates the importance of following health guidelines like staying home when ill, washing hands frequently, social distancing and wearing a mask when social distancing is not possible," Bartlett said.

"Hopefully, we can learn from this situation as the school year continues so we can try to minimize the spread of illness and keep our schools open and our students in attendance. Regardless of anyone's thoughts on the coronavirus, I think we can all agree that's what is best for our students and our community."

Any community members, parents or students with questions or concerns regarding COVID-19 in the district are encouraged to contact building principals or administration directly.

"If you have concerns, you need to reach out to the building principal," LaCroix said. "We aren't just talking about COVID; we are talking about any concerns regarding the school."

Drought

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recorded, Smith reported, range from 6.74 inches of precipitation in 1961 to 10.64 inches of precipitation in 1952.

The lack of precipitation in Newcastle, Smith said, is following a pattern that can be seen in the statistics.

"Wet and dry seasons last about 10 years in the area," Smith said. "Newcastle has been wet since about 2008, although there were a few random dry years. So, it isn't surprising that we are going into a dry time."

The lack of precipitation as well as temperature and other factors play a role in an area being designated as in a drought. Smith explained that the overall high temperatures seen in the area, accompanied by the early and late freezes are a recipe for drought.

"Around May 10 we saw freezing temperatures and then the early freeze came last week. This has killed off a lot of vegetation," Smith said, explaining that dead vegetation is more at risk for fire than living vegetation.

Because of this, Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue has designated Weston County as a contiguous natural disaster area, according to a Sept. 14 press release from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The importance of the designation lies in the fact that Weston County producers are now eligible to apply for emergency loans.

"This designation allows the [Farm Service Agency] to extend much-needed emergency credit to producers recovering from natural disasters," the release states. "Emergency loans can be used to meet various recovery needs including the replacement of essential items such as equipment or livestock, reorganization of a farming operation or the refinance of certain debts."

Several other counties across the state received the same designation: Albany, Carbon, Crook, Johnson, Natrona,

How's the weather?

Warmest Average Temps		Lowest Rainfall Totals	
Average	Year		
50.8	2012	6.74	1961
50.1	1934	7.76	1960
50.0	1940	8.52	1950
49.9	2016	9.21	1931
49.9	1987	9.26	2012
49.9	1988	9.69	1985
49.7	2006	10.16	1954
49.5	2001	10.18	1987
49.4	1999	10.25	1951
49.3	1941	10.64	1952
Coldest Average Temps		Highest Snow Totals	
43.6	1912	78	1911-12
44.1	1978	69	1993-94
44.1	1929	63.5	2018-2019
44.3	1993	62	2005-06
44.7	1957	58	0909-10
44.8	2019	55	1996-97
45.0	1924	54.7	1936-37
45	1982	53.9	1954-55
45.1	1996	53.2	2017-18
		52	1974-75
Highest Rainfall Totals		Lowest Snowfall Totals	
24.7	2018	5.5	1953-54
24.34	1996	10.4	1948-49
23.93	1929	15	1960-61
23.88	1998	17.7	1959-60
22.9	1923	18.6	2015-16
21.31	1986	19.7	1980-81
20.99	2013	19.8	1961-62
20.45	1997	20.8	1945-46
20.32	1964	20.9	2014-15
20.24	2019	21.6	1963-64

Niobrara, Platte and Sheridan. Both Campbell and Converse counties were designated as primary natural disaster areas by Perdue, the release stated.

Anyone suffering losses caused by the drought has until May 4, 2021, to apply for emergency funds. FSA will review the applications as they are received and determine loans based on the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.

Several other programs are available to help farmers recover from the impacts of this disaster, including the Emergency Assistance for

Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program, Emergency Conservation Program, Livestock Forage Disaster Program, Livestock Indemnity Program, Operating and Farm Ownership Loans and the Tree Assistance Program. The release notes that these programs are available without disaster declaration.

Producers are encouraged to contact their local USDA center for information on eligibility requirements and application processes. Additional information is also available on the department's website at farmers.gov/recover.

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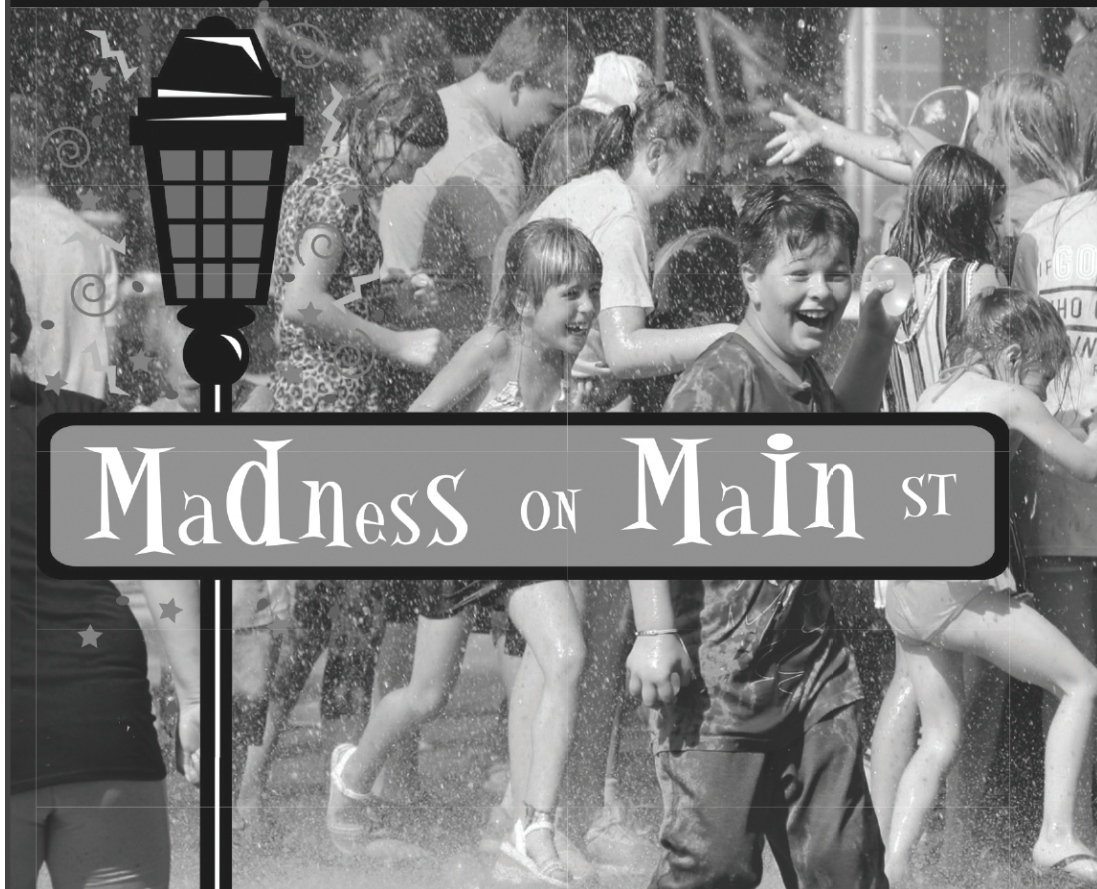


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Nuisance

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misinterpretation in the future. He noted that the example resolutions would be hard for landowners to comply with and hard for the county to enforce.

"If comes down to an issue of definition, ... you can narrow it down and be specific," Berger said.

Berger said there might be a concern about a resolution being too specific. If seen as being too specific, he said, the commission could be viewed as creating a law to attack an individual person.

Commissioners agreed that the county should refrain from creating a nuisance resolution and

allow entities such as the DEQ or fire marshal to enforce potential cleanups of areas of concern.

Ertman maintained that if the county wants to move forward in dictating what is and is not a nuisance, it should be done through a planning and zoning board and involve the public's opinion in developing the rules and regulations.

"It has been tried a couple times and it just doesn't fly," Ertman said. "But, the world changes."

According to Clerk Becky Hadlock, the topic is not scheduled for further discussion.

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Our View

Virtual meetings or bust

As COVID-19 restrictions began to spread across the world, agencies, municipalities, boards and government officials had to quickly adjust to doing business remotely. While larger areas may have been more accustomed to using technology to remain transparent — for example the Gillette City Council live streams all of their meetings — other smaller entities had to learn on the fly and begin hosting virtual meetings.

In Weston County, the Newcastle City Council, Weston County Commissioners, Weston County Health Services Board of Trustees and the Weston County School District No. 1 Board of Trustees held phone conference calls or Zoom meetings in place of their regular in-person meetings. Not only were people allowed to participate in the meetings without risking infection, but those who were never involved in local government before had the ability to participate from the comfort of their home.

Now, six months into the pandemic, health orders have slowly relaxed across the state, leading to several boards returning to in-person meetings instead of the virtual options. The Newcastle City Council has also continued to encourage those recognized by the entity to not come to the meetings, but to wait for their certificate in the mail, leading us to question why they have not continued hosting virtual options.

This pandemic has taught us a lot about ourselves, our communities, and our ability to use technology to make our lives more convenient. The ability to stay home and listen to a 7 p.m. Newcastle City Council meeting while our families slept was something journalists have probably always dreamed of.

Not only were journalists and other professionals allowed to participate in the meetings without breaking health orders, but people who never participated in meetings before, or hadn't in some time, were given the ability to engage remotely.

While several local entities have ceased this practice and no longer provide a virtual option, the board at WCSD No. 1 has continued to stream their meetings over Zoom and Superintendent Brad LaCroix reported that the board has continued to see increases in the participation from not only staff but students and the community. Local emergency responders have also continued the practice of holding their monthly meetings via Zoom.

The ability to be as transparent as possible, and encourage increased community involvement with local boards, has left us questioning why every single board, whether it is the commissioners or city council, have not continued to extend that courtesy.

If the government's job is supposed to be to serve the public in the most transparent ways possible, wouldn't it make sense to continue to live stream those meetings? Shouldn't these boards strive to have as much participation as possible?

Here at the *News Letter Journal*, we think yes.

With dipping temperatures and cold and flu season just around the corner, we would like to encourage officials who read this editorial to start the discussion, to encourage transparency and to push for these meetings to have a virtual option. If our state legislators can do it, there is no reason local boards can't continue to keep their doors — or computer screens — wide open.

Letter to the Editor

RootGate

To the Editor: Root Gate
It had been quite a while, so Stretch jumped the turnstile,
To go and get a touch-up on her roots.
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Cause her homies are all in cahoots.

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That was another rule she chose to ignore.

Being elite she could reject, all the regulations in effect,
Just like the

"Closed" sign on the salon door.

Why, her kind makes the rules, for the deplorable fools,
They should appreciate her need to look swell.
After her hypocrisy was named, she was set up she claimed,
Hoping the peons would fall back under her spell.

If the rabble quieted down then perhaps, she'd throw them some scraps,

If they persisted there'd be hell to pay.

It would be their choice, they could march to her voice,
Or shut down forever they'd stay.

'Cause rules are for thee, not people like she,
because Stretch is quite special you see.

— Jim Darlington 9/11/20



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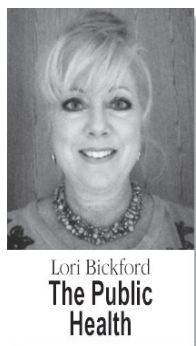
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Mental health is crucial in the face of the pandemic

The last six months have been difficult and challenging for everyone trying to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic and all the unrest in the world. We are not alone in our struggles. People all over the world are experiencing the same emotional stress. We are all tired and want to see an end to the uncertainty the COVID-19 pandemic has caused. Our feelings are justified considering what is going on in the world.



Lori Bickford
The Public Health

If you find that you are overwhelmed with your feelings and it is affecting your emotional well-being, there are steps that you can take to gain control over the situation. It's important not to let the current situation we are in keep you in a constant state of emotional distress. A balance of our emotional and physical well-being is critical to our overall health including keeping our immune system strong. Eating healthy, well-balanced meals, regular exercise, and adequate sleep are crucial to our well-being.

There are three important steps we can take to reduce the emotional stress we may be feeling. If we can break down the process, it's not so overwhelming to get back on track. The first step in reducing stress is to acknowledge what you are feeling. Is it fear, anger, depression anxiety, worry, or confusion? Secondly, break down what is preoccupying your thoughts. Are you worried

about getting sick, your child, family, friends, your job, or your finances? Lastly, ask yourself what can I do? There are some things that are out of our control, focus on what you can control and let go of what you can't. If you have tried working through your concerns and you are not able to rise above it, please reach out for support. This can be with a trusted friend/family member, your pastor, your health care provider, or a mental health counselor. If it is easier to talk anonymously with

a counselor these lines are available 24/7 to help you through difficult moments.

- Disaster Distress Helpline 1-800-985-5990
- 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

- National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233 or text LOVEIS to 22522

- National Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-4AChild (1-800-422-4453) or text 1-800-422-4453

- National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-HOPE (4673)

- Veteran's Crisis Line 1-800-273-TALK

Let's put things in perspective to reduce the stress that can come with the current situation. The COVID-19 virus is very real and contagious. We know that the virus is transmitted by respiratory droplets which can infect people who are in close proximity to one another. The virus can also be transmitted by our hands if we touch our face, nose and mouth. The purpose of

the public health measures of distancing ourselves from others by 6 feet, washing our hands, and wearing a mask, help reduce transmission to others and are in place to help control the spread of the virus. By controlling the spread of the virus, we can minimize the risk of outbreaks (large groups of people infected) in our community, overwhelming our hospital and medical community. We currently do not have an outbreak situation in Weston County, but we will continue to have COVID-19 cases and we fully expect to see this. We are grateful that our case numbers have remained low and we have not had any reported deaths.

Our schools and parents have been amazing to work with concerning our recent COVID-19 exposures. The schools have plans in place to handle exposures within the school that affect staff as well as students. The school staff are working diligently to provide a safe environment for students to be able to attend in person learning opportunities. If you have questions or concerns about school plans responding to COVID-19, please reach out to the school superintendents or school principals for more details.

We would like to provide more information regarding isolation and quarantine. Weston County Public Health, in conjunction with the Wyoming Department of Health, is responsible for contact tracing of all positive cases. Contact tracing helps prevent outbreaks by isolating the sick until their symptoms resolve and they

are no longer contagious and quarantining those who had close contact and were exposed to a positive case. We monitor quarantine cases for symptoms during a 14-day incubation period. Those who are placed on isolation or quarantine are instrumental in helping us keep people from unknowingly spreading the virus. Someone who is placed on isolation or quarantine hasn't done any wrong and shouldn't be treated as such. There is no reason for guilt or embarrassment. This virus is very elusive and can infect anyone at any time.

The Wyoming Department of Health has received funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to help with the COVID-19 response. This funding was distributed across the board to all counties to help with the COVID-19 response. The funding covers supplies, testing, vaccine campaigns, and personnel if needed. The funding we have received is much like the funding patterns that we saw in the H1N1 response in 2009. The CDC used a model to push out response funds anticipating the possible cost rather than having states and counties footing the bill then trying to seek reimbursement. Much of the funding amounts we received during this time could not possibly be used because of our small population. Funds that were not used were returned to the Wyoming Department of Health/CDC. These funds are tracked monthly and audited each year by the state. The same process will be used in

the funding we have received for COVID-19. If the funds are not used, they will be sent back to the WDH/CDC.

We have worked with our community health partners to develop COVID-19 testing agreements with Weston County Health Services and Hometown Medical Clinic. Monument Health providers in Upton and Newcastle send individuals to Weston County Health Services for testing as well. We have free testing for those who do not have insurance so they receive the same access to care as those who have insurance.

We will be transitioning from our Weston County Public Health Facebook page to a Weston County Public Health COVID-19 group page for the announcements of COVID-19 cases only. Our Weston County Public Health website (wcpb.net) provides more education/information and resources in one place for the public's convenience. Go to the COVID-19 Corner tab at the top of the page. You will find resources such as Wyoming 211 for questions about unemployment or assistance with rent/mortgage for those who have received isolation or quarantine orders.

We are blessed to live in the state of Wyoming and especially in Weston County. We have not faced the overwhelming COVID-19 cases that we see in other states and counties. We thank you for your continued support in keeping our community as safe as possible during the COVID 19. We will get through this challenge and one day it will be over. In the meantime, stay strong, stay positive.

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Obituaries

BARBARA COOPER
Oct. 14, 1948–June 7, 2020

Barbara Jean Cooper, age 72, passed away Monday, June 7, 2020, at her home in Upton, Wyo.

Barbara Jean (Thomas) Cooper was born in Belle Fourche, S.D., to Lester and Eleanor (Berglund) Thomas on Oct. 14, 1948.

She lived in Belle Fourche in her early years, close to the Thomas and Berglund families. Especially her uncles, Leonard and Clarence, and a couple dozen other aunts and uncles.

After the passing of her dad and the marriage of her mother to Carson Rose, when Barb was 10 years old, the family moved to Upton. She and her sister Martha were blessed with two new sisters, Paulette and Jeannie. To complete their family, brother Paul and sister Velma were welcomed new additions. Barb graduated in 1967 from Upton and attended Greens Beauty School in Rapid City, S.D.

She started her life at a beauty shop by becoming a licensed beautician. The chemicals were too harsh for her, so she changed professions to bookkeeper for Uncle Elmer at Rose Auto Sales and her dad at Carson Rose Auto Sales.

Barb and David Cooper exchanged wedding vows on May 20, 1972. She started working at the Co-op in Newcastle, Wyo., and Dave worked for his dad at the Upton Grocery. They moved into a small trailer in Fredrick's Trailer Park. They enjoyed life as a couple for two years and decided to start a family. Deirdre was born in June 1974 and two very short years later David Jason was welcomed into the world. Something was still missing though. It took six years to figure that out. Danielle made her way into the fracas and finished the circus.

Jera Monroe made her way back into Barb's life while she was finishing her schooling at Black Hills and completed

Barb as a mother. Barb's dreams of becoming a school teacher were realized when she completed her two-year course in community education through Eastern Wyoming Community College. At her graduation ceremony in Torrington, Wyo., they said she was the first to graduate from there in that two-year time frame. Then she attended Black Hills Teaching College for two more years, graduating with a double major and a double minor. Barbara's two years at Black Hills State University was spent with Deirdre taking some of the same classes.

After three years of trying to get hired in Wyoming and South Dakota but being told she was too old, Dave and Barb packed up their circus and headed off to Arizona in 1999. She started work at a special education private school in Tempe, Ariz., with her old schoolmate, Bobbi Peahu. After three years there, Barb went to public school as a special education teacher in grade school. After bouncing around several schools, Barb retired after just shy of 20 years of teaching. Barb and Dave have been traveling by motor coach for the last four years.

Barb is preceded in death by paternal and maternal grandparents; her father, Lester Thomas; mother, Eleanor Rose; uncles, Leonard and Clarence Berglund; brother, Paul Rose; and her sister, Martha Rose.

Barb is survived by husband, David; daughters, Deirdre (Frank) Vella, Jera (Pat) Monroe, Danielle (Nick) Johnston; son, David (Carrie) Cooper; seven grandchildren, Christian (Amber), Bethany (Aiden), Cydney (Henry), Joseph, Arianna, Kaelynn and Jason; and four great-grandchildren, Atticus, Arya, Allison and Cora.

Funeral service for Barbara Cooper was held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 14, at Upton Community Center in Upton, with Pastor Randy Fowler officiating. Interment followed at Greenwood Cemetery in Upton. Visitation was held two hours prior to services starting at noon, also at the community center.

Barb will always be remembered for her love of Mickey Mouse, always having

Mickey in her outfit choice and in her home decorations.

Memorials and condolences may be sent in care of Meridian Mortuary, 111 S. Railroad Ave., Newcastle, WY 82701. Memorials may also be expressed at meridianmortuary.com.

HELEN K. MACKEY
Jan. 14, 1928–Sept. 4, 2020

Helen K. Mackey, age 92, passed away peacefully at the Weston County Manor in Newcastle, Wyo., with her daughter and son-in-law by her side on Sept. 4, 2020. Helen, previously a resident of Cobleskill, N.Y., moved to the Manor in 2015 where she would be closer to family.

Helen was born to Otto and Wilhelmine Kopf on Jan. 14, 1928, in Brooklyn, N.Y. Helen married LeRoy Mackey on June 10, 1950, in Carlisle, N.Y.

Upon arriving in Cobleskill, Helen first worked at Harder Refrigeration as a secretary, the American Finance as an administrative assistant, and was the school tax collector for the former Cobleskill Central School and the merged Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School. She was a lifetime member of the Zion Evangelical Church and the Red Hat Society.

She will always be remembered in the hearts of her loving family consisting of her daughters, Barbara (Tim) Almy of Custer, S.D., and Linda Haverly of Hill City, S.D., sister, Matilda Stokes of Ft. Pierce, Fla.; grandchildren, Jeff (Rebecca) Almy, Ian Haverly, and Kyle Haverly; great-grandchildren, Piper and Axl Almy, Brody, Karter, and Alayna Haverly; and many nieces and nephews.

Helen was predeceased by her parents and her husband.

Due to the COVID pandemic, a memorial service will be held at a later date in Cobleskill. Those wishing to make a memorial donation in Helen's name may do so at a charity of your choice.



Barbara Cooper



Helen Mackey

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 Sept. 20 **Matthew 25:31-46** Sept. 24 **Proverbs 8:1-36**
 Sept. 21 **Proverbs 1:1-33** *Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society*

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25 Years Ago
September 21, 1995
Jo Fulton was invited to be a part of the Cowboy Poetry Program in Miles City, Mont., at the conclusion of the Great American Cattle Drive '95 from Texas to Montana.

The Newcastle Dogies were unable to overcome four turnovers, losing to the Douglas Bearcats 14-7 last Friday. However, the Dogies played an outstanding defensive game.

Newcastle's Brian Oliver was ahead of the pack again this year at the Custer Invitational last week. L.J. Brown was Newcastle's second runner, followed by Chris Reimer, Danny Harder, Craig Dutcher, and Eric Dowdy.

The Newcastle Dogies girls swimming team hosted two

meets last weekend. Friday the swimmers hosted Casper Natrona in a dual and Saturday the second annual Pete Kozisek Invitational was held.

Twelve high school rodeo contestants competed in rodeos in Lander and Pavillion recently and two came home with buckles. Jeremia Reynolds won the bareback buckle in both Pavillion and Lander with consistent scores of 72 and 73. Goat tier Kendra Bau won the buckle in Pavillion with a fast time of 8.36. She went on to Lander to place second with a 9.0.

For the last three years, loggers and other associated with the timber industry have organized an annual "Sawdust Day Truck Convoy." This year, they've decided to not go out of

town with the truck convoy and instead, plan to hold a logger's reunion here.

50 Years Ago
September 17, 1970
Blake Williams is the 1970 men's golf champion of the Newcastle Country Club. Williams, who is also president of the club, defeated Bill Townsend Jr. for the club championship last week.

U.S. Plywood is continuing to add to their work force at their new saw mill in Newcastle and production continues to rise with the adjustments of the new equipment. Planing operations are expected to start Monday. Some 35 men are currently working in the saw mill operations.

The Newcastle Junior High

School team played at Gillette Saturday. In spite of the bad weather, John Daum, Junior High School football coach says that the boys looked good on defense and at times on offense. It was the boys' first game of the year and defeated the Gillette team 14-6.

One of Wyoming's Republican campaign teams headed by Gov. Stanley K. Hathaway and congressional candidate Harry Roberts will be in Newcastle on Monday, Sept. 21.

Mrs. Frank Pedulla and Mrs. Clarence Stith were hostesses at a birthday party last Thursday for Carmello Pedulla who celebrated his 87th birthday, and also for Greg Stith. The party was at the Carmello Pedulla home and the cakes were baked by Joni Morse.

Mrs. Marcus McIntosh and Mrs. John Tunison and Jeff toured the Black Hills on Sept. 3. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Cowger and Mr. and Mrs. David Holwell enjoyed supper at the Western Café in Upton Saturday night, Sept. 12 in celebration of their anniversaries.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Slagle, Donna and Gail were Sunday dinner guests at the Cowger ranch.

Enjoying fishing on Labor Day at Keyhole were Ed Dillin and Tom and Dick Eutsler and Joe. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mirich and sons from Goshen Hole spent the holiday week-end visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Mirich Jr.

100 Years Ago
September 16, 1920

Breaking from the county jail Saturday night, Charles Morgan, confessed postoffice robber, has admitted entering and robbing the Newcastle Drug company's store, doubling back from Edgemont and robbing the postoffice at Gillette Sunday. More than \$9 was stolen from the Newcastle Drug while \$34 and stamps were taken from the Gillette postoffice.

There will be another one of those up-to-date dances Saturday night, September 18th in the City Hall. Good music and lots of pep, so let's all be there.

Mr. and Mrs. F.J. Long were visitors to Newcastle a few days this week from Osage. Arthur Jayne, well-known Crook county rancher, was killed by lightning last week near the A.K. ranch, near Moorcroft.

More goats were unloaded at this point last week and turned into the city park to graze. These animals however, are of the milk variety.

Mrs. G.H. Barker of Greybull, Wyo., is in Newcastle for a few days seeking medical attention. Miss Margaret Bingham is at her post at the First National bank after a short vacation.

George Stoeker, cashier at the Weston County bank, will leave this week for Casper to attend the state convention of bankers. He will be gone several days.

Miss Margaret Cornell, Red Cross field representative, will be a visitor in Newcastle sometime late in September or early in October, according to information recently received by the Weston County chapter of the American Red Cross.

August Nelson of the Prairie is in town today. Mrs. John Adams came up from Alliance last Friday evening and joined Mrs. Adams at Osage for an over-Sunday visit.

"Doc" Godfrey has purchased a Studebaker Eight and is planning on a trip to Milwaukee via the Studebaker route.

George Beasley, editor and publisher of the Osage Reporter, was knocking around Newcastle the first of the week, shaking hands with his many friends.

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Sept 2020

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

DAY/DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Fri Sept. 18	5:30PM	BINGO	VFW Hall
Sat Sept. 19		FOF Garage Sale	WC Fairgrounds
	9-3PM	Newcastle Fall Festival/Shine & Show	Dow Park
Mon Sept. 21	6PM	WC Children's Center Directors Mtg	WCCC
	7PM	Newcastle City Council	City Council Chambers
Tues Sept. 22	3:30PM	Alzheimers/Dementia Support	WCHS
	7-8PM	Alanon Meeting	Senior Center Family Room
	7:30PM	Eastern Star #30	Masonic Hall
Wed Sept. 23	6:30-8:30AM	Wellness Wednesday	WCHS
Th Sept. 24	11:45AM	WCHS Foundation Meeting	
	5-7PM	Newcastle Farmer's Market	Pinnacle Bank/4-Way

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sept. 18 Seth & Kristine Rhoades 🎂	Don Howell Arlene McCollom Mr & Mrs Barney Ottema 🎂	Lyle Sylte Ray Templeman
Sept. 19 Jerry & Linda Phillips Josh Merdink	Sept. 21 Austin & Jennifer Dixon 🎂 Kevin Gochanour Italee Miller Virginia Pillen	Sept. 23 Tonu Kiesel
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For the Ages

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Thieves break into A.M. Nichols Supply Co.



Hannah Gross
NLJ Correspondent
With Leonard Cash

In this week's installment of "History on Main," historian Leonard Cash picks up where he left off last week in newspaper records from 1916 on the A.M. Nichols Supply Co., located on lots 4 through 6 on Block 10 (the current Perkins' Tavern building).

An article from the Nov. 30, 1916, *News Journal* reports that the supply company was busy "unloading a car of canned goods and a carload of sugar."

"Owing to the advance in food prices, this shipment amounts to over \$2,000 more than it would have cost thirty (years) ago," the article says.

According to Cash, these carloads were only about half the size of the carloads today.

A carload of apples from Yakima, Washington, arrived at the store, around Dec. 15, 1916, and on Jan. 4, 1917, the paper reported that the store received a shipment of seven carloads of building material and one car of building paper.

"This goes to show that Weston County is fast becoming populated and that times are prosperous here," the article says.

Because of a 640-acre homestead law, the Feb. 8, 1917, issue reported that Nichols' store was busy supplying the orders and demands of building material for the new homesteaders coming in.

A few months later, the company rearranged its window display to a spring theme, according to the Feb. 22, 1917, edition of the paper.

"The A.M. Nichols Supply Co. have their windows artistically arranged with a display of garden and flower seeds. It won't be long now before everybody will commence to make gardens," the article says.

Later, the paper reported on March 15, 1917, that the company had the spring garden and field seeds on display, so the farmers were instructed to come when they could to buy while supplies lasted.

The following issue of March 22, 1917, announced



Photos courtesy of NLJ file photos

The Nichols Block is still an impressive structure on Newcastle's Main Street. The view from inside Perkin's Tavern shows the original tin tiles on the ceiling, above. Below, the current owner of the building, Bruce Perkins, shows the counterweights in the antique freight elevator in 2012.

that one car each of wire, lumber and sugar, as well as two carloads of implements, were delivered to the store.

During this time, Nichols was excavating his house on Wentworth Street, and according to the March 29, 1917, paper, he bought the former Presbyterian church "more recently occupied by J.F. Hart as a garage." Cash said Nichols used the building to store his hearse for some time. Later, Cash said, a man by the name of Dixon bought it and remodeled it into an apartment until it burned down in 1945.

The April 26, 1917, issue reported that the supply company was under construction because an addition on the shedding in the lumber yard was built due to the increase in stock supplies.

"It will be several thousand feet of lumber and some of the new farming machinery that company is receiving daily," the article says.

According to records from June 28, 1917, and July 19, 1917, the Newcastle Commercial Club rented a suite of rooms on the Nichols block to create a clubroom.

"Several hundred dollars' worth of new furniture have been purchased, and the rooms when entirely decorated will be a very nice place for the members to hold their meeting or to entertain out of town visitors," the article says.

On Aug. 2, 1917, the paper reported that thieves had broken into the store.

"Monday night while town folks and visitors were enjoying the revels of the evening thieves cut both screens of the

business office of the A.M. Nichols Supply Co. stores," the article says.

They ransacked everything they could, taking all the loose change in the drawer (including pennies), as well as knives, watches and hardware. The amount of property and money stolen totaled \$200.

"That it was not the game of boys, who had been reading wild novels, but the deliberate work of one or more men, was made manifest by the fact that one of the party had changed his socks in the official precincts. It is thought the burglars were tramps passing through Newcastle and who would sell their loot in distant towns," the article says.

Fortunately, the thieves were caught in Sheridan, and J.B. Hoss Smith, who plead guilty, was sentenced by Judge Raymond to 13-14 years in the Rawlins penitentiary, according to a news report from Aug. 9, 1917.

Nichols, who had been building a home on Wentworth Street, had finally moved in by Aug. 30, 1917 (for more information on this house, check out Cash's previous "History on Main" series on lots 1 through 3 of block 10). The article added that Nichols was serving as the town's mayor at this time.

In the December 1917 issues of the paper, it was announced that Roy Means was to become the new meat cutter, effective in January, at the meat department of the supply company because John Walter had vacated the position.

The Nichols building was home to several business offices, and according to an

article from Jan. 10, 1918, Wykota Oil and Refining Co. and Union Oil Co. established offices at the Nichols building.

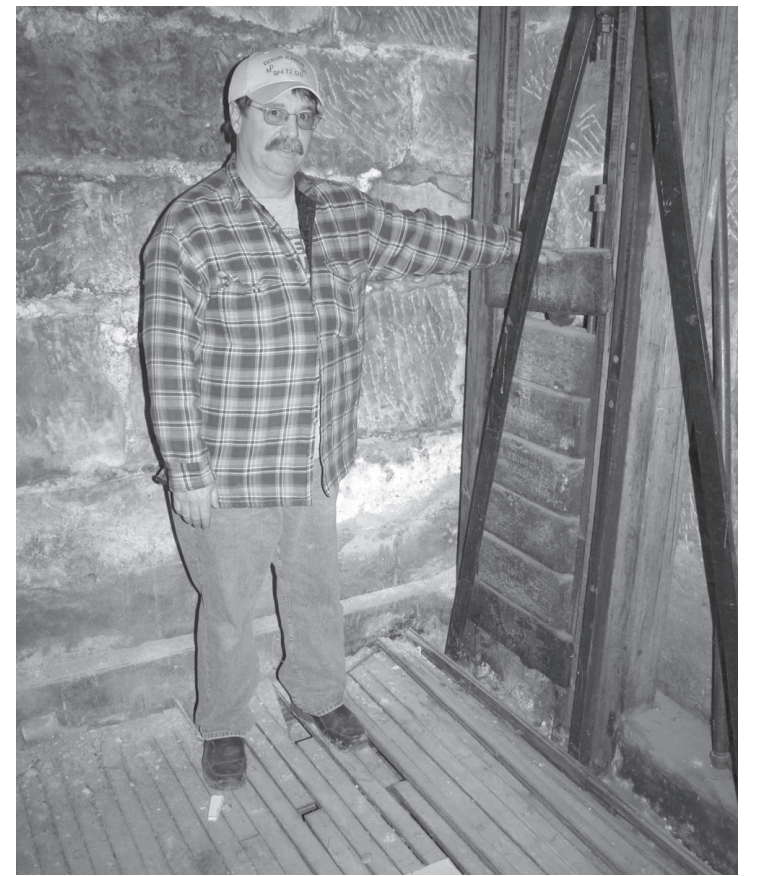
Nichols, who was a businessman, contractor, rancher, mayor and state legislator, was also a real estate agent. The Feb. 18, 1918, paper reported that Nichols was informed by his Casper agent that one of his city lots had sold for \$300. Cash said Nichols had several properties for sale in Casper. The lot cost him only \$20, the article said, so "it is easy to see what will be worth in Newcastle when oil is found."

An article from Feb. 28, 1918, announced that B.D. Emily, who was representing the Beatrice Creamery Co. out of Upton, made arrangements to set up a cream station at Nichols Supply Co.

"Farmers can now send their cream to Newcastle and receive the highest cash price for the same," the article says.

Another article from the same issue reported on a carload each of roofing paper, coal and a variety of feed. But the workers were busy unloading because the store could only keep the cars for a limited time.

According to the March 21, 1918, paper, Harold Schauer arrived from Denver to accept a position in the butcher shop. Ray Means, who used to work at the meat market, said he would remain in Newcastle and might decide to start his own business. The article added that the supply company was starting "something new in our city and will be of interest to all." The company was displaying a chart each week in the window with "full and com-



plete details of the latest event of the week."

On July 4, 1918, in an article titled "Big Crash in Crockery," the paper announced that \$300 worth of fine German crockery (imported before the start of World War I), which sat on the shelves for a couple of years in Nichols' store, was donated to the Red Cross picnic at Boyd, where shooters could purchase shots. All the money was to be given to Red Cross.

"The only stipulation Mr. Nichols makes is that every piece must be broken, and none can be taken away from the grounds in condition for use. This will be a lesson to all who are at the picnic in what treatment should be accorded German made goods now and hereafter," the article says.

Additionally, Cash said that the German books at the school were burned.

Over a month later, the paper reported on Aug. 29, 1918, that L.W. Parker and his wife were moving into Nichols' building.

An article from Oct. 10, 1918, said that due to the scarcity of help during the war, Nichols' wife accepted a position in the China department as all-around clerk, so the men could "assist in licking the Kaiser." Lloyd Nichols, her son, was transferred from Utah to Prescott, Arizona, where he worked at the hospital in the Whipple Barracks.

Next week, Cash will continue going through his records on the life of Nichols.

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Chief

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receive about the position.

"I believe Mr. Owens did an announcement via the web over a police site," James said in an email answering questions drafted by the *News Letter Journal*. "Other than that, there were no advertisements of any type placed anywhere."

James also reported that there are no "stated or written" perceived qualifications or requirements for the police chief and that the people chosen to fill the position will be done so based on their resume, application and interview.

James told the *News Letter Journal* that eight applications were received by the city and that the council, in executive session, interviewed four of those applicants on Sept. 10.

He said that the personnel committee, consisting of Hesper, Councilwoman Pam Gualtieri and Councilman Tom Voss, made the advertisement decisions. James then said that the council as a whole determines the hiring process, depending on the circumstances surrounding each position.

"The entire council was involved in the interviews. This has been the practice when interviewing department heads," James said, noting that the rest of the process was handled by the personnel committee.

As of Sept. 14, James said, the council appears ready to appoint a new chief at its next regular meeting, which is Monday, Sept. 21.

Artist shares his love of art

Walter Sprague
NLJ Arts & Culture Correspondent

89-year-old artist Dave Paulley started painting in 1968. His attention to detail goes beyond his ability to paint photo-realistic renderings of aircraft, scenery, or western art. He studies his subjects in many ways. A series of paintings based on the Lewis and Clark expedition of the 19th century allows him to find locations and individuals where events happened, then incorporate them into those paintings. He could tell you about the history of different fighters or bombers, and builds scale models of those planes or jets, then uses them as models for his realistic, almost 3D-rendered paintings.

Paulley began his studies with the Famous Artist Course that a person could take by mail, and has had private study from other artists from places like Cheyenne, where he learned how to paint realistic clouds and the effect of sun or rain on them. He has also used his wife's granddaughter, Elizabeth, as a model for the pin-up images that adorn some of his bombers. He still lives in the house he grew up in, in Osage, and has his studio and model shop at his home.



Artist Dave Paulley, above, tells stories about serving in World War II and some of the travels he and Don Thorson made to the Pacific islands, where much of the Pacific Theater took place. Above right, the chair Paulley sits in while he paints came out of an old B24 Bomber, fitting in with the theme of aviation, and especially WWII aircraft that he has painted so much. At right, a corner of Paulley's studio where some of his realistic aircraft paintings are on display. Each frame is specifically chosen for the individual paintings, adding to the overall look of the piece of art.

Photos by Walter Sprague/NLJ

Dinner

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scopes, donated by Wyoming House District No. 1 Rep.-elect, Chip Neiman. The 10 tickets available for the rifle drawing were \$100 apiece; the winner of the drawing donated the gun back to the live auction. The rifle, estimated value of \$7,000, and equipment sold at the auction for \$3,000. All proceeds went to the Crook County Republican Party. The auction raised \$12,100 for the party, according to Roger Connett, party chairman.

Prior to McEwen's speech, Neiman, who introduced him, thanked the participants for voting him in as the next representative.

"It's just humbling, at the very least," Neiman said. "I will work diligently and conservatively."

Neiman met McEwen at a "Fathers in the Field" event in Colorado, which is a faith-based organization that helps single moms and fatherless boys by pairing them up with father figures, who mentor them through outdoor activities and in the love of Christ. Neiman said McEwen is a great speaker and presents the founda-

tions of the United States in a clear, impactful manner that makes a person want to hear more.

"He will make you thankful that you live in this country and proud that you live in America," Neiman said.

McEwen opened his speech by discussing the prosperity and uniqueness of the United States. He said America has done something that no one else in history has done: shed blood for the freedom of another country and asked for nothing in return, referring to the Cold War.

"The purpose of the United States government is to preserve life," McEwen said. This led him into his next point that slavery was not invented in America, as some have claimed.

McEwen quoted the preamble of the Declaration of Independence and said that all men have God-given rights.

"Because God made you, you have rights," McEwen said.

He went on to say that on Jan. 1, 1808, Congress outlawed the importation of slaves and began to "proceed

and prosper." However, when Andrew Jackson was elected president, the fight against slavery lost ground. Jackson appointed Roger Taney as chief justice of the Supreme Court, who resided during the Dred Scott v. Sanford case, which denied citizenship to African Americans. Later in his speech, McEwen said, he believes court decisions across history are what almost ruined the United States.

During that pre-Civil War era, the two main political parties were the Democrats and the Whigs, according to McEwen, but the Whig Party, which fought against slavery, collapsed before the Civil War. That's when the Republican Party was born and nominated Abraham Lincoln as its presidential candidate.

"The purpose of the Republican Party was to end slavery," McEwen said.

The passage of the 13th through 15th amendments to the U.S. Constitution granted African Americans citizenship and the right to vote. McEwen said that the Republican Party and America stand for equality, and he's tired of

"Democrats taking their laundry and blaming it on America."

In his third point of the speech, McEwen discussed the economy of America. He claimed that under President Donald Trump, the economy was thriving after a time of stunted growth. Simultaneously, he said, China's economy and stock market were going downhill. According to McEwen, the United States is the leading country in oil and natural gas and second in the coal industry.

"That's what this election is all about," McEwen said. "America could be energy independent if we had a president who wanted it."

McEwen said he believes Trump saved the nation right before "it went into the abyss" and believes that "we are on the cusp" of the greatest time of history in America.

"Those who hate America hate Trump," McEwen said. "This man is changing America for good."

He concluded his speech with a discussion of fear. McEwen claimed that fear is how the German government controlled the Jews during

World War II and that it led to their deaths. He quoted Thomas Paine, who said, "It's surprising to see how rapid a panic can rise in a country." McEwen then recited 2 Timothy 1:7, which says, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love and of a sound mind."

However, panics can "produce as much good as harm," McEwen said, by bringing "things and people into light." He said that if you would have told him six months ago that churches across the nation would shut down and remain empty for as long as they did, he never would have believed you. Then COVID-19 happened. He said that many Christians are quick to point out that Romans 13 requires submission to the governing authorities, but in America "the people are the authority," he said, and the First Amendment guarantees the freedom of assembly and the right to worship.

His speech brought a standing ovation from the audience, which rolled right into the live auction and then the conclusion of the 2020 Lincoln Day Dinner.

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SCHEDULE

NEWCASTLE:

NMS/NHS Cross Country

9/18	VJ	Wheatland	A	TBA
9/19	VJ	Wright	A	TBA
9/25	VJ	Sundance	A	TBA
10/01	VJ	Wheatland	A	TBA

NHS Football

9/18	V	Big Horn High	H	6PM
9/21	JV	Belle Fourche Broncos	H	4:30PM

NHS Girls Swimming

9/18		Newcastle HS		2PM
9/19		Newcastle HS (Sr. Night)		NOON
9/25		Sheridan AC		4pm

NHS Volleyball

9/17	V9	Thermopolis Bobcats	A	4PM
9/19	V9	Buffalo Bison	H	2PM
9/25	V9	Torrington Trailblazers	A	2PM

NMS Football

9/22		Sundance Bulldogs	A	4:30PM
9/24		Custer Wildcats	A	4:30PM

NMS Volleyball

9/17		Moorcroft Wolves	H	4:30PM
9/19		8th Gr Quad @Douglas	A	9AM
9/19		7th Gr Quad @Wheatland (B team)	A	9AM

NMS Cross Country

9/19		Wright MS XC Invite	A	9:30AM
9/25		Sundance MS XC Invite	A	TBA

UPTON:

Upton High School Football

9/18	V	Wheatland	Upton	6PM
9/21	JV	Wright	Upton	6PM
9/25	V	Torrington	Torrington	7PM

Upton High School Volleyball

9/18	JV-V	Midwest	Midwest	1PM
9/19	JV-V	Kaycee	Kaycee	1PM

Upton Middle School Football

9/17		Sage Valley	Gillette	4PM
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Upton Middle School Volleyball

9/22		Hulett	Hulett	4:30PM
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Dogies run a perfect race

Sonja Karp
 NLJ Sports Reporter

Though 2020 has been a far from perfect year, the Dogies dug down deep to achieve perfection in their race at Wheatland last Friday. As they matched up against Burns/Pine Bluffs, Torrington and Wheatland, the men were on a mission to make a statement to their conference competition, and that they did.

"The boys raced hard, and they pushed themselves to do more than they thought they could," head coach Kathy Beehler smiled. "A few of them were surprised that they were able to keep going when they didn't think they had anything left."

A perfect race is when one team finishes in the first five places achieving the best score possible in the race, and as such is an impressive accomplishment. The last time Newcastle did this was two years ago in Hot Springs, S.D.



Photo courtesy of Kathy Beehler

The Newcastle Dogies ran a perfect race Friday in Wheatland, finishing in the first five spots. Carson Bock, Tristan Troftgruben, Zach Purviance, Bridger Alishouse and Avery Chick crossed the finish line in 1st through 5th respectively. Pictured left to right: Mathew Drake, Tristan Troftgruben, Bridger Alishouse, Avery Chick, Teegan Hatheway, Carson Bock, Zach Purviance and Wyatt Cole.

This time it was against 3A Wyoming teams.

A Pine Bluff's runner started out the race in the lead, but the Dogies jockeyed with each

other and kept him in their sights throughout the first two-thirds of the race.

"He was about 30 meters in front, but our guys were

patient and bided their time to make their move," Beehler explained. "It was a three-loop race and when they got to the third and final loop, they all

just took off."

Carson Bock broke the tape at the finish line while Tristan

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Switching it up

Sonja Karp
 NLJ Sports Reporter

The Lady Dogies headed to Worland for a quick quadrangular last Friday, and at this point in the season head coach Doug Scribner is still in the process of entering his swimmers in new events to get a handle on where they are at in each.

"The freshmen need to get experience in the different races, and really that goes for everyone," he explained. "We are also putting them into events

Photo courtesy of Alex Kuhn/Northern Wyoming News

Becca Henkle has started off her senior year on the board strong, qualifying in the first week of action. Since then, she has placed first and most recently, put up yet another 3A State Qualifying score.

to try to improve upon what they've done so far this season and we are mixing things around in the relays to also see where everyone will fit the best."

Becca Henkle has competed well on the board so far this season, and last weekend was no exception. While she didn't score her season best on Friday, the senior put up yet another 3A State qualifying score of 145.95, and did so performing more difficult dives than her first weekend out.

"Becca is still working on putting in new elements into her repertoire, and becoming more consistent on some of her other dives," Scribner nodded. "She had a tougher week in practice last week, but despite that she dove pretty solid."

Hannah Gross filled up one more slot on her state slate as she qualified

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Claire Beastrom had a big challenge facing off against 6-foot, 4-inch Alyson Fertig last Saturday in the Douglas quad. Every once in a while, however, she got a little easier assignment with a set at the middle of the net.

Lady Dogies having growing pains

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

It's been a bit of a rough start for the Lady Dogies as the squad is adjusting to new players and positions, and last week, hitting and serving errors plagued the team as they went up against the Sundance Lady Bulldogs at their house on Thursday and traveled to Douglas for a quad against Burns, Douglas and Wheatland on Saturday.

"In general, we had a lot of hitting errors last week," sighed head coach Keeley Anderson. "Serving was better, but it's still tough to win when you're giving away points with hitting errors."

In Sundance, the squad really struggled to get into a groove as a team, dropping the match in three straight sets 12-25, 14-25, and 10-25.

"It was a rough match, and a total team loss, because we just didn't come together," Anderson began. "We had a little meeting the next day that went pretty good. We were all on the same page that we were

pretty frustrated that we played like last year when we were a lot less experienced. We're not that team anymore."

Anderson gave credit to the Lady Bulldogs team as well.

"Sundance won [the state tournament] last year and they didn't have a lot of holes," she admitted. "If they did they were quick to get there to cover them up."

Coming off the loss, Newcastle faced the Big Horn Lady Rams first on Saturday in Douglas. Unfortunately, they picked up where they left off on Thursday with a pretty slow start. On a brighter note, however, as the match went on, the squad began to pull things together as evidenced by the score of the sets in the match. Big Horn did take the win, sweeping Newcastle in three straight sets, however the Lady Dogies played progressively better in each, losing 14-25, 21-25 and 22-25.

"Our serving hurt us in that match, but other than that we looked pretty good," Anderson declared. "I don't feel like our record for the day showed the

level of the game that we actually played overall."

The fifth-ranked Douglas Lady Bearcats were second on the docket for Newcastle and the ladies stepped up to face the challenge.

"It was actually pretty fun to watch, and we were able to beat them in one set, so that was great," Anderson exclaimed. "It went by in a hurry and we really dominated throughout it. I didn't use any timeouts, which hasn't happened so far."

Getting to that dominating set took a little time, however. In the first set, Newcastle gave away 20 points in missed serves, missed hits and net violations and giving away that many points in unforced errors makes it impossible to win.

The third set was when the Lady Dogies were able to put together a solid effort picking up the 25-20 win. Douglas rallied to take the win in the fourth set of the match.

The Bearcats' big 6-foot, 4-inch hitter was moved from the middle to the outside on Saturday, so that gave the Lady Dogies the opportunity to get

Tiernan Stanton and Jaylen Ostenson opened up in the middle. The outside hitters also had more opportunities at the net without her there for the double block.

"Our right side adjusted well, but they were pretty intimidated to have her there blocking them," Anderson chuckled. "I kept asking Claire [Beastrom] to hit line and she was pretty intimidated, but she did try and that's all I can ask."

"The girls also did pretty well blocking her on the outside and Tiernan did a good job of shutting down her opportunities," Anderson continued. "We had a joke that there is now another Big Red in town."

Finally, the team went up against the Wheatland Lady Bulldogs. As the third match of the day, both squads were pretty worn out, but Anderson thought her girls hung in the game pretty well.

"Our setters had run around all day, so they were pretty tired, so it was a little more of a struggle," she admitted. "Our passers were doing a pretty good job, but the setters had kind of lost their legs by then so it was a little tougher for our hitters then as well."

Though Wheatland was also a loss for Newcastle, those sets were close — 19-25, 20-25, 19-25 — and Anderson believes that they are definitely a beatable team.

"It was great for the girls to see that they could contend with those guys and it gave us some things to work on this week," she nodded. "Our main focus will be serving

and hitting as that is something we have been struggling with so far this season. We know we have to cut down on our unforced errors and make teams work for their points instead of giving it to them."

This week, things start to ramp up for the squad as they head into their first quadrant/conference matches of the year. The Lady Dogies will head to Thermopolis on Thursday and then host Buffalo beginning at 2 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, which will also be the team's senior recognition for the year.

NHS Volleyball

Newcastle @ Sundance 9/10/20: 12-25, 14-25, 10-25
Jaylen Ostenson: 6-6 serves, 2 kills, 1 stuff block, 2 block assists, 7 digs
Tiernan Stanton: 3 kills, 2 stuff blocks, 3 digs
Caitlyn Pehringer: 1-2 serves, 1 kill, 2 stuff blocks, 5 digs
Claire Beastrom: 1 kill, 1 dig
Honesty Olson: 2-3 serves, 2 set assists
Hunter McFarland: 10-12 serves, 5 set assists, 1 dig
Shawnee Miles: 2-3 serves, 2 kills, 1 set assist, 3 digs
Alaina Steveson: 4-5 serves, 2 digs
Shelby Tidyman: 0-2 serves, 2 digs
LaKacee Lipp: 4-6 serves, 2 digs

Newcastle v. Big Horn 9/12/20: 14-25, 21-25, 22-25
Jaylen Ostenson: 9-9 serves, 6 kills, 1 stuff block, 1 block assist, 9 digs
Tiernan Stanton: 3 kills, 4 stuff blocks, 1 dig
Caitlyn Pehringer: 1-1 serve, 1 kill, 1 set assist, 1 dig
Claire Beastrom: 4 kills
Honesty Olson: 6-7 serves, 1 ace, 2 kills, 4 set assists
Hunter McFarland: 6-9 serves, 2 kills, 11 set assists, 8 digs
Shawnee Miles: 5-7 serves, 1 ace, 2 kills, 1 set assist, 4 digs
Alaina Steveson: 10-12 serves, 1 ace, 8 digs
Shelby Tidyman: 6-6 serves, 1 ace, 1 set assist, 5 digs
LaKacee Lipp: 8-9 serves, 2 aces, 5 digs

Newcastle v. Douglas 9/12/20: 14-25, 14-25, 20-25, 8-25
Jaylen Ostenson: 9-9 serves, 1 ace, 4 kills, 3 stuff blocks, 5 block assists, 3 set assists, 7 digs
Tiernan Stanton: 5 kills, 6 stuff blocks, 2 block assists
Caitlyn Pehringer: 1 kill, 2 block assists, 2 set assists
Claire Beastrom: 2 kills, 3 block assists, 1 dig
Honesty Olson: 9-9 serves, 3 aces, 4 set assists, 2 digs
Hunter McFarland: 6-8 serves, 2 kills, 3 set assists, 3 digs
Shawnee Miles: 2-2 serves, 3 kills, 4 block assists, 1 dig
Alaina Steveson: 8-9 serves, 4 set assists, 4 digs
Shelby Tidyman: 14-16 serves, 1 set assist, 6 digs
LaKacee Lipp: 8-8 serves, 3 digs
Gabby McVay: 1 set assist

Newcastle v. Wheatland 9/12/20: 19-25, 20-25, 19-25
Jaylen Ostenson: 7-8 serves, 8 kills, 3 stuff blocks, 3 block assists, 2 set assists, 11 digs
Tiernan Stanton: 4 kills, 4 stuff blocks, 3 block assists, 1 dig
Caitlyn Pehringer: 1 stuff block, 5 block assists, 4 digs
Claire Beastrom: 1-1 serve, 2 kills, 4 block assists, 2 set assists, 1 dig
Honesty Olson: 8-8 serves, 3 kills, 3 set assists, 1 dig
Hunter McFarland: 14-16 serves, 6 aces, 2 kills, 10 set assists, 5 digs
Shawnee Miles: 3-4 serves, 2 kills, 2 block assists, 1 dig
Alaina Steveson: 4-5 serves, 1 set assist, 8 digs
Shelby Tidyman: 7-8 serves, 4 set assists, 2 digs
LaKacee Lipp: 9-9 serves, 1 ace, 7 digs

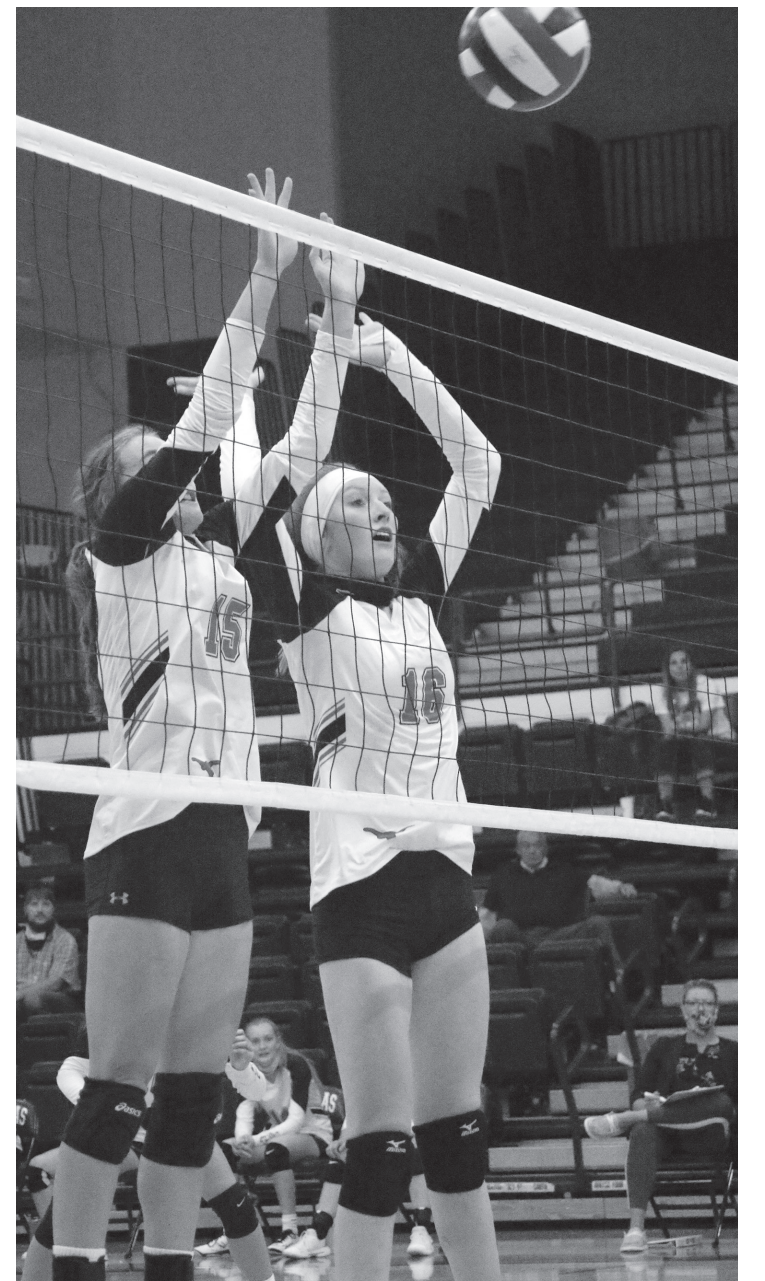


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Caitlyn Pehringer (15) and Tiernan Stanton (16) worked the net blocking strong outside hitters in Douglas on Saturday.


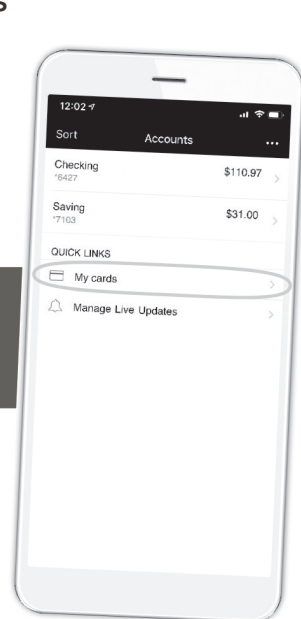
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Dogie men fall to the Patriots

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

“Offensively, it was like trying to strike a match. It would spark but it would just never light.”

Dogie head football coach Matt Conzelman described last Friday night’s contest against the fifth-ranked Upton/Sundance Patriots in the best way he could. Throughout the contest, his team would get some good things going, have big plays that would seem to swing the momentum their way, and then it was like letting go of a balloon before tying it off.

“It would just be right there and then we just couldn’t do it,” he sighed. “We didn’t have any offensive rhythm, we had missed assignments, and it was just a lot of stuff that made the night pretty difficult.”

The Patriots moved up to 2A this year, and into the Dogies’ conference so Friday’s matchup kicked off what Conzelman refers to as the Weston County Civil War. In this first battle, the Patriots handed Newcastle a 41-0 defeat.

“Obviously, the only way to go is up,” Conzelman determined. “I told the kids that I put this on us because we as coaches just didn’t have them prepared like they should have been.”

Newcastle had the ball to start the contest and were able to pick up a couple of first downs in the opening drive. The two teams battled back and forth, exchanging blows for much of the first quarter until a well placed punt by the Patriots had the Dogies taking possession on their own one yard line.

On second down, Taten Engle, in his debut appearance as starting quarterback, was taken down by the Patriot defense inside the Dogies’ endzone giving Upton/Sundance a safety and a two-point lead on the scoreboard.

“After that, you could feel it tipping a little bit,” Conzelman admitted. “I thought defense played well all game, but we just got into some bad situations with short field situations which makes it hard.”

After the Patriots broke the seal, they pushed their advantage going into the half with a 29-0 lead over the Dogies.

In the second half of play, the Dogies were able to slow the bleeding, holding the Patriots to only two more

NHS Football

Newcastle v. Upton/Sundance
9/11/20: 0-41

2 yards rushing, 33 yards passing
Chauncey Jenerou: 4 tackles
Aidan Chick: 1 reception for 10 yards, 2 kickoff returns for 38 yards, 4 tackles
Holden McConkey: 9 carries for 16 yards, 1 reception for 8 yards, 1 punt return for 26 yards, 14 tackles
Kale Corley: 18 tackles
Quint Perino: 5 carries for -11 yards, 2-8 pass completions for 23 yards, 1 kickoff return for 17 yards, 1 punt return for 7 yards, 7 tackles
Tate Engle: 10 carries for -17 yards, 1-8 pass completion for 10 yards, 11 tackles
Christian Santos: 9 carries for 8 yards, 1 reception for 7 yards, 2 kickoff returns for 24 yards, 1 tackle
Emily Beasstrom: 1 kickoff for 40 yards
Ezra Anderson: 1 kickoff for 45 yards
Skylar Jenkins: 17 tackles
Kayne Hinshaw: 2 tackles
Xavin Gallardo: 1 fumble recovery
Dylan Drost: 2 kickoff returns for 17 yards, 1 blocked kick, 1 sack, 2 tackles
Hogan Tystad: 6 punts for 178 yards, 7 tackles
Josh Womack: 8 tackles
Jacob Prell: 3 tackles
Jackson Lamb: 2 tackles

TDs but still couldn’t get any offense going to put any points on the board for themselves.

“If we can get the offense and special teams going a little bit we could be better, and we did have some really good moments,” Conzelman mused. “When you go into that game against one of the top teams in the conference, you want to bang with them a little bit. It really shows us where we are and the things we need to work on going forward which is good for us.”

Conzelman noted that with a full week of practice this week, the squad would be going over assignments to cut down on some of the confusion his players suffered on Friday to prepare for another tough contest this weekend.

The Big Horn Rams are coming in with the same 0-2 record as the Dogies, but their losses were also to some tough teams. They were defeated by the No. 1 ranked Lovell Bulldogs and the No. 4 ranked Wheatland Bulldogs.

“It isn’t like they are playing slack teams, so we will definitely have to be ready to go,” Conzelman acknowledged. “They are fast and have some size up front so when they are running downhill they’re as tough to stop as anybody. We have our work cut out for us because they’re going to be hungry but hopefully we will be hungry too, and we’ll get after them.”

Kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m. this Friday evening at Schoonmaker Field.



Photos by Walter Sprague/NLJ

Above, Taten Engle gets up in the air to haul down a high snap in the Dogies loss to the Upton/Sundance Patriots in the home opener last Friday. Below, a horde of Patriots swarm sophomore QB Taten Engle in the inaugural Weston County Civil War last Friday.



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Troftgruben, in his first race of the season, was hot on his heels. Next across was Zack Purviance in third, Bridger Alishouse finished fourth and Avery Chick clinched the perfect race with his fifth-place finish.

“They all finished within six to 10 feet from each other,” Beehler beamed. “They pack ran so well, and they pushed each other the whole way. Throughout the race, they changed places and that was really fun to watch.”

Chick commented that he felt some pressure near the end of the race, because he could

see that there were four of his teammates closing in on, and passing the Pine Bluffs runner.

“I was tired, but I knew that I had to push myself,” he admitted. “I just couldn’t be the reason we didn’t run a perfect race when we were so close.”

Beehler noted that all of the top five runners had moments during the race when they succumbed a bit to fatigue, but they all found a little more gas in the tank to keep going. There were times when Bock started to falter, so Beehler encouraged him to push on and not look back.

Purviance got a little tight at times, and there were times when Beehler had to encourage Alishouse to close the gap and compete.

“You just have to tell yourself you’re going to stay with the pack until the next point in the course and then tell yourself that again and pretty soon you’re across the finish line,” Beehler began. “I told Avery that he was way too far back and he just had to go. He doubted me, but I told him that I didn’t care if he got to the end and he couldn’t go anymore, but if he held back and got to

the end with more in the tank, he would regret it. He had to make the choice and believe that he could do it.”

Official results for the meet were delayed in posting so places for the remaining Dogie runners was unknown at press time, however the order in which they finished after Chick was Teegan Hatheway, Mathew Drake, Max Makousky, Wyatt Cole, Zander White, Conrad Prell, Nate Strickland, Gunner Ramsey and Travis Scribner.

The Lady Dogies also had a good race, and though their times didn’t reflect it, they once

again ran faster than they did in last week’s event.

The track was a tad bit longer than the usual 5K, or 3.1 miles, as from start to finish it was closer to 3.5 miles. Therefore, though their finish times were slower than last week, they ran the 3.1 miles faster than before.

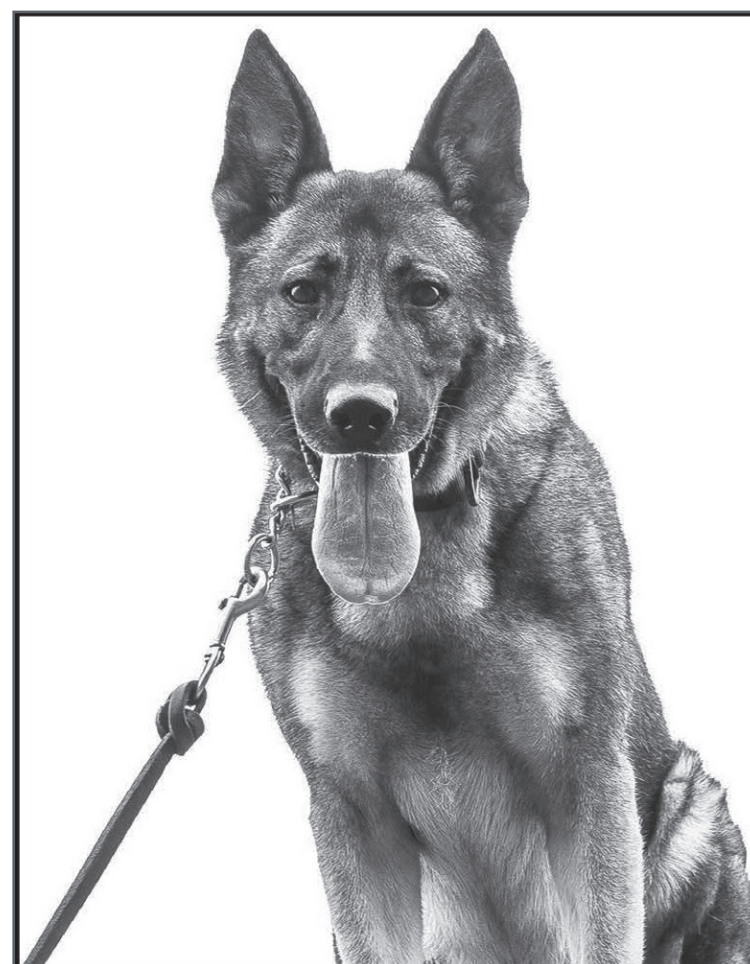
“I was really happy with how the girls ran,” Beehler nodded. “They competed and they passed some kids they haven’t before, and that was exciting.”

Alaina Laurence was, once again, the first across the finish line for her team, coming in

seventh. She was followed by Janaya Ralls in eighth place while Lara Lopez rounded it out for the ladies.

“It was just a really good day all the way around,” Beehler began. “They all had some moments when they were able to learn something about themselves. Our minds keep telling us we can’t do it, but our bodies are so capable of doing it and they really all had the opportunity to see that at work.”

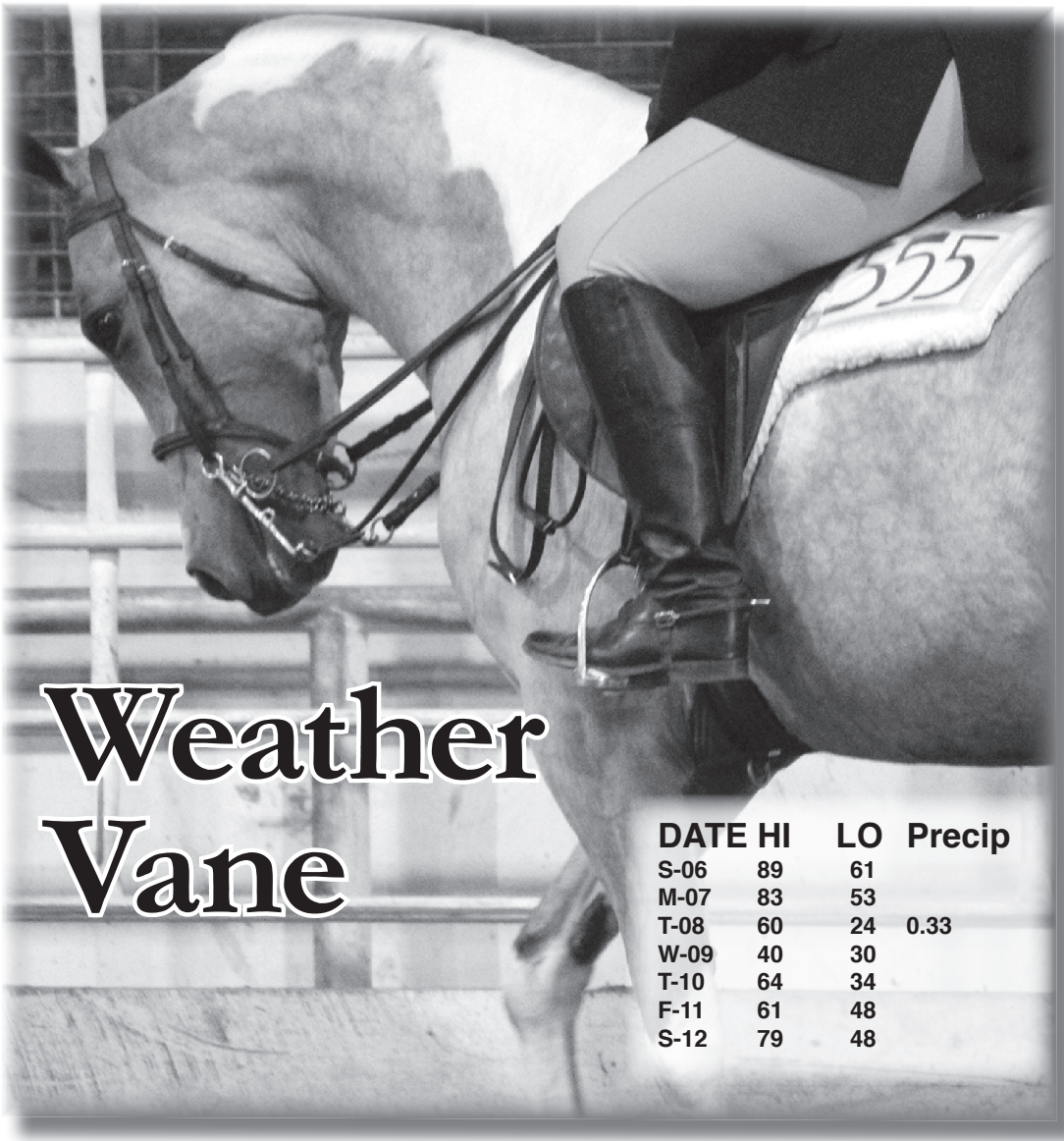
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WCSD#1 Warrants

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INSTRUCTURE, INC.	\$7,506.18
LIGHTSPEED TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	\$4,314.24
MASTERCARD	\$842.40
MASTERCARD	\$2,604.00
UNIVERSAL ATHLETICS LLC	\$1,160.70
Checking Account Total:	\$61,518.05
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Police Blotter

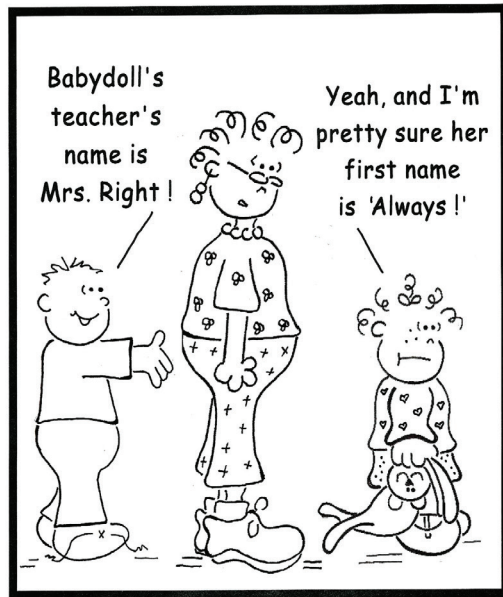
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Arrest Warrant Issued. Arrest Warrant Issued. Arrest Warrant Issued. Arrest Warrant Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Drug Paraphernalia Reported. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. 911 Misdial. VIN Inspection Requested. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. House Fire Reported. Traffic Complaint. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Complaint. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Report of a Dog at Large. Found Property Reported. Warrant Arrest.
September 4
Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Medical Assist. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. VIN Inspection Requested. VIN Inspection Requested. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. School Security Check. Traffic Complaint. Civil issue Reported. Suspicious Person Reported. VIN Inspection Requested. 911 Misdial. Parking Complaint. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Vandalism Reported.
September 5
Report of Two Mule Running at Large. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Animal Welfare Check Requested. Public Assist. Report of Found Property. Smoke Reported. Assist Other Agency. Vehicle Accident Reported, Citation Issued. Underage Drinking Reported. Civil Issue Reported. Traffic Stop, Equipment Repair Order Issued.
September 6
Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Dead Animal Reported. Reckless Driving Reported. Warrant Arrest Made. Parking Complaint.



September 7
Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Animal Impound Requested. Domestic Issue Reported. Welfare Check Requested.
September 8
Suspicious Activity Reported. VIN Inspection Requested. Traffic Stop, No Action Taken, VIN Inspection Requested. VIN Inspection Requested.
September 9
School Security Check. Traffic Control Requested. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Extra Patrol Requested. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Harassment Reported. Child Assault Reported. VIN Inspection Requested. Report of a Dog at Large.
September 10
Suspicious Activity Reported. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Funeral Escort Requested. School Security Check. Shoplifting Reported. Citation Issued. Protection Order Issued. VIN Inspection Requested. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Report of a Dog at Large. Welfare Check Requested. Warrant Arrest Made. Report of a Car Vs. Dog Hit and Run. Reckless Driving Reported.
September 11
School Security Check. Assist Other Agency. School Security Check. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Civil Problem Reported. Parking Complaint. Arrest Warrant Issued. Civil Problem Reported. Scam Reported. Arrest Warrant Issued. Motorist Assist. Protection Order Issued. Traffic Stop, Equipment Repair Order Issued.
September 12
Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Civil Matter Reported. 911 Misdial. Report of a Dog at Large. Traffic Control Requested. Assist Other Agency. Civil Matter Reported. 911 Misdial. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued.

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by JaNel M. Farnsworth



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14. Fertility clinic stock
15. Dreamy
16. Brightest star in Cygnus
17. Romanian money
18. Athlete's stage
19. *Ferris Bueller's time away
21. *He always rings twice
23. G in music
24. Dissenting clique
25. Billy's Harry to ____'s Sally
28. "Brave New World" drug
30. Lung pouch
35. Crematorium containers
37. X-ray units
39. Humpy ungulate
40. One of oldest cities in China or Welsh girl's name
41. Torcher's misdeed
43. "____ a soul"
44. Sudden occurrence of disease
46. Crimson rival
47. Power system
48. "Rock the ____" by The Clash
50. Deal with it
52. Happy Gilmore's peg
53. Bird's groomer
55. Tap choice
57. *Dr. Strangelove learned to love it, two words
61. *No country for these guys, two words
64. *One green one in John Wayne flick
65. "Eureka!"
67. Erasable programmable read only memory
69. Woven wall hanging
70. Soldier's bed
71. "All the world's a ____"
72. R in RIP
73. It is
74. Boxer turned actor

60. "Don't ____ around the bush"
61. Mares' meal
62. "-zoic" periods
63. Not happening
66. *Some like it this way
68. *There were three, plus a baby

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EWC enrollment down

TORRINGTON (WNE) — Uncertainty surrounding the ongoing novel coronavirus pandemic is one probable factor that drove an overall decrease in enrollment for the fall 2020 semester at Eastern Wyoming College.

Heidi Edmunds, Ed.D., vice president for academic services, reported overall declines in enrollment hovering around the 9% range on both day-one and day-10 numbers to the Board of Trustees on Tuesday.

The greatest declines came in EWC outreach programs, providing college courses at remote sites and through high schools throughout its six-county coverage area in

eastern Wyoming.

On the first day of classes, there were 33 fewer students this year than the same time a year ago enrolled in outreach classes through EWC, an almost 57% decline.

By the 10th day of classes, that number had increased to 39 fewer students in 2020, compared to 2019, or almost 62%, Edmunds reported.

The decrease in outreach students was probably made worse by a couple of factors directly related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, she said.

The outreach student count includes individuals enrolled in the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy, which

is currently not holding classes, Edmunds said.

“Another contributing factor would be all the outreach sites were closed to the public” in the spring and summer, when the bulk of students consider signing up for classes, said Margaret Farley, Ed.D., Douglas campus vice president.

“Individuals we normally would have enrolled, access wasn’t granted” Farley said.

On the other side of the coin, the EWC campus in Douglas saw a bump in enrollment numbers, in part due to expansion of the gunsmithing program started last year, Edmunds and Farley said.

Miners furloughed again

SHERIDAN (WNE) — Another round of furloughs has been announced at the Decker Coal Mine, this time with 73 workers being furloughed until January 2021.

This is the second time in recent months that miners at Decker have been furloughed. The company first furloughed 98 workers in early May, but the furloughed workers returned by the end of the month.

According to the August 2020 version of the Wyoming Economic Insight — the most recent available from the state’s Economic Analysis Division — mining jobs are down roughly 7% compared to the previous year.

The report said this is a decrease of 5,300 mining jobs from July 2019, and a total decrease of 270,000 jobs.

In addition, the state’s most recent special revenue forecast predictions for fiscal years

2020 through 2024 said coal mining jobs have been on a downward trend since coal mining production “has experienced a precipitous decline in the spring of 2020.”

Through May, coal production is down 23.7% year-over-year. This contributes to the prediction of a 25% decline in calendar year 2020, stability in 2021 and an additional 7% decline in 2022.

For the Decker Coal mine furloughs, this spells trouble for many Sheridan County workers, as more than 90% of the miners live in Sheridan County and commute to work, according to previous Sheridan Press reporting.

In the first quarter of the year, the mine had 164 employees and produced just over one million tons of coal, according to the Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Hunters and guides not guilty

CODY (WNE) — Two out-of-state hunters and a local guide have been found not guilty for wasting elk, a jury determined Friday night at the Park County Courthouse.

It took the jury three hours to render its not guilty verdict.

The verdict came at the end of a week-long circuit court trial that centered around two cow elk that were left on the ground deceased on public land near Heart Mountain after being shot.

Tyler Viles of Cody, Blendi Cumani of North Dakota and Roland Shehu of Pennsylvania were accused by Wyoming Game and Fish of leaving two elk crippled and another two cow elk carcasses unclaimed, although the two elk found crippled by Nature Conservancy ranch manager Brian Peters

were, by closing statements, not part of the case.

Viles, a Cody guide, faced two counts for this charge, while Cumani and Shehu faced one each.

In closing statements Friday afternoon in front of judge Bruce Waters, the three defense attorneys — county defense attorney Travis Smith and attorneys Brigita Krisjansons and Joseph Darrah — all argued the state’s case was built on circumstantial evidence that left far too much doubt. They also questioned the investigation of game warden Chris Queen.

“The state’s case is a complete circumstantial evidence case,” Smith, representing Viles, said. “Ask yourself if that is the kind of circumstantial case you would want to fight and defend yourself.”

Gas prices should drop

GILLETTE (WNE) — Gasoline prices in Wyoming have gone up almost 6 cents in a month, but they are expected to trend downward as winter approaches.

Prices in Wyoming average \$2.20 a gallon — 0.5 cents a gallon higher than a week ago, according to GasBuddy’s daily survey of 494 stations. It was \$2.045 in Gillette, which was third lowest in the state behind Albany (\$1.946) and Laramie and Natrona (both at \$2.007)

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 3.2 cents

per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.17 a gallon today.

“Seasonal factors, as expected, are pushing gas prices down in most areas across the country,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. “In addition, oil prices have hit a rough patch on renewed concerns about the economy and falling demand, leaving motorists the beneficiaries for the next few weeks.”

“No one should be in a rush to fill up as prices

will likely continue to trend lower,” he said.

The summer gasoline requirement ends on Tuesday, ushering in cheaper-to-produce winter gasoline and a return to less fragmentation in supply since winter gasoline is common nearly coast-to-coast, he said.

In Wyoming, gas prices are 40.6 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

The cheapest station in Wyoming is priced at \$1.79 a gallon while the most expensive is \$3.09.



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- **Fraud.** This can take many forms such as falsified documents making it appear as if the mortgage is paid off.

- **Mechanic’s liens.** Unpaid contractors, homeowner association dues or property taxes resulting in liens on the property.

- **Encroachments.** Physical structures, such as a neighbor’s fence, that intrude on the legal property boundary can create title issues.

Primary types of title policies: Owner’s and lender’s

- **An owner’s policy** protects you for the purchase price of your home plus legal costs if a title or ownership issue arises. It is usually issued for the amount you paid for your home and will cover you as long as you own an interest in the property. An owner’s policy is not required but is a good idea to protect your financial interest in the property.

- **A lender’s policy** protects the lender if a title or ownership problem comes up after the property is purchased. Unlike an owner’s policy, the dollar amount that would be paid if there was a problem



with the title decreases as you pay off the loan and ends when you pay off your mortgage. A lender’s policy is usually required to get a mortgage loan.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Know who you’re hiring: People often choose a title insurer and/or closing agent based on a referral from their real estate agent, lender, or home builder. Get quotes from multiple companies to ensure you are getting the best price. Check with the Wyoming DOI to make sure the company is licensed to operate in the state.

Start early: Once you have a signed agreement to purchase real estate, start getting title insurance quotes. Start searching early to avoid delaying the closing. The buyer and seller don’t have to select the same title or closing agent so shop around to find the best deal for you. Read your real estate contract to find out who is responsible for the title fees.

Be cautious: Real estate often includes transferring large sums of money between buyers, sell-

ers, banks, and closing agents. As a result, they are also a target for cybercriminals. Call your closing agent and lender right away. Check email addresses closely when transacting business online. Call your closing agent and bank right away if someone proposes a change to the payment transfer or if something doesn’t seem right.

After closing, check that the deed was recorded in the county records: Wyoming titles and lien filings are processed through the local county clerk office in the county seat of the county of residence. For specific titling or lien questions, contact the appropriate county clerk office. Verify that the name and address are correct. If you received a loan to buy the property, also check for the trustee’s deed which will have the lender’s name and the property address.

Keep a hard copy of your title policy and closing protection letter in a safe place: Title insurance safeguards your ownership rights for the entire time you own the home or property. You will need the policy documents to submit a claim. Title defects may not be found until you sell a property.

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In need of assistance? Contact the Helping Hands Foundation of Weston County. To apply, call Glenda at 307-468-2316 or Carol at 746-2298.

TOPS

TOPS meets at three Newcastle locations each week: Tuesday at 4 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, call Joyce Brown at 629-1033; Thursday

at 8:15 at the Weston County Senior Services Center, call Grace Davis at 746-4531; and at 9 am Thursdays at First Baptist Church, call Ellen Butts at 746-4251. All are welcome!

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C.N.A. – Home Health	PRN
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Radiology Tech, ARRT – Radiology	FT
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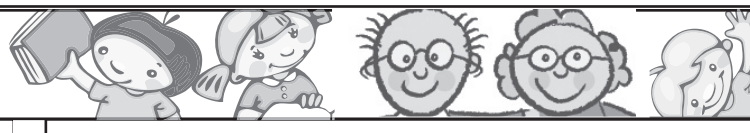
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Raeleigh Shipp swam the 100 Butterfly for the first time this season, and finished two seconds faster than her best time last season.

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in the 50 Free with a first-place finish and was right on her best time of 26.25, a 4A qualifying time. The senior also dove in for her second go at the 500 Free which she qualified for in the first meet of the season. The 500 is not on Gross' radar as a potential event at the state meet, however she used the race strategically to prepare for the 200 Free which is a goal. With a lot of pretty tough competition in the conference this year in that event, Gross and Scribner are being very deliberate to get her where she needs to be. "We did something different with the 500 this time

and decided to swim it in a way to emphasize the 200 Free," Scribner explained. "We tried to take the first 100 out fast and then rest in the middle and then finish the last 100 fast. She knows how hard the 200 is going to be with the competition she has, but she thrives on that. I think she's confident and she's ready and if she can meet her goal it will put her in a pretty good spot for the rest of the season and for state." Raeleigh Shipp swam the 100 Butterfly for the first time this season, and compared to her time last season, she put up a personal best as she swam two to three seconds faster,

finishing in 1:41.88. Rebekah Olson swam in the open 100 Free and was on her best time, but then she swam it again in the 400 Freestyle relay and she dropped two seconds from her time in the open. "I talked to Rebekah coming off that, asking her how she thought she did, and told her that she was going to swim it one more time," Scribner grinned. "I asked her what she thought she could do to improve, because she wasn't very tired coming off the open, and she attacked her leg in the 400 relay a little stronger and dropped some significant time."

Another first for the team included Brooklyn Schmitz competing in the 100 Backstroke for the first time.

As the squad prepares this week for back-to-back home meets, Scribner is feeling confident that all are heading in the right direction for this point in the season.

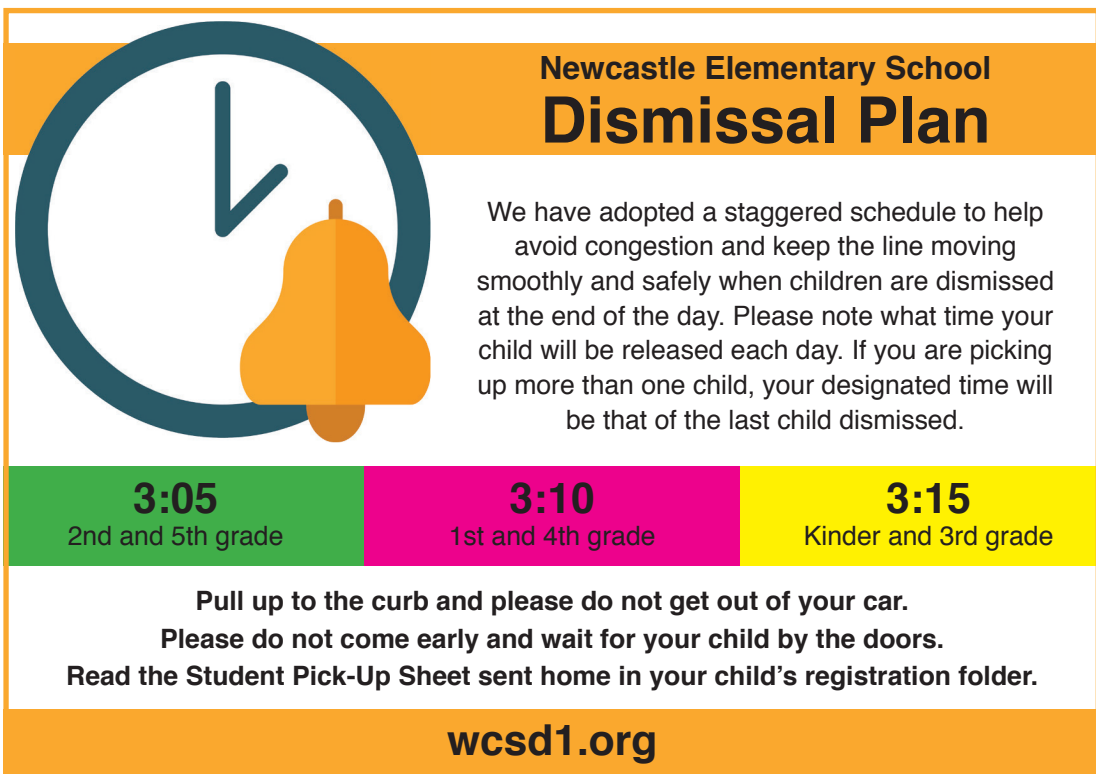
Competition gets under way at the Kozisek Aquatic Center on Friday at 2, and then again on Saturday beginning at noon.

NHS Girls Swimming

Newcastle @ Worland Quad 9/11/20

Individual Results:
200 Medley Relay: 2:50.29
8. Becca Henkle, Raeleigh Shipp, Rebekah Olson, Brooklyn Schmitz
50 Freestyle:
1. Hannah Gross 26.25 4AQ
11. Autumn Mills 34.89
16. Brooklyn Schmitz 48.74
1 Mr. Diving
11. Becca Henkle 145.95 3AQ
100 Butterfly:
11. Raeleigh Shipp 1:41.88
100 Free:
11. Becca Henkle 1:21.58

12. Rebekah Olson 1:23.32
500 Free:
2. Hannah Gross 5:57.12 4AQ
200 Free Relay: 2:13.40
6. Raeleigh Shipp, Autumn Mills, Becca Henkle, Hannah Gross
100 Backstroke:
12. Rebekah Olson 1:44.62
13. Brooklyn Schmitz 2:06.43
100 Breaststroke
12. Raeleigh Shipp 1:34.10
15. Autumn Mills 1:57.23
400 Free Relay: 5:42.66
8. Hannah Gross, Rebekah Olson, Autumn Mills, Brooklyn Schmitz



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We have adopted a staggered schedule to help avoid congestion and keep the line moving smoothly and safely when children are dismissed at the end of the day. Please note what time your child will be released each day. If you are picking up more than one child, your designated time will be that of the last child dismissed.

3:05 2nd and 5th grade	3:10 1st and 4th grade	3:15 Kinder and 3rd grade
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