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Schools: Masks encouraged on buses

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

After a lengthy public comment period, the Weston County School District No.

1 board of trustees approved a transportation department recommendation related to the COVID-19 pandemic. During their Oct. 14 meeting, trustees agreed to not require students

to wear masks while riding school buses, but they will recommend social distancing and mask usage.

As previously reported by the *News Letter Journal*, trans-

portation director Troy Allen approached the board to request a mask mandate on buses after bus drivers raised concerns. Parents, students, teachers and bus drivers attended the Oct.

14 meeting in person and via Zoom to express their opinions regarding the proposed mandate.

The opinions ranged from complete dissatisfaction with

the proposal, citing the parents' right to make health decisions for their children, to support for the mask mandate, with the

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Taking aim



Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ

The Weston County Sportsman's Club held the .22 Know Your Limits shooting event Sunday. Above, Chloe Coy-Birkley takes aim. See more photos on Page 8.

COVID cases continue to climb

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October has proven to be the worst month for both Weston County and the state as far as COVID-19 is concerned. State health officials have reported 940 new cases statewide in the past 14 days, bringing the state's lab-confirmed total to 7,924, with another 1,387 probable cases.

Weston County has seen a significant increase in confirmed cases, according to the Wyoming Department of Health, with 38 new cases in the past two weeks, bringing the confirmed total to 72. The health department has also reported 27 probable cases for Weston County with 37 of the total cases still active.

A further breakdown of the data on the state agency's website shows that a majority of the cases in the county are in people ages 40 to 69.

On the other hand, Wyoming is reporting that a majority of the statewide cases have been in individuals under the age of 29. The department reports that 24.9% of COVID-19 cases in the state are found in people 18 and younger while another 22.2% are found in individuals between 19 and 29 years of age.

Weston County has, and continues to have, the third-lowest positivity rate in the state, with 1.6% of tests coming back positive out of the 1,559 tests performed. Both Niobrara County at 0.42% and Lincoln County at 0.9% have lower rates to date.

Statewide, 3.4% of the 208,990 tests performed have come back positive.

Mike Jording, the county's public health officer, reported that due to the increase in cases statewide, other states have implemented travel restrictions and isolation orders for anyone coming from Wyoming.

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Juveniles hospitalized after overdose

NLJ Staff

Two Newcastle teenagers were transported to Children's Hospital Colorado in Denver on Oct. 18 after an apparent accidental overdose, defined as consuming too much of a drug, from THC edibles, according to a press release from Chief Sam Keller of the Newcastle Police Department. Keller reported Tuesday morning that both teens

were released from the hospital and expected to fully recover from the incident.

"According to NPD Detective Michael Vaughn, the juveniles were provided edible marijuana gummy candy by a friend who had obtained them from a family member," the release says. "The juveniles had an adverse reaction to the drugs and were taken to the hospital (Weston County Health Services) by their parents and later flown by medevac

(medical evacuation) fixed-wing airplane to Denver Children's Hospital."

The release continues that the drugs were purchased at a dispensary in Colorado and then illegally transported into Wyoming where they are still considered illegal.

"Vaughn said the THC gummy container stated keep out of reach of children and

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Warden lifts fire restrictions

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Colder weather and snow gave the Weston County Fire Protection District a much-needed reprieve from the harsh fire conditions that have affected the county in 2020. With the much-needed moisture and cooler temperatures in recent days came the suspension of fire restrictions, according to Fire Warden Daniel Tysdal, although he said that the county is not completely in the clear.

"Due to the current precipitation and forecasted cooler temperatures throughout Weston County for the foreseeable future, the open burning restrictions are being suspended," Tysdal said. "However, residents are still urged to use caution in doing any outdoor

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NHS graduate publishes book

Hannah Gross
NLJ Correspondent

Because technology and social media play such a large role in the lives of many people today, Dr. Josie Ahlquist of Los Angeles is determined to show its benefits as a resourceful tool and encourage digital leadership in higher education. She has co-edited and co-authored books about digital leadership in the past, but this year, the 1999 Newcastle High School graduate decided to take it to a new level.

Although the project started about four years ago, Ahlquist said, she published a book in July of this year with Stylus Publishing titled "Digital Leadership in Higher Education: Purposeful Social Media in a Connected



World" that emphasizes the importance for higher education professionals to adapt to the change in technology and use social media in a personal way to build relationships and connect with their students. According to Ahlquist's website, digital leadership is "the act of engaging your community

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Submitted photo

Josie Ahlquist, daughter of Mike and Janet Hutchinson, graduated from Newcastle High School in 1999, and is now a published author. Her book, "Digital Leadership in Higher Education," emphasizes the positive influence technology can have in the college experience for both students and professors.

WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
AM Snow
Hi 31, Lo 14



Friday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 28, Lo 21



Saturday
Snow
Hi 31, Lo 9



Sunday
Cloudy
Hi 17, Lo -3



Monday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 17, Lo 6



Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 32, Lo 18



Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 35, Lo 24



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News in brief

BOMGAARS TO HOST LADIES NIGHT OUT

Bomgaars will host its first Ladies Night at the store's Newcastle location. On Oct. 25 from 5 to 8 p.m. women can visit the store for an evening of festive fun and fall shopping, according to a press release dated Oct. 19.

"For the past four years, Bomgaars has held a Ladies Night in the fall/winter. During this one evening, 5% of the total sales has been donated to cancer centers/hospitals in the communities we serve," the press release states. "This year we were able to donate over \$18,000 to the 21 locations participating; last year, we were able to donate just over \$40,015 to 85 locations!"

According to Weston County Health Services Foundation board member Norma Shelton, this year's Bomgaars Ladies Night will receive the donations from the evening's sales. She noted that, more specifically, the foundation will use the funds to support mammography services for women in Weston County.

CONCERT ASSOCIATION CANCELING THE SEASON

Despite the need for "joy" now more than ever, according to Weston County Concert Association board member Jan Ellis, the organization has decided to forego this year's concert season. Ellis said that the association hopes to safely resume its season of live music next year.

"Basically, our concert supplier covers about 15 states and many of the performers are from other countries, so they have definitely moved

their dates to at least January; but most likely they will move it even further," Ellis said.

The association also hopes that Presidio Brass, whose performance was missed this past spring amid the COVID-19 pandemic, will be rescheduled for the following concert season, Ellis said. She added that any rescheduling is unknown at this time.

"This is not a decision we made lightly because, more than anything, we need some 'joy,' but it must be this way, I'm afraid," Ellis said.

UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS BELOW 4% IN AUGUST

Weston County's unemployment rate dropped below 4% in August and remained significantly lower than both the state and national unemployment rates amid the COVID-19 pandemic that has closed businesses across the country for months.

According to the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services Research and Planning Division's Sept. 22 unemployment report, the unemployment rate dropped 0.7% from July to August. A total of 149 individuals were unemployed out of the 3,853 people considered to be in the labor force within the county.

Weston County, with an unemployment rate of 3.9%, has one of the lowest rates in the state. The lowest unemployment rate is found in Albany County at 3.3%, and both Niobrara and Crook counties tied with Weston for second with an unemployment rate of 3.9%.

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burning. The suspension of the open burning restrictions does not relieve any individual from their responsibility to ensure their fire does not escape, and each individual can still be liable for suppression costs and damages caused to others if their fire gets away."

Any fires should be adequately monitored and suppressed to prevent a possible wildland fire, he said.

Tysdal reported that humans were responsible for 30 of the fires in the county this year, with a total of 552.13 acres burned. In addition to the human-caused fires, the fire district also suppressed 24 natural-caused fires that burned a total of 190.81 acres.

"That puts us at nearly as many wildland fires this year as in 2017, 2018, and 2019 combined and just over the 10-year average number of wildland fires, which is 47," Tysdal said.

The fire district, Tysdal said, is encouraging the public to continue to use extreme caution in any outdoor activity that could start a fire and to call 911 immediately if one is to start.

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that no one under the age of 18 should use the product. Each gummy contained a high level of THC concentrate," the press release explained.

Keller later reported that there is no evidence that other drugs or alcohol were involved.

The emergency room doctor in Colorado explained that since the legalization of edibles and recreational THC, emergency rooms in Colorado had seen "20 to 100 juveniles on Friday and Saturday nights that have overdosed," the detective said. The doctor told Vaughn that people need to be aware of dosing restrictions and that juveniles should not consume or use the THC edibles, recreational THC or medical marijuana.

Keller stressed the need for parents to talk with their children about peer pressure and drug use. He added that parents who happen to partake in THC should assure that the products are secured in some fashion and not easily accessible by their children.

Weston County School District No. 1 Superintendent Brad LaCroix also stressed the need for parents to discuss peer pressure and drugs with their children. He noted that in situations like this, the school staff is prepared to assess the needs of the students involved and provide whatever services they may need to.

"Monday mornings are triage usually, things tend to happen more with students over the weekend when there is less supervision. This situation just happens to be a little different because it is more public," LaCroix said. "But lets face it, we have kids that are getting kicked out of their homes, facing other family issues, attending the occasional beer party, fighting with friends or being assaulted."

LaCroix explained that every Monday morning school counselors and staff are prepared to help address any issues facing students. He maintained that the district does not look at just the incident that occurred but the whole student, whether it is their grades, attendance, addiction issues or any other contributing factors.

"Kids are different these days, they deal with things we didn't have to. There is social media, the internet, in many cases homes are different than they used to be and the stresses they face are different," LaCroix said. "Now there is a pandemic which is stressful for everyone. We don't take time to pass judgment on these kids. We find out where we need to put our services and evaluate the situation."

The accidental overdose and situation surrounding the incident is considered an ongoing investigation, the release said, adding that no further information will be released at this time.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE WYOMING CONSTITUTION TO BE VOTED ON AT THE GENERAL ELECTION NOV. 3, 2020

Underlined words would be added to existing law. Words stricken through will be removed.

A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming Constitution to remove the specific limit on the amount of debt a municipality can incur for a sewer project and to allow the legislature to prescribe by law the debt limit for municipal sewer projects; and to provide a ballot statement.

Section 1. The following proposal to amend Wyoming Constitution, Article 16, Section 5 is proposed for submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the next general election for approval or rejection to become valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a majority of the electors at the election:

Article 16, Section 5. Limitation on municipal, county or school district debt.

No city or town shall in any manner create any indebtedness exceeding four per cent (4%) of the assessed value of the taxable property therein, except that an additional indebtedness of four per cent (4%) of the assessed value of the taxable property therein may be created for sewage disposal systems as the legislature may by law prescribe. Indebtedness created for supplying water to cities or towns is excepted from the limitation herein.

No county shall in any manner create any indebtedness exceeding two per cent (2%) of the taxable property therein.

No school district shall in any manner create any indebtedness exceeding ten per cent (10%) on the assessed value of the taxable property therein for the purpose of acquiring land, erection, enlarging and equipping of school buildings.

All limitations herein shall refer to the last preceding general assessment.

This amendment will remove the constitutionally specified limit on the amount of debt a municipality can create for sewer projects and would allow the legislature to prescribe by law the debt limit for municipal sewer projects.

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Obituaries

Colleen Pollat
Feb. 17, 1936–Oct. 1, 2020

Colleen Pollat passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on Oct. 1, 2020.

She was born Feb. 17, 1936, on Cambria Street in Newcastle, Wyo., to Harold and Rhoda Cool. Colleen grew up on the family ranch north of Four Corners on the prairie. She went to country school as a child, and later to school in Newcastle.

Colleen met a cowboy, Paul Pollat, who was the love of her life, and they were married in 1953 in Custer, S.D. Paul and Colleen were inseparable and Colleen was by his side for 31 years of marriage. In the early years Colleen worked hard with Paul as he managed big ranches in Wyoming and Nevada. She



Colleen Pollat

cooked lots of meals for ranch hands and had many adventures that are too numerous to share here. Her son Mark has lots of stories from those early days. While Paul trained polo horses for the Wallop's in Big Horn, Colleen drove to Sheridan, Wyo., to beauty school, all the while raising three children, Mark, Becky, and Ward. She became a beautician in 1965.

The family moved to Carpenteria, Calif., in 1967 where she got to enjoy time at the polo fields and the beach. The family then moved to Newhall, Calif., as Paul worked at an oil rig inside of a skyscraper in downtown Los Angeles.

Throughout all the years of moving, she always made the house a home. She was truly gifted as an interior decorator. She laughed about having to keep the walls white in Newhall so instead of decorating she began to paint oil landscapes. Becky couldn't wait to get home from school each day to see the progress her mom had made on her painting. Colleen also helped out two elderly ladies in the neighborhood. She went back to school and got her high school diploma from William

S. Han High School and gave the graduation speech for her adult class. Even though she was a cosmetologist already, Colleen wanted her high school diploma.

The family moved back to Newcastle in the summer of 1971. While Paul did his fencing business she worked part time at the Newcastle Men's Store and later worked at Newcastle Drug and Jewelry.

Colleen was active and involved in causes that mattered to her, and offered support to many people going through tough times. She became a member of NAMI and was an advocate for others and families. She also started a support group for those living with rheumatoid arthritis.

Colleen loved to grow beautiful flowers and her gardens were an inspiration to everyone walking in the neighborhood.

Colleen was always there for her family and friends. Colleen's grandsons, Anthony and Miles, brought her much joy in life. She was an inspiration to them and a wonderful grandma. She went to numerous T-ball, baseball, basketball, football, soccer games and events.

In her later years, Colleen embarked on another passion and wrote an historical book that took years of research, titled "Secrets, The Tom Wagoner Story." She later helped publish the book "Cambria," an endeavor with Neil Sweet and Alice Schuette. She was a member of the Weston County Historical Society, P.E.O., and a member of the Methodist church. One of Colleen's sayings was, "you better know what you believe and why you believe it," and she lived her life by faith in God and by "True Grit." Colleen will be greatly missed by her family and numerous friends she had through the years.

Colleen is survived by her son, Mark Pollat; her daughter, Becky Wilkening; and her grandsons, Anthony and Miles Wilkening. She is also survived by many beloved cousins, nieces, and nephews, and close family friends, Lenny and Ann Sedgwick.

Colleen is now with the Lord Jesus, she fought the good fight, 2 Timothy 4:7-8.

She was preceded in death

by her twins, Michael and Daniel; her husband, Paul Pollat; her son, Ward Pollat; her parents, Harold and Rhoda Cool; and her brothers, Floyd and Dale Cool.

Colleen was laid to rest at Greenwood Cemetery in Newcastle, on Oct. 2, 2020. A memorial service may be held at a future date.

In honor of her memory you can send a card and share a story about Colleen to the family at 111 W. Warwick, Newcastle WY 82701.

LORETTO PREUSS

Feb. 25, 1958–Oct. 5, 2020

Loretto Preuss (Carr) 62, passed away on Oct. 5, 2020, in Hulett, Wyo. The Lord gained a new angel to His choir.

Loretto was born on Feb. 25, 1958, in Hettinger, N.D., to Keith and Marilyn Carr. She grew up in Prairie City, S.D., with her two brothers and sister. She attended high school in Hettinger. She was active in the choir during her years in Hettinger. This was the beginning of her hard work ethic as she worked her way through high school. She worked at the care centers and was a candy



Loretto Preuss

striper while attending high school. In 1981, Loretto moved her young family to Hulett, Wyo., where she would live out her life. She would raise four sons and a daughter there. She took every opportunity to attend sporting events, plays, choir or band concerts that they were in, and there were many. She shared her angelic singing voice with her daughter, and in 2013 the two of them took the trip of a lifetime and toured Europe as her daughter sang with the Wyoming Ambassadors of Music.

She enjoyed spending time with her kids and grandkids. She made trips to Washington, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota. Through the years she enjoyed family get-togethers at Hart Ranch in Rapid City, S.D. Many years she attended Reva Turtle Races

with kids and later grandkids to watch those smiles as they won a ribbon here or there.

Loretto spent close to 40 years being active in the Hulett community and making many lifelong friends. She did daycare in her early years there, but would spend most of her working life in the planer at Devils Tower Forest Products. She spent some time as a seamstress for a period as well. She was known for her smile and a friendly welcoming personality. You rarely saw her without that smile. She was quick to tell everyone about how proud she was of her kids and grandkids. She was actively involved in many organizations in the community. She enjoyed working with the kids in 4H. You could also find her collecting money for the American Legion red poppy fund raisers.

She was a devout Christian and very active in her local churches. She served on boards, taught Sunday school, and played the piano and organ for services. She regularly shared songs and stories from the Bible with her grandkids. More than anything she enjoyed sharing her voice with God. Her voice is something that was a true gift, as she was the one everyone looked to start those 'Happy Birthday' songs. She's surely singing her heart out at His feet.


She is survived by her children, Sam Neuenschwander (Danielle), Les Neuenschwander (Naomi), Wes Neuenschwander (Melinda), Louis Neuenschwander, and Kaylene Preuss; grandkids; and great-grandkid, Shelby and Cannon (great), Weston, Mason, Chloe, Morgan, Elias, Christian, and Bennett; her mother, Marilyn Carr; siblings, Larry Carr (Renee), Nola Robinson (Kevin), and Glen Carr (Becky).

She is preceded in death by her father, Keith Carr.


A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are under the care of Fidler-Roberts & Isburg Funeral Chapel of Sundance. Online condolences may be written at fidler-isburgfuneralchapels.com.

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Oct. 23 Jeremiah 5:20-31	Oct. 27 Jeremiah 30:1-24
Oct. 24 Jeremiah 7:1-15	Oct. 28 Nahum 1:1-15
Oct. 25 Jeremiah 10:1-16	Oct. 29 Nahum 2:1-13
Oct. 26 Jeremiah 29:1-23	Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society

- **ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH:** Rev. Norm Brotzman, 216 S. Seneca, 746-2249. Call to Worship 9:30 am; Children's Church during Call to Worship; Faith Rally Sunday 6 pm
- **BAHA'I FAITH:** Firesides (Open to All) 1st & 3rd Fridays 7:30 pm at 15 Skyview Dr, 746-3626
- **CAMBRIA COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH:** 19 Stampede St. 746-2321. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship 10:30 am; Youth (6-12 grades) and Adult Bible Study Sunday Evening 6-7 pm; Wednesday Night Youth and Adult Bible Study 6 pm; Life Recovery Bible Study Sunday Night 7 pm
- **CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH:** Rev. Wendy Owens, S. Summit & Winthrop Streets. 746-9684. haydishall@hotmail.com. Service times: Sunday 10 am
- **CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Pastor Rob Carr, 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9 am
- **CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS:** Bishop Ty Checketts, 120 Ash, 746-4131. Sunday Sacrament Mtg 9:00 am; Sunday School 10:20 am; Relief Society & Priesthood Mtg 11:15 am
- **CHURCH ON THE HILL:** Pastor Wayne Wilson, 301 Delaware, 746-9663. Adult Sunday School 9:30 am; Prayer 10:15 am; Worship 10:45 am; Prayer Service Tuesday 6 PM; Celebrate Recovery (18+) & Undeclared Youth (Infant- 12th Grade) Wednesday 6:00 pm
- **CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Brian Hess, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5 pm; Sunday Mass 8 am; Weekday Mass 7 am
- **COUNTRY CHURCH:** Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley and Micah Popma, 746-9712. Worship 10 am
- **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:** Pastor Gary Anderson, 903 S. Summit, 746-2188. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Evening Service 6 pm;

- AWANA Clubs Wednesday 6:30 pm
- **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Brenda Torrie, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Adult Bible Study 8:45 am; Traditional Church Services 10:00 am; 10:15 am Children's Church; Youth Group Sunday evenings 5:30-7 pm
- **GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Jon Andersen, 12 Old Hwy. 85, Evangelical Free Church, Bible Study 9:15 am, Worship 10:30 am. Call 949-0869
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- **NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sun. Worship 10 am; Wed. Night Prayer
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- **SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST:** Pastor Lester Bently 612-240-7536, 78 Old Hwy 85, Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11 am
- **ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Brian Hess, Upton. Sunday Mass 5 pm
- **UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Rev. Michael Paschall, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Worship 9 am; Fellowship 10 am
- **VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH:** Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366

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Recapture

A PIECE OF HISTORY

25 Years Ago Oct. 26, 1995

The Weston County Commission lifted the partial fire ban in the county, effective Oct. 25, at a special meeting Oct. 24. The ban had been put into effect in August.

Rollie Dollison and Donna Tavegia are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracey Dollison to Jason Daniels, son of Rex and Connie Daniels of Cheyenne.

Once again this Halloween, the Osage Community Bible Church is putting on the Children's Fall Festival, complete with games, prizes and lots of goodies, not to mention some hot cider to help warm up Moms and Dads. The fun begins at 6 p.m.! Hope to see you there!

Members of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2516 and its Ladies Auxiliary will be selling Buddy Poppies at Newcastle from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 3.

The Dogie girls' varsity swim team won eight of 11 events at the last regular season meet in Buffalo last week. Newcastle scored 85 teams points to Buffalo's 59 in the

dual meet victory.

Brian Oliver was Newcastle's top runner at the state meet in Riverton last Saturday. Oliver, on the mend from surgery, earned all-state honors with a seventh place finish overall.

The top-ranked Mountain View Buffaloes mounted a 326-yard offensive attack in defeating Newcastle by a score of 55-14 in the first round of the Class 2-A football play-offs.

The Blotter: Oct. 16 – Windows were broken out at a house and a boy was bitten by his grandmother's dog. Oct. 18 – A sheriff's deputy found a portable generator in the middle of the highway. Oct. 19 – A woman needed help getting a cat out of the attic.

Wyoming Refining's Roy McCoy was treated to a retirement party recently, marking the end of his 18 years with the company.

50 Years Ago Oct. 22, 1970

Trophy buckles will be awarded at the annual smorgasbord banquet at the Flying V Guest Ranch Saturday night,

Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. Points to win these awards were worked for during the 1970 rodeo season at Joey's Arena. A trophy buckle is given in each rodeo event to the cowboy earning the most points during the season.

The 38th annual Firemen's Ball will be held Saturday evening, Oct. 31. The dance will be held at the Gertrude Burns auditorium and admission is \$1 per person.

The Newcastle Dogies hope to get back on the winning track as they host Greybull here Friday evening. The Dogies have lost their past two games to Buffalo and Torrington. Newcastle had won four games prior to the Buffalo homecoming game.

Sally and Edgar Whitney were town visitors Monday and had supper with Mrs. Elmer Whitney that evening.

Orin Carr has spent several days this week helping at the Bill Stearns ranch where they are adding a new room to their home.

Edgar Whitney helped Joe Keepes work his sheep Tuesday. The Whitney family were then dinner guests at the Keepes home the same day.

John Hutt hauled some calves to Sturgis Friday for the Charolais sale. Francis Cowger has been in the community this past week hunting coyotes.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Siel of Newcastle announce the engagement of their daughter Suzanne to Rick L. Bowen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bowen of Wheatland.

Mrs. Art Taylor was a social caller at the Jay Mayberry home Monday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jonasson were callers at the Albert Perino home Monday evening.

Mrs. Ed Hawki was honored on her birthday Thursday with a surprise drop-in coffee at her home. Enjoying the morning with Dixie were Mrs. Willis Willadson, Mrs. Ray Rossi, Mrs. Sanford Wise, and Mrs. Gerald Dale Bock and Bobby of Newcastle.

100 Years Ago Oct. 21, 1920

C.F. Barnes, victim of a holdup a week ago Saturday night when he was beaten, robbed and thrown over an embankment for dead, has been haled into court on two charges this week. The first in District court, is a charge of unlawfully selling intoxicating liquors. He was released on a \$500 bond.

The warehouse of the Lindsay-Jessen Company was destroyed Saturday when the first fire reported from Osage swept the building. Thru lack of water none of the stock of ranges and stoves could be saved, but citizens rallied to the defense of their city by organizing a bucked-brigade kept back the flames from other parts of the city and the smoking store building.

After having flowed intermittently for several days, the Burke well on section 36-46-63 in the Osage field Tuesday broke loose and filling the supply tanks, flooded the country for a considerable distance. Workmen, rushing to the scene were only able to bring the well under control after considerable work.

Mrs. Guy Wilson of Newcastle was a guest at the home of her daughter Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCoy from Red Butte vicinity was shopping in Cambria Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ara Boyd moved to their farm in the Buckhorn country last week. Miss Hazel Farrel of Gothenburg arrived here last week to remain indefinitely with her aunt, Mrs. I.H. Young.

Mrs. Marq Meghem and little daughter came in from the Valentine ranch Monday for a visit at the home of Mrs. Anna Floretta.

Mrs. Anna Steward and Genieve McGee were among the crowd that went for coal the last of the week. Mrs. M.A. Curtis was a Sunday guest at the Long home. Guy Wilson worked on his ranch the past week fixing fences and getting ready for winter.

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October 2020

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

Fri Oct. 23	11:30AM	WC Library System Board Mtg	Library Mtg Rm
	5:30PM	BINGO	VFW Hall
Sun Oct. 25	5-8PM	Bomgaars Ladies Night	Bomgaars
Tues Oct. 27	3:30PM	Alzheimers/Dementia Support	WCHS
	7-8PM	Alanon Meeting	Senior Center Family Room
	7:30PM	Eastern Star #30	Masonic Hall
Wed Oct. 28	6:30AM	Wellness Wednesday	WCHS
Sat Oct. 31	4-6PM	Trunk or Treat	Downtown Newcastle

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Oct. 23 Renee Nack	Maria Kaiser Carl & Penny Lenardson Alice Schuette Marissa Sweet Norma Yoos	Oct. 27 David Ferrell Eralynn Kachelhoffer
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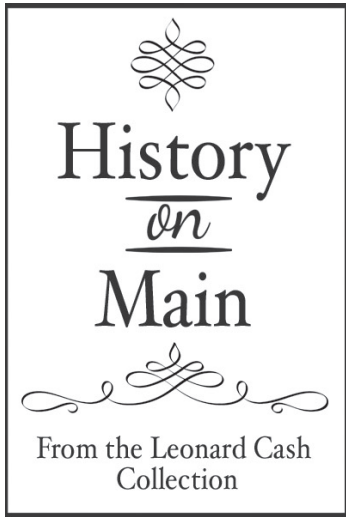
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For the Ages

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Building still making history



Hannah Gross
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With Leonard Cash

In this week's installment of "History on Main," Leonard Cash finishes his 12-week series on the Perkins' Tavern building, which has an immense history of businesses and proprietors, including A.M. Nichols, C.J. Fendrick and Charles Grieves.

The building sits on lots 4 through 6 on block 10, but Cash decided to backtrack the past two weeks to focus on lot 4, which once was home to a Sears catalog store. After Sears moved out, Cash said, a lawyer named Sheehan established his law firm there until the building was sold to Black Hills Title. Today, it is an empty building. This week, he goes through local newspaper records about the business on lot 5, starting in the 1960s. At this time, it was called the Grieves building. According to a Feb. 9, 1961, News Letter Journal article, the Weston County Drug Store, which had moved into the Perkins building when it was owned by C.J. Fendrick in the 1940s, purchased the Wollack building on Main Street from Charles

Martens, so the drug store was moving out. The building was being remodeled, and the store was moving in around May 1.

After the drug store moved out of the Perkins building, a billiard parlor moved in, reported the Oct. 31, 1963, paper. The grand opening was held on Saturday, with refreshments served to the community.

Another business that was later moved onto lot 5 was Roy Scruggs' appliance store. The Aug. 20, 1964, issue of the paper reported that Scruggs was moving from 401 Stampede Ave. to 11 N. Seneca, which is behind the Cashbox Ceramics store. Scruggs bought the RCA Whirlpool franchise from Petrolane Newcastle Gas Service and named his store the Roy Appliance Center. The grand opening was held around Sept. 3, 1964, but by July 8, 1965, the appliance center had moved to lot 5, where it hosted another grand opening to celebrate a new line of merchandise, including RCA Victor radios, TV and stereo sets and special features on Victors and Whirlpool. Free coffee and donuts were served to the customers.

Unfortunately, Roy and his wife, Eva, filed a petition of bankruptcy with liabilities of \$119,735.27, according to the April 21, 1966, edition of the Journal. Assets were \$32,937.66 and the exemption was \$4,650. The following issue reported that Donald Boyer was appointed to receive the assets.

An article from July 21, 1966, announced that the Weston County Credit Bureau moved into the upstairs of the Grieves building.

By Oct. 6, 1966, the Weston County Republican Party moved its headquarters into

the old appliance building. This office was open Monday through Saturday from 1 to 5:30 p.m. with coffee and cookies. Information on candidates and elections was also available.

On March 30, 1967, Leahy's and Holst opened a new and used furniture store on the Grieves block, and the establishment was open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Just a few months later, Newcastle TV and Electronics moved in, and the Dec. 7, 1967, issue advertised an open house for the store that weekend. The store had a complete line of radios, record players and both color and black and white TVs.

An article from Aug. 12, 1976, announced that Ralph Updike and his wife purchased the Grieves building. This building housed many businesses throughout the year, including Sears, a floral shop, and Peerless Bar on the ground floor, as well as the U.S. Geological Survey office and Coronado Oil office on second. Cash said that several other businesses occupied lot 5, but they didn't last very long in the building, so the records documenting their stays are sparse.

According to the Nov. 30, 1978, paper, Kalico Kupboard, owned and operated by Cindy Caillier and Becky Martens celebrated its first anniversary by hosting a grand opening sale of its Crazy Klozet. At the time, the store was located on 127 S. Railway (which was the Delmar hotel), but the article noted that the business would be moving the next spring. Cash said that the Kalico Kupboard moved to lot 5, where it stayed for a number of years. Eventually, Becky (Martens) Decker moved the shop into Decker's Food Center, and it became the

store's floral shop.

Around March 11, 1982, the Inyan Kara Grazing Association had its office in the upstairs of the Updike building, with new office hours of 1 to 5 p.m.

Before finishing up, Cash wanted to include the obituaries of Charles Norton, who owned the Peerless Bar (which later became Perkins' Tavern), and Rasmus Andersen — both of whom met tragic ends in the bar. Norton's obituary from the Feb. 1, 1979, News Letter Journal, reported that he was beaten to death on Jan. 25, and

Cash said it still remains a cold case. Norton was born on Oct. 8, 1918, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He went into the Air Force, where he served until his retirement in 1971. He married Bobbie Brittain in 1961, and they lived in Rapid City for three years before moving to Newcastle. Norton was a member of VFW Post No. 2516, and he was buried at the Black Hills National Cemetery with full military honors.

Andersen died on Dec. 20, 1947, and is buried at the Greenwood Cemetery,

according to the Find a Grave database. He fell down the basement steps at the bar, and that's how he died, Cash said.

According to Cash, after the Updikes retired, they sold the business to the owners of Perkins' Tavern and moved to Arizona. Today, lots 4 and 5 are empty, and the section of the building on lot 6 remains open as a bar. That concludes the history of yet another Main Street building, and next week Cash will begin a new series on the Hestead building, located on lot 7.



Photo courtesy of Leonard Cash

Photo of Lot 6 with previous occupant Vik's Bar and Lounge.

Obituaries

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THEODORA 'DORI' SIERS April 13, 1943–Oct. 12, 2020

It is with profound sorrow and heavy heart, that we share with you the sad news that Theodora "Dori" Rolinda Siers, age 77, passed away peacefully, surrounded by loved ones on Monday, Oct. 12, 2020, at Campbell County Memorial Hospital in Gillette, Wyo.

Dori was born on April 23, 1943, to Frank and Lillian (Allman) Siers of Pine Ridge, S.D. Dori went to school at Holy Rosary Mission. She had 12 siblings whom she dearly loved and cherished. She often shared childhood memories about them with her own children.

Dori began her family in 1963 and became the proud mother of eight children (five boys and three girls) over a span of 15 years.

In 1998 Dori opened her life to the Gospel when she was baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins according to the book of Acts 2:38, her faith and love

for God continued to grow and shine through to all of her family and friends whom she passionately and selflessly served.

Dori was a cheerful giver of all that she had, and her desire was to see each and every one of her children happy and fulfilled. Dori's meek and humble spirit was immediately evident to anyone who met her, and she was adored by many whom she met during her journey here on earth.

One of Dori's career highlights include attaining her certification as a nursing assistant, which she used to care for the elderly in her community working in home health care and long-term care. She was well known for her compassionate care for her patients.

Dori had a passion for reading and a talent for writing. While attending college she was recognized for her ability to write short stories. She used her artistic talent and her creative ability to bless her children and grandchildren with many beautiful and memorable gifts. She was always up for a good game of scrabble and on occasion, she would allow one of her children to win.

Dori was preceded in death by her

late husband, Jim Vargas; infant son, John Paul Vargas; brother, William Siers; and sister, Darlene Young.

Dori is survived by her children, Stacy Storkamp, Spencer Richards, Sheldon Richards, Sheree Aston, LeAnne Brewer, Carlos Vargas, James Vargas and Cory Vargas; her grandchildren, Rick Briscoe, Cyril Storkamp, Nicholas Storkamp, Jenna Richards, Jonah Richards, Jacob Richards, Josie Richards, Kayla Richards, Cassie Aston, LaShae Bruce, Brylee Barbour, Payton Barbour, Mason Sundstrom, Kaullen Sundstrom, and Tresa Dilts; and her great-grandchildren, Kaylie Briscoe, Alina Briscoe, Miley Briscoe, Jace Briscoe, Grace Briscoe, Oliva Storkamp, Lilah Storkamp, Weston Williams, Jalyn Mastin, Arkaya Clausen, Landon Bruce, Logan Boardman, Lynley Bruce, Benjamin Barbour and Colter Barbour.

Her family said, "Dori, our beautiful mother, grandmother (nana), sister and aunt will be greatly missed by all who loved her including Elmo, Teddy Bear, Mya and Shep."

Memorials and condolences may be sent in care of Meridian Mortuary, 111 S. Railroad Ave., Newcastle, WY

82701. Condolences may also be expressed at meridianmortuary.com. Contributions to assist with the final wishes may be made at Dori's obituary at gillettefuneralhome.com; please select Donate Funeral Funds on left side of memorial page.

Funeral service for Dori was held on Oct. 17 at Meridian Mortuary with her son, Carlos Vargas, officiating. Interment followed at Greenwood Cemetery.

PAM WESLEY July 8, 1952–Oct. 19, 2020

Memorial services for Pam Wesley will be held at Gateway Fellowship in Newcastle, Wyo., at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Pamela Jane Wesley, age 68, of Newcastle, passed away Oct. 19, 2020, at her home surrounded by family.

Pam was born July 8, 1952, to Dean and Lois (Sorheim) Fulk in Newcastle. She was the eldest of three children. She graduated from Newcastle High School in 1970 and attended Sheridan College where she met and then married the love of her life, Jim Wesley, in May 1971. They made their home in Newcastle where they raised their three daughters.

Pam and Jim were proud owners of Cambria Supply in Newcastle, and she retired at the age of 62 to spend more time with her family and more specifically her beloved grandchildren, whom she loved more than anything in the world. Family meant everything to her, and she will be dearly missed by everyone who knew her.

Pam is survived by her husband of nearly 50 years, Jim; three daughters, Tamie (Rod), Carrie (Dan), and Nicky (Shannon); five grandchildren, Austin,

Brittany, Kaylee (Curtis), Courtney, and Mikenna; great-grandchildren Brenton and C.J.; sister, Janet (Bill); and brother, Kevin; along with numerous other family members.

She is preceded in death by her parents and grandparents.

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hopes of keeping kids in school and activities running. "We want to do what's right. There is no perfect answer and we want to ensure everyone's safety," Allen said.

The bus drivers acted out of concern for student health as well as their own, he said. Due to the varying opinions on a mask mandate, Allen said, he had prepared recommended changes to protocols on the school buses. The changes did not include mandated mask wearing, he said, but he encouraged proper social distancing and other safety measures.

"The use of face masks on the bus is encouraged by the driver and the transportation department, but we recognize it is the parent who makes the final decision on their child's use of a face mask," Allen said. "We will provide face masks on the bus if a child chooses to wear one."

On buses and routes where we are able to social distance, we will block off every other seat to maximize spacing. We will also encourage our drivers to wear masks when children are on the bus."

—Tory Allen, WCSD No. 1 Transportation Director

their health, we can install a Plexiglas shield barrier between them and the students," he added.

Bus drivers will also be required to keep windows open when weather allows in order to keep air circulating. When the weather is colder, drivers will use fresh air circulation while running the heaters and defrosters to prevent the air from sitting and stagnating.

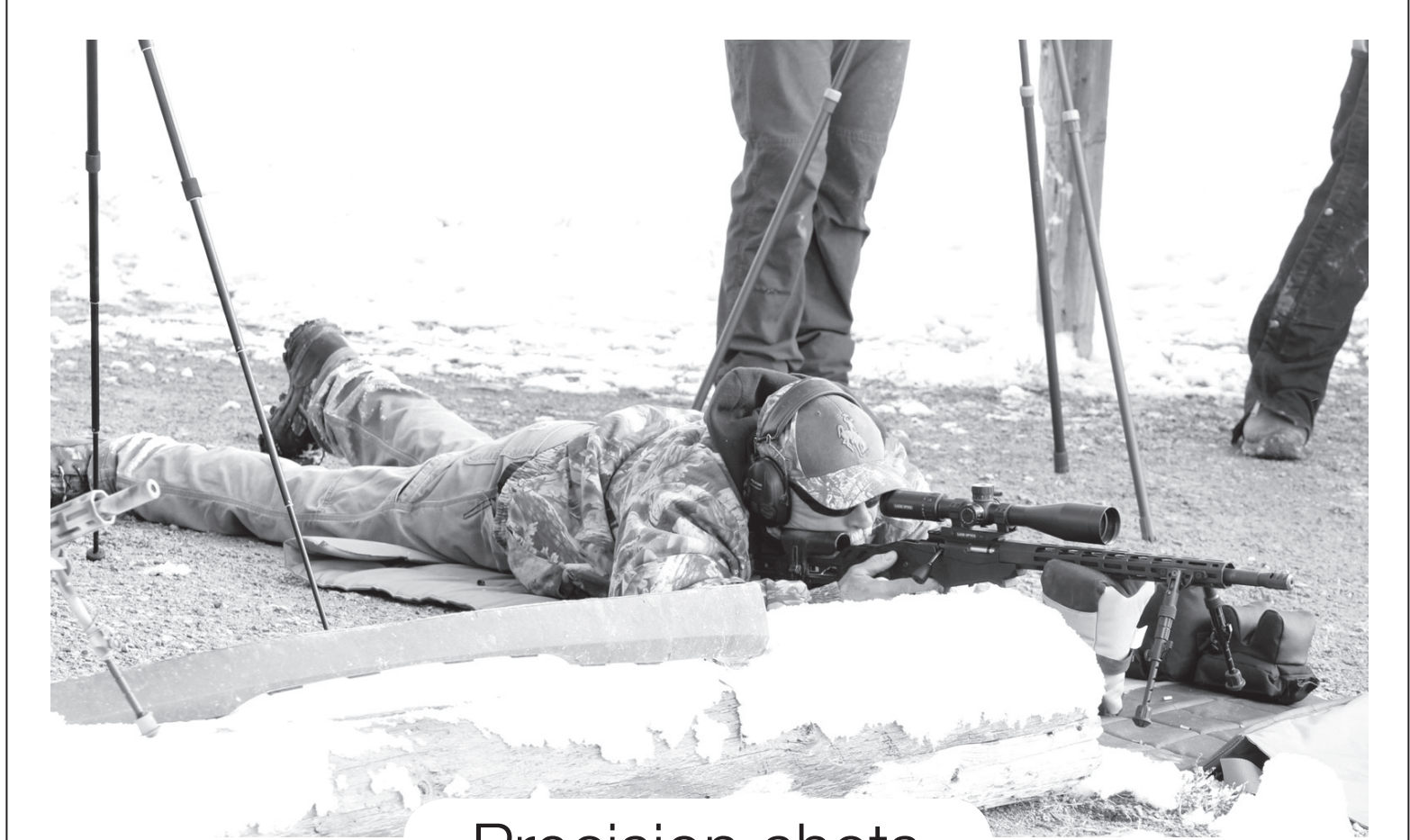
"My recommendation is to approve what was just read," Superintendent Brad LaCroix said. "We are not mandating anything. I think it is meeting people in the middle."

LaCroix said that the school district will assess the situation for a month then revisit the policy changes to see if further revision is needed.

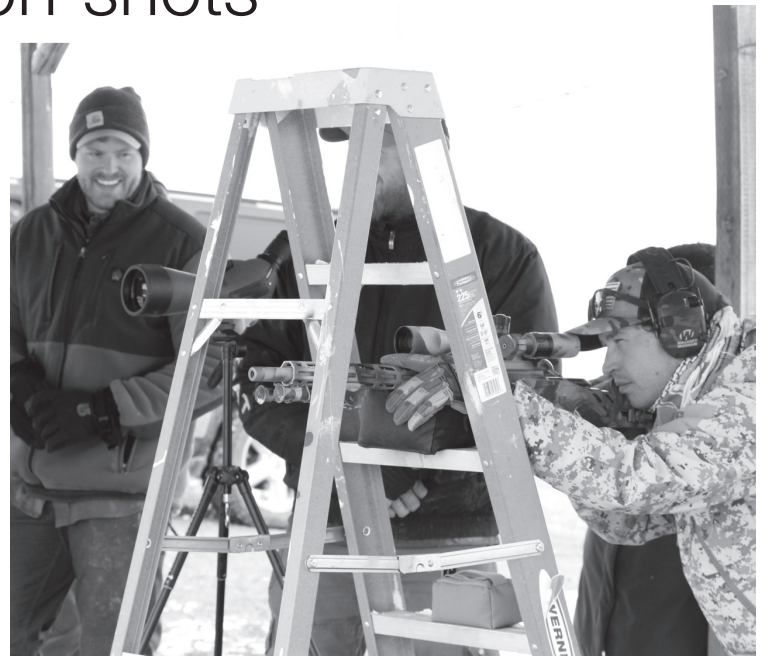
"I think this proposal is a pretty good compromise. We can protect as many as possible and keep schools open," trustee Dana Mann-Tavegia said. "I appreciate the proposal and the folks in the transportation department for coming up with it."

Mann-Tavegia further stated that everyone should remember that the public health officer and the Wyoming Department of Health can take away the school district's waivers at any time. She added that if either were to step in, it would be beyond the control of the board.

"I think we all need to be careful," Allen said, noting that even those who have been careful and following the mandates to the best of their ability have fallen ill.



Precision shots



Photos by Walter Sprague

On Sunday, the Weston County Sportsman's Club held the .22 Know Your Limits shooting event. Several marksmen braved the cold to participate in the .22 precision rifle shoot. With targets from 50 yards, 63 yards, and even as far as 197 yards, spotters called out the accuracy of the shooters as they took their turn. Typically the shooter would shoot five rounds at a nearer target and then five rounds at a distance target during his turn. Top, Dave Manzer takes his turn at shooting at the targets at the event. Above, Dylan Manzer prepares his rifle as Brice and Wes Birkley get ready to spot his round of shooting. At left, Wes Birkley spots for the shooters.

Ahlquist from Page 1.....

online with authenticity, purpose and heart." The three parts to digital leadership are learning the basic skills of social media, creating a strategy for "purpose-driven digital leadership," and finally, putting it into practice.

"Digital leadership is not just some recipe or card to follow," Ahlquist said. Each person has to define authenticity for themselves and use the different "tools" of social media in a way that fits their purpose. She thinks it's important for people to use social media to communicate and tell their stories.

Ahlquist said she always knew that she would one day write a book because she considers books to be a valuable source of knowledge, but it wasn't until 2016 that the idea started

becoming real. She wanted to use it as a vehicle to present media in another light. It was a long process that required a lot of time and research, she said, but the end result was well worth the effort, and her book was listed as an Amazon No. 1 new release for college and university student life.

"It was like getting another undergrad degree," Ahlquist said. "The journey was very difficult, but it made the book better in the end."

Although she is the sole author of the book, she said she is grateful to all the people who worked just as hard alongside of her to get it published, and she encourages others who are doing projects alone to surround themselves with people who will help and celebrate their accomplishments

with them.

Her high school years in Newcastle were very influential in the development of who she is today, Ahlquist said, because her "bug for leadership" and interest as an educator started in high school through her involvement in student council and various sports teams. Some of her best memories of high school are from homecoming because as a member of student council, she helped lead some of the festive activities promoting school spirit. She said she appreciated growing up in a small town, where she could try out a little bit of everything with the help of teachers, coaches and administrators.

"(High school) is where I started to find my voice and creativity in leader-

ship," Ahlquist said. "It was like my laboratory of ideas."

After graduating from high school, Ahlquist attended South Dakota State University, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in sociology and human development and family studies. Later, she earned her master's degree in counseling at Northern Arizona University and a doctorate in education from California Lutheran University. Ahlquist said she realized that she enjoyed working with college students and soon it became part of her career.

"I wanted college students to see themselves as someone who could have a positive influence," Ahlquist said. "I work to empower students in their use of tech."

Since moving to Los Angeles in 2005, Ahlquist is now a speaker and consultant and provides a digital leadership training series, running her own blog and podcast. She has spoken at college and university campuses across the globe to help them better engage in the online world and connect with students.

Her book is available on Amazon, Stylus Publishing and Apple Bookstore for \$39.95. She said that she hopes her readers, through her book, can see that technology can be used in a "relational, connected-base approach," and serve in areas of humanity and love.

"I hope that they can see a new perspective in technology," Ahlquist said.



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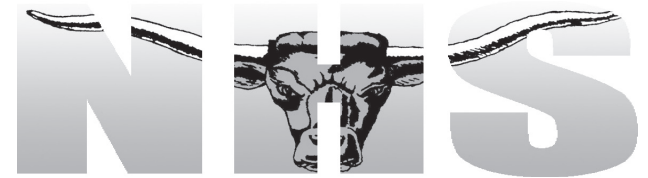
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The doctor credited the increase in case numbers both locally and across Wyoming to individuals becoming more lax with public health guidelines as the pandemic has progressed and things have opened up.

“The start of school and an increase in other activities has caused people to become more lax and cases to spread,” Jording said. “The public must withdraw from the increased socialization to prevent further spread.”

Lori Bickford, the county’s public health nurse, said that as cases continue to climb, the public must remain vigilant and aware of the situation to themselves and those around them.

“I want to share a conversation I had with a retired Marine who was talking with me about how he and his wife were coping with the pandemic. He made a very profound statement that will always stay with me. He said, ‘We are being asked to protect one another. It’s a lot like when you join the military, you join to protect your country. But when you are on the battlefield, you are protecting the soldier next to you.’” Bickford said. “If we could embrace this perspective in our community and protect ourselves and others from exposure, we can control the spread of the virus. Remember behind the numbers reported is a person who is loved and valued by another.”

Bickford acknowledged that everyone is “emotionally exhausted” from the trouble and chaos the pandemic has caused but insists that people must continue to stay strong and vigilant without fear.

“We need to be mindful of our behavior and how it could affect others. New information concerning COVID-19 comes at a rapid-fire pace,” Bickford said. “It can be overwhelming and create anxiety, fear and confusion. If watching the news and spending time on social media causes you stress and leaves you feeling down, turn it off and step away. It can be hard to stay positive when everything seems to be projected doom and gloom. Do what you can to focus your attention on the positive in your life and not to dwell on what you can’t change. Reach out to family, friends, coworkers, pastors, medical providers or mental health counselors if you are feeling overwhelmed.”

As the situation continues to change, Bickford said, she understands that the public is receiving an array of information that can easily become confusing and hard to navigate.

“Unfortunately, the general public has been thrown into a 600 level class of epidemiology, before taking Epidemiology 101. It is completely understandable why people are experiencing confusion, anxiety and fear,” Bickford said.

She added that navigating the pandemic would be a lot easier if there were clear symptoms for COVID-19 that didn’t overlap with other illnesses.

Typical COVID-19 symptoms include cough, fever and fatigue — also symptoms of the common cold, sinus problems or the flu. Bickford said that the confusion over symptoms is why the precautions are so important.

“The public health precautions, early identification of the illness through testing, isolation of those who are ill and quarantine of those who are exposed but not sick are the public health interventions we have to work with to control the spread of the virus,” Bickford said.

Erland details what it takes

Newcastle Police Department

Weston County has recently lost a great asset to its public safety system. Long-time dispatcher, Kami Erland of Upton, retired after over 20 years in the Newcastle Police Department’s Dispatch Center. The Dispatch Center dispatches the Newcastle and Upton Police Departments, Weston County Sheriff’s Office, Weston County Fire District, Upton Volunteer Fire Department, Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department, Osage Ambulance and Newcastle Ambulance Services.

Erland dispatched part time for over a year and a half before becoming full time in July of 2000.

She said at first she just wanted a job that paid more and had benefits, but that quickly changed.

“I really enjoyed the job and the people I worked with,” she explained, so she kept driving the 60 miles a day round-trip on workdays. “I think that is what I will miss about dispatching, the people I worked with over the years and probably the feeling that I am helping out those persons in the county that need it.”

She said no one could describe being a dispatcher as a completely happy career, and some days are pretty bad.

Erland said that the worst type of calls for her were when a small child was involved.

“I had one where a young boy was trapped in the back seat of a pickup behind his deceased mother and having to listen to him scream, ‘Get me out,’ was heart wrenching,” she said.

There are wins, though, in the dispatch business, she noted.

“My best, most satisfying call was an [emergency medical dispatch] call where a man had been using someone else’s pain patches and it caused him to go in to respiratory arrest,” she said. “The family called 911 and I was able to tell them how to do rescue breathing until the ambulance got there and took over. I was able to help save this man’s life.”

Sometimes, she noted, there is frustration because people expect dispatch to have all the answers, but the dispatchers try to not let it get to them and try to have a sense of humor about certain situations.

“I don’t know if you would call them funny but the calls that come in asking us things like, ‘When will the snow stop?’ ‘How long will the roads be closed?’ are funny to me because I wouldn’t have an answer to give them. After the umpteenth



Submitted photo
Kami Erland of Upton recently retired from the Dispatch Center, after more than 20 years of service with law enforcement.

time a call like this would come in I would feel like telling them my crystal ball is broken so I can’t see that far ahead in time.”

In reality Erland said the dispatchers would direct the caller to the appropriate agency like the National Weather Service or Department of Transportation.

Erland said she would definitely recommend a career in dispatching to the right person.

“Dispatching is not for everyone,” she stressed. “A good dispatcher has to be caring, empathetic, a good multi-tasker, able to keep calm in a crisis, has a good work ethic, works well with others, has a thick skin and genuinely wants to help others.”

Erland noted that although it is not necessary to have lived for a long time in a community or stay for a long time in a community for which you are dispatching, the benefits of having experienced personnel in the dispatch center are huge.

“Experienced dispatchers know what needs to be done because they have ‘been there, done that, got the T-shirt and hat’ in many instances,” she explained. “If a situation comes up that is referred to as high risk, low frequency an experienced dispatcher will know where to go to find the steps that need to be taken. It takes a long time to get good at dispatching, it is not something that just anyone can pick up on or do.”

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SCHEDULE

NEWCASTLE:
NMS/NHS Cross Country
10/23 V 3A State Champ. Star Valley A TBA
NHS Football
10/23 V Wheatland Bulldogs A 6PM
NHS Girls Swimming
10/23 Buffalo A 2PM
10/24 Conference H 10AM
10/29 Gillette AC 4PM
NHS Volleyball
10/23 V9 Douglas Bearcats H 4PM
10/24 V9 Buffalo A 9:30AM
NMS Wrestling
10/23 Hulett Quad A 9AM
10/31 Dome in the Dome Quad H 10AM
NMS Girls Basketball
10/29 Upton HS (Upton) H 4:30PM
UPTON:
Upton High School Football
10/23 V Big Horn Sundance 6PM
Upton High School Volleyball
10/22 JV-V Hulett Upton 5:30PM
10/24 JV-V Kaycee Upton 1PM

My right to swing my fist ...

... ends where your nose begins.

When I was studying criminal justice to prepare for law school, this illustration of the limitations of individual rights really stuck with me.

We live in the 'Land of the Free,' but in order for all of us to be free, we are restricted in what we are allowed to do as part of a larger society. The idea is that as soon as I have



Sonja Karp
Karpe Dogie

unlimited freedom to do exactly as I please, I am taking away the rights and freedoms of everyone around me. Therefore, the government places limitations on my rights.

And I'm okay with that. I have a car that will go 120 miles an hour (at least), but I never drive that fast because there are laws against it, and more importantly, it's really dangerous to me and other

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Photo courtesy of Joshua Clark/Douglas Budget

Carson Bock, on the right, gives it his all to try to maintain his victory, which was just a few feet away at the Conference meet Friday. Unfortunately, he mistook the location of the finish line, which his Bison opponent used to steal the 3A East Conference championship from him.

Dogies barely miss the finish

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

The thrill of victory was at Carson Bock's fingertips last Thursday at the 3A East Conference Cross Country meet in Douglas, but a misunderstanding of where the finish line was located and a competitor hot on his heels forced Bock to taste the agony of defeat.

"I don't know if he just got so excited because he was leading what had been such a close race. They were pushing and pushing, and were neck-and-neck all the way down the stretch," head coach Kathy Beehler explained. "He was ahead at the end, saw the flags and he leaned."

Douglas had these huge waving

NHS Cross Country	
Newcastle @ 3A East Conference Meet in Douglas 10/15/20	
Men's Results:	17. Zach Purviance 19:18
Team:	19. Bridger Alishouse 19:30
1. Worland 49	23. Mathew Drake 19:46
2. Newcastle 70	26. Tristan Troftgruben 19:54
3. Buffalo 71	27. Teegan Hatheway 19:56
4. Douglas 90	
5. Rawlins 128	
6. Burns/Pine Bluffs 154	
7. Wheatland 214	
NTS. Torrington	
Women's Individual Results:	29. Tara Carter 24:54
1. Carson Bock 17:48	31. Janaya Ralls 25:01
2. Carson Bock 17:48	34. Lara Lopez 25:20
9. Avery Chick 18:31	48. Aaina Laurence 28:26

too soon and the Buffalo runner took advantage of his confusion to pass him to take the 3A East Conference championship title by one second.

"He was devastated. It was so hard to know that he had it, but it slipped away. He could have been a champion, and he knew it," Beehler sighed. "He wanted to win that race so bad, but he is still a champion in my eyes."

Bock was able to put a notch on his belt on the day, however, as he got the best of Cameron Spence from Douglas for the first time in his career, finishing ahead of him by six seconds.

The team as a whole also had to accept a second-place finish behind Worland, though they were ranked to finish three points ahead of the

Warriors. The Dogies were expected to score 46 points while Worland was expected to score 49 points. Worland did exactly as expected, however with Newcastle's top couple of runners under the weather, the Dogies weren't able to hit their mark.

"Bridger [Alishouse] was sick, and Tristan [Troftgruben] was experiencing some hip issues, so we didn't know where anyone was going to be," Beehler frowned. "Carson and Avery [Chick] ran really well. Carson was ranked third and he finished first-and-a-half, and Avery was ranked 14th and he got 9th while Zach [Purviance] was ranked 16th and he got 17th. Those three did

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Newcastle Dogies clinch the No. 3 seed

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

There was a lot riding on the Lady Dogies only contest of the week last Friday as the Lady Bobcats of Thermopolis came to town determined to even the score. The unique nature of the one-and-done format of this year's Regional tournament, coupled with the fact that the number four ranked Douglas Lady Bearcats are seeded first in the Northeast quadrant, means that no one wants to go into the tournament next Thursday as the No. 4 seed having to face off against the Lady 'Cats to decide the fate of their season.

Newcastle was confident going into the contest, having defeated Thermopolis earlier in the season and having come off a pretty well-played contest against Torrington the week before, but they knew that in order to ensure avoiding Douglas in round one of Regionals, they had to put Thermopolis away to clinch the No. 3 seed.

As competition began, Dogie fans were a little nervous to see Thermopolis jump out to a sizeable lead, however Newcastle finally got rolling and closed the gap, but did so too late so lost the first set 22-25.

"In typical fashion, we came out kind of slow, but we rallied back to within a few of them, so got some good momentum going heading into the second set," head coach Keeley Anderson chuckled. "We had Kathleen Engle come in the day before and she did her pep talk about positivity and visualization. The girls really enjoyed that and I think it carried through to that game and you could really see it."

The Lady Dogies used that end-of-set momentum and segued into the second where they quickly turned the tables



Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ

Hunter McFarland gets down to cover Jaylen Ostenson who attacked the net well in the Lady Dogies quadrant win over the Lady Bobcats of Thermopolis last Friday.

on the Lady Bobcats cruising to an easy 25-20 win to tie the match at one set each.

As the match wore on, Dogie fans were treated to a battle of the 'Big Reds' as Newcastle sophomore, 6-foot, 2-inch Tiernan Stanton found herself face to face across the net with a Lady Bobcat player who could have been her twin. Standing nearly as tall as Stanton and sporting similar long, red hair, the two battled to claim the net as their own. After Stanton had a few of her first attempts rejected, she settled in and adjusted to her opponent's play to claim

success throwing down 15 kills to seven on the night.

"I don't think she was fazed or intimidated by her so it was great to see her play up like that. Then she got some crazy digs and she just had a really good game," Anderson smiled. "Tiernan and I have been working on using her momentum into her approach when she's hitting and she just really blew me away. She had some pretty monster hits."

Stanton was also a force from the serving line, racking up five aces to go with her 15 kills and two block assists.

The Lady Dogies' other

middle hitter/blocker, Jaylen Ostenson, also gave the Lady Bobcats a fit when she was on the net finishing with six kills, three stuff blocks, four block assists and one ace on the night.

Shawnee Miles, the Lady Dogies' starting outside hitter, was out for this contest and Anderson admitted that she was a little concerned about her absence.

"I tried replacing her with Liv [McVay], but her confidence just wasn't there," Anderson began. "So we decided to play Honesty [Olson] all the way around and she played really well."

Olson is one of the Lady Dogies' setters and hasn't played in the front row for a while, however, she adapted quickly and was able to put down three kills on the night.

As the teams headed into the third set, it was obvious that both were determined to pull ahead in the match, and fans were in for an exciting run. There were 14 ties in the contest and just as many or more lead changes. It was a nail-biter as they came down the stretch with the teams trading the advantage back and forth until Newcastle was able to edge out Thermopolis with the 26-24 win.

"That was a stressful moment because you don't want to be the one playing catch-up, behind at one set to two," Anderson declared. "But thankfully they were able to hang on to pull out the win, because if they hadn't it would have been a little defeating."

The Lady Dogies left no doubt that they were the better team in the fourth, and final set of the night as they came out firing on all cylinders and dominated the Lady Bobcats with a 25-14 win to take the set and match.

"You could see that they knew," Anderson nodded.

"You could see that they wanted it more and knew they had them on the ropes and it just looked good."

The win has Newcastle tied with Buffalo at 2-2 in the quadrant. Overall, the Lady Bison have two more wins on the season against teams that Newcastle doesn't play. Although seeding for the two and three spots makes no difference as the two teams will play each other, if the Lady Dogies can move up to take the two seed at the end of this final week of the regular season, it would be a good confidence boost heading into post season play.

It's a busy final week for Newcastle with four contests to close out the regular season. On Tuesday, the varsity headed to Wheatland to make-up the match that was postponed due to a positive COVID test by a Lady Bulldog player on Oct. 9. On Friday, the team will play their final home contest as they welcome the Lady Cats of Douglas, and then will travel to

NHS Volleyball

Newcastle v. Thermopolis 10/16/20:
22-25, 25-20, 26-24, 25-14
Jaylen Ostenson: 14-15 serves, 1 ace, 6 kills, 3 stuff blocks, 4 block assists, 9 digs
Tiernan Stanton: 17-19 serves, 5 aces, 15 kills, 2 block assists, 3 digs
Caitlyn Pehringer: 5 kills, 2 stuff blocks, 1 block assist, 1 set assist
Honesty Olson: 9-11 serves, 1 ace, 3 kills, 11 set assists, 13 digs
Hunter McFarland: 16-18 serves, 2 kills, 1 block assist, 14 set assists, 15 digs
Mackenzie Conzelman: 1 kill
Shelby Tidyman: 9-10 serves, 2 kills, 3 block assists, 5 set assists, 11 digs
LaKacee Lipp: 19-23 serves, 1 ace, 6 digs
Gabby McVay: 1 set assist, 13 digs

Buffalo for a triangular against the Lady Bison and the Burns Lady Broncos. Game times in Buffalo are C Team/JV at 9 and varsity at 10 against the Bison and C Team/JV at noon and varsity at 1 p.m. against the Broncos.

"I know we can get both against Buffalo and Burns on Saturday if we play at the level we are capable of playing," Anderson stated. "It'll be good to see where we fall in this final week, and it'll be great if we can slip into the second seed for the intimidation factor."



Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ

The Lady Dogies had a lot to celebrate Friday as they clinched the No. 3 seed in the Northeast Quadrant by defeating Thermopolis for the second time this season.

INSURANCE

Before and After Wildfire Protection

As wildfires ravage parts of Wyoming and other Western States, the safety and well-being of people and animals are always top priority. But residents also must prepare for potential damage to their homes and belongings.

KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE

- **Stay informed** about wildfire developments and changes, including weather changes and winds.
- **Know your evacuation route and alternatives.** Have a designated place to stay in case you cannot return immediately.
- **Stay informed.** Sign up for city and county phone alerts. Regularly check radio, Internet, tv, and newspapers for fire alerts and updates. Develop a phone tree to keep others informed.
- **If you must evacuate,** follow authorities' instructions. Turn on sprinklers and turn off the main gas line, if possible.

BEFORE A CRISIS: GET PREPARED

Prepare your home and grounds:

- Install non-flammable groundcover such as rock and plants, nothing within 5' of a structure.
- Prevent excessive vegetation by regular mowing and trimming; remove pine needles and debris.
- Remove all trees within 15-30' of structures.
- Keep firewood at least 30' away from structures.
- Enclose or screen decks with metal mesh screening. Do not store anything under decks.
- Have an on-site water source readily available for fire suppression.
- Propane tanks should be at a safe distance, based on universal building codes and the size/type of the propane tank.
- Make sure fire extinguishers are accessible and everyone knows how to use them.

REVIEW YOUR HOMEOWNER COVERAGE:

- **Talk to your agent.** Make sure you understand your deductibles and the current market value and replacement cost of your property. Auto policies need comprehensive coverage to cover damage caused by fire.



- **Store insurance contact information** securely in a fireproof safe, a safe deposit box, or online.
- **Make regular updates to your home inventory.** Update photos and video of your house and contents, including items in closets, drawers and storage spaces. Keep receipts or other proof of high-value items. Note the make, model, price, and other details that might help when filing a claim.
- **Make sure your policy covers living expenses** for temporary housing, such as a hotel, if you cannot return home. Keep receipts for temporary living expenses. These may be reimbursable after meeting your deductible.
- **Consider construction or building coverage** to replace or repair your home to meet current building laws or ordinances.
- **Consider special coverage** for valuables, including jewelry, furs, collectibles, computers, antiques, musical instruments and high-value possessions that exceed normal policy limits.

DURING A WILDFIRE:

- **Stay up-to-date.** Monitor news and subscribe to local text or email alerts.
- **Evacuate quickly.** Wildfires can move rapidly.

Be especially cautious during hot and windy weather conditions. If ordered to evacuate during a wildfire, do so immediately.

- **Call 911.** Provide the location and description of the fire if it isn't already being monitored.
- **Do not return** to an evacuated area until authorities allow re-entry.

AFTER A WILDFIRE:

- **Proceed with caution.** Hazards, including hotspots, may exist in burned areas. Wear leather gloves, protective clothing, and thick-soled shoes. Use local alerts, radios, and other sources such as apps from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or the American Red Cross to get timely information.
- **Photograph property damage.** Call your insurance agent or claims hotline as soon as it is safe. Your policy might require notification within a certain time frame.

FILING A CLAIM

- **Immediately contact your insurance company** or agent to report your loss. Take reasonable steps to protect against further loss, but do not rush into repairs or rebuilding before getting instructions from your adjuster. Your insurance company may need to do an inspection before repairs begin.
- **Do not throw away damaged property** until your adjuster tells you.
- **Before you hire a contractor,** verify their license. Ask to see their license, check with your local Better Business Bureau or similar entity.
- **Avoid fraud.** Unfortunately, home repair fraud is common after disasters. Be wary of aggressive contractors or demands for up-front repair payment. If you have concerns, contact the Wyoming DOI.

ONCE YOU'VE FILED A CLAIM

- **Prepare a detailed list of destroyed or damaged items.** Give a copy of any pictures or videos of your home to the adjuster to help with your claim.
- **Keep copies and records of all communication** between you and the adjuster.
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ACROSS

1. Beginning of flu, e.g.
6. Espionage agent
9. *Warsaw Pact opponent
13. Ringworm
14. Romanian monetary unit
15. Well-known
16. Contain the ashes
17. Paris' _____ De Triomphe
18. Wear away
19. *Group of President's advisors
21. *Balance partner, pl.
23. Ever, to a poet
24. Joker, e.g.
25. Type of coniferous
28. Man Ray's genre
30. Switches topics
35. "Beware the _____ of March"
37. Large casks
39. Beyond suburban
40. Fatalist's future
41. Weasel's aquatic cousin
43. City of Taj Mahal
44. Tossed or passed
46. Ready and eager
47. "I _____ With You" by Modern English
48. Water pipe
50. Diplomat's forte
52. Grain in J.D. Salinger's novel
53. Miso bean
55. One of Indiana Jones' quests
57. *Part of Congress
60. *One who introduces a bill
64. Recurring pain
65. Consumed
67. Baby grand, e.g.
68. Relating to Hinduism
69. Siren's domain
70. Tiny island
71. Fencing weapon
72. Trinitrotoluene, for short
73. Two-player strategy board game

DOWN

1. Ear-related
2. Santa Maria's companion
3. Give the cold shoulder
4. Like Halloween night
5. Turned skin into leather
6. Blind segment
7. _____ capita
8. New Mexico's state flower
9. Narcotics agent, for short
10. Every which way
11. Koppel and Kennedy
12. Percy Bysshe Shelley's poem, e.g.
15. Avian rest stop
20. Muse of love poetry
22. Store posting, abbr.
24. Choral composition
25. "Miranda Rights" amendment
26. Leading potato-producing state
27. Yesteryear style
29. *Serving on a jury
31. *One of five U.S. territories
32. One that insists
33. Ahead of time
34. *List of candidates
36. Radio button
38. Red Cross supplies
42. Summary
45. Sushi restaurant burner
49. "Too _____ to handle"
51. _____ of Cancer
54. Brewer's staple
56. Snack of Jewish origin
57. Edmund Fitzgerald, e.g.
58. Marine eagle
59. Lymphatic swelling
60. *John Roberts' spot, e.g.

61. Black Friday lure
62. Half of binary code, pl.
63. Decomposes

64. Definite article
66. *Number of amendments in the Bill of Rights

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Election Notice

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Weston County School District # 1 will have a 5:00 pm early start on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 for an executive session under W. S. 16-4-405 (ix) to discuss the superintendent's evaluation.

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Court Report

MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT FOR THE TOWN OF NEWCASTLE, JUDGE R. DOUGLAS DUMBRILL

- Melissa L. Suess, Display License Plates, Fees and Fines: \$70
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Kathy O'Connor
Personal Representative
Dated October 1, 2020

(Publish October 8, 15 and 22, 2020)

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

On October 12, 2020, BHWG filed its Application requesting approval to implement a Transmission FL&U percentage of 0.000% for the Cheyenne Division and 0.410% for the Cody Division. BHGW states the FL&U percentages will be incorporated into the October 2020 Gas Cost Adjustment filing with rates proposed to be effective December 1, 2020, and revised on a going forward basis annually on or before March 1st of each year to align with existing Casper, Gillette and Torrington Divisions filing schedule.

This is not a complete description of the Application. Interested persons may inspect the Application at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, by visiting the Commission's website at https://psc.wyo.gov/, or by visiting BHWG's website at www.blackhillsenergy.com.

Anyone wishing to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must do so in writing filed with the Commission on or before November 17, 2020. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please be sure to mention Docket No. 30026-32-GA-20 (Record No. 15629) in all correspondence with the Commission.

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Dated: October 16, 2020.

(Publish October 22, 2020)

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, DIVISION OF AIR QUALITY PUBLIC NOTICE:

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For the duration of the public comment period, the permit application, the agency's analysis, and the public notice are available for public inspection online at https://openair.wyo.gov, utilizing facility ID F027039 and permit number P0028455 under permits. Additionally, during the state of emergency declared by Governor Gordon on March 13, 2020, if you have questions about or need assistance accessing the materials, please contact Nancy Vehr, Air Quality Division Administrator, Department of Environmental Quality, 200 West 17th St., Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, by fax at 307-635-1784, via phone at 307-777-3746, or via email at Nancy.vehr1@wyo.gov. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, special assistance or alternate formats will be made available upon request for individuals with disabilities.

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Travel restrictions on WY

CASPER (WNE) — A handful of states, plus the District of Columbia, have put strict restrictions on travelers coming from areas with COVID-19 surges, which now includes Wyoming.

Wyomingites hoping to travel to Connecticut, Kentucky, Maine, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island or Washington D.C. will be asked to quarantine for 14 days upon their arrival, according to the most recent data from The New York Times.

Five other states have

situational quarantine protocols. In Kansas, visitors who recently attended a 500-person event without masks or social distancing will be required to quarantine upon arrival. Travelers to Vermont are permitted to do their 14 days before they leave for the trip, provided they travel by car and make only necessary stops— while masked—on their journey.

Wyoming currently has no travel restrictions in place for out-of-state visitors.

Wyoming's inclusion in the list of surging states is rela-

tively new. A month ago, the state was reporting fewer than 500 confirmed active cases of COVID-19. As of Friday, there were 1,741.

Four times in the month of October, the state has set new records for new COVID-19 cases, most recently Friday, with 290 new cases added in a single day. Hospitalizations have also skyrocketed from where they were a month ago. There were 16 people hospitalized because of the virus on Sept. 15. As of Oct. 15, 51 people were hospitalized statewide.

At-home COVID-19 testing

GILLETTE (WNE) — At-home COVID-19 testing is being made available to Wyoming residents free of charge, Gov. Mark Gordon announced Wednesday afternoon.

Wyoming has bought 75,000 saliva tests using some of the state's \$1.25 billion in federal CARES Act money with the ability to get more tests if needed. The tests will be distributed by Vault Health and can be taken by people in their homes without an in-person health care provider visit required.

The free tests come at a time when COVID-19 cases are increasing throughout the state and as public officials have recently warned that the pandemic is not close to being over.

The free, at-home testing is "expected to improve Wyoming's ability to track the pan-

demic," a Wyoming Department of Health press release said.

Once a collection kit is ordered and received, the saliva is collected during an online telehealth visit with a Vault test supervisor. An internet connection is required for the online visit.

"This at-home, noninvasive testing option is another tool to help Wyoming slow the spread of this virus," said Gordon in the press release. "It's one more way we can help protect our vulnerable populations, keep businesses open, and make sure our hospital beds are available to those who need them."

The latest numbers released by the state health department show a continuation of the uptick in COVID-19 cases throughout the state and county.

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EWC worried about more cuts

TORRINGTON (WNE) — Eastern Wyoming College President Lesley Travers is expressing concern over further proposed cuts in state funding for community colleges.

Travers informed the EWC Board of Directors the state had announced another 10% cut in funding for the college. This 10% will be in addition to the previously mandated 10% cut in funding.

Travers expressed her concern for the cuts and fears there may be more coming. "I'm concerned about beyond that. We're barebones." Board Trustee Jim Willox interjected, asking Travers to clarify if the cuts were coming in deductions from payment received from the state. Travers said yes, clarifying the increments in payment received from the state would be

10% less. "It's our general fund dollars. Those are sustainable, they're permanent cuts," Travers said. "They're not going to happen this year and then bounce back in two or three years. They're sustainable cuts, so we are really going to need to look at what we need to do. This isn't something we can hope to bounce back, it's not going to happen."

Game and fish dept. want teeth

JACKSON (WNE) — In 2019, the state Wildlife Forensic and Fish Health Laboratory aged nearly 4,000 teeth from 10 Wyoming species — including a 20-year-old cow elk and two 22-year-old black bears — to learn about population dynamics and to better manage wildlife.

The Wyoming Game and Fish Department is now asking certain hunters statewide to again donate teeth from select species of harvested mammals: mule deer, white-tailed deer, elk, pronghorn, bison, bighorn sheep, mountain lions, black bears and bobcats.

"Teeth are one source of important data collected from hunters that help wildlife managers assess how hunting seasons affect the population and the demographics of herds," Game and Fish Tooth Aging Coordinator Molly Bredehoff said.

Not all teeth provide the same information,

though. Incisors are best for ungulates like mule deer, white-tailed deer, elk, moose and bison, while premolars are preferred for mountain lions and black bears. Canines are best for bobcats.

Select hunters with licenses for areas that wildlife managers have pre-selected for analysis are chosen randomly from the license database to receive a tooth box. Game and Fish employees also collect teeth at check stations in designated areas as part of sampling efforts.

The department provides instructions for pulling teeth but recommends letting their personnel perform the extraction specifically for black bears and mountain lions.

Teeth will then be analyzed using a technique called cementum annuli analysis tooth-aging, which is similar to counting rings on a tree as annuli are deposited in layers in the tooth's root each winter.

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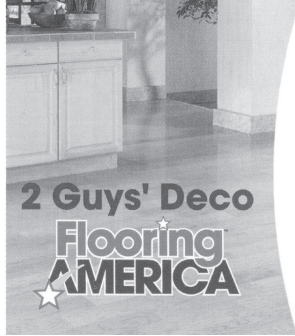
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School, WHSAA: Diligence needed

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

As fall sports for high schools across the state wind down, schools are being encouraged by the Wyoming High School Activities Association to remain diligent in protecting athletes and spectators from COVID-19 or adjustments will have to be made for the winter seasons, according to Newcastle High School Principal Tracy Ragland.

With the high school preparing to host part of the conference swim meet, which will take place in two locations due to guidelines regarding COVID-19, Ragland told the Weston County School District No. 1 board of trustees that he is concerned about the future of winter sports if attitudes about the health guidelines don't change. Ragland said he had spoken with WHSAA Commissioner Ron Laird about the issue. "We are losing focus of why we have all these rules,"

Ragland said. According to Ragland, Laird explained that if schools, athletes, coaches and spectators did not stop finding "loopholes" in the guidelines that the winter sports season guidelines will see adjustments. "Temperatures are getting short and attitudes are getting clear," Ragland said. It's important for everyone to remind themselves that they want to keep sports, activities and schools going for the students, he said.

"We need to make sure others' decisions don't contaminate everything to the point that it falls apart," Ragland said. "It is being thrown out there, if schools don't get their act together, winter sports could suffer because of it." In a follow-up call to Laird by the News Letter Journal, Ragland's words to the board were reiterated. "With winter sports, we don't know what to expect; they are indoors and they are contact sports," Laird said.

"Right now, we have plans approved, but there are concerns." If schools, athletes and spectators follow the guidelines set forth by the association, he said, then an issue is less likely to arise. "If we don't continue to do good, we don't know what winter sports could look like," Laird said. "I know no one likes being the mask police, but this is the reality of it. We don't know what to expect with winter sports, especially as cases climb across the state."

Huntin' and a-cooking: A disaster in the making?

I was asked to go huntin'. I knew it would be a disaster from the get-go because of the way I was asked. I have a friend. Okay, I have a few friends, and while I consider this guy a friend, he lives from one disaster to another. His name is Rufus. And while he is an imaginary friend, I am not making this up. Well, not totally. Rufus is genuine to me and is based on friends I actually do have — sort of a cross of Bubba with Huck if the cross didn't happen in a lab full of genetic

scientists. Instead, this one occurred in the back room of the Thirsty Lizard Bar and Car Wash. Rufus didn't ask me to go hunting. If that were the case, I would have had no qualms about such an adventure. We would have gone out, dressed all in camo, with adequately cleaned and prepared rifles. We would have plenty of water in hermetically sealed bottles with "Fresh Artesian Spring Water from Artesian wells--Bottled at the source in Artesia" printed on the side.

I know it would have been safe and healthy, with plenty of spring water minerals that dissolved into the water after being filtered over rocks that had animal poop on it at one time. Delicious. But Rufus didn't ask me to go hunting. Rufus asked, "Ya wanna go huntin'?" Big difference. When you go huntin', you bring along every firearm you possess, whether they have been cleaned or not. Usually, you are wearing shorts and a ripped-up and grease-smudged T-shirt. Strap-on sandals are essential if you are feeling formal. But if you have a more casual attitude, you wear flip-flops. And instead of water, you bring Bud. Bud is Rufus' best friend. He's tall, thin and just above freezing. Yep! Bud is his beer unless Rufus really feels informal. Then Bud is dried plant parts, ... but I won't go there because Rufus has agreed to leave that friend at home whenever he's around me.

Now when you go hunting, you drive a big pickup. You are geared up in protective footwear. You park a long way from your hunting grounds, which is usually in the wilderness and beautiful, and you have to hike quite a ways to get there. You find your deer or elk, and shortly after that, you have a freezer full of venison. You also have a head on your wall. It's as if the deer was running so hard that he couldn't stop in time and BAM! He got stuck halfway through your wall. People who go hunting know the Constitution backward and sideways. I hope they know it forward as well because it makes a lot more sense that way. On the other hand, when you go huntin', it's completely different. You drive a 1970s Ford Boat that rocks back and forth every time you press the brake pedal. Each door is painted a different color, the hood is missing, and there are no bumpers. You

wear your flip-flops and park next to a STOP sign in the middle of nowhere, usually at the intersection of two rarely used gravel roads. After you quench your thirst, you use the crowbar to pry open the severely dented trunk. Then you pull out the first gun you can lay your hands on, grab a clip — and hopefully loaded with the same caliber as the gun uses — but if not, you'll make do somehow. After you have quenched your incredible thirst with Bud (it was a long 12-mile drive, after all), you shoot the STOP sign several times. This is also thirsty work, and you need to do something about that. But Bud is gone now. However, if you planned ahead, you also invited Jack to the huntin' trip. You end up with a bullet-hole-riddled stop sign mounted on your garage wall and a pissed off wife, because you also hit several trees or boulders on the long drive back home. Like I said before, Rufus often asks me to do something that leads from one disaster to another. We all know a Rufus, and if you don't, you might be Rufus.

This time I didn't go. You see, Allan asked me to go hunting. He said, "I'm going on a hunting safari in Africa. Do you want to come along?" How could I resist? I love to eat exotic things, and the idea of cooking something from another continent was too good to pass up. Now when I do some cookin', it's simple and easy. Here's the recipe: put hot dogs and a can of chili in a crusty dented pan, cook them on medium heat until the chili is burned but the hot dogs are still cold. You scoop all that onto a bun that sits on a paper plate. Then cover the whole thing with enough sharp cheddar cheese until that is all you can taste. Important side note—you must not eat this concoction with anything but a spork. Last but not least, invite Bud. Cooking, however, is sophisticated and requires a bit more preparation. First off, you have to cook what you shot. That is the hunter's first law. You shot it, you eat it! So, now, for the sophisticated palate, I give you my recipe for Elephant Stew. The ingredients are as follows: One medium-size elephant, cut into bite-size pieces...



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what they were supposed to do." The race was run patiently by the Dogies. The whole crew was back in around seventh through 11th, because according to Beehler they race best when they don't go out too fast and bide their time. There was a time when all five were together, then Bock and Chick moved up. Purviance was right where expected, Alishouse ended up 19th, Mathew Drake was 23rd, Troftgruben came in 26th and Teegan Hatheway was right behind in 27th. "Mathew ran in the second heat and finished in the top, breaking into the top five overall," Beehler smiled. "He didn't make the fast heat, but he finished better than expected so I was really proud of the way he ran." "They all ran the best race they could run on that day. We knew it was going to be a tough race and we had a lot of wild cards in the mix," Beehler nodded. "I didn't care where we placed as long as every single runner ran the best they could, because if they did, they could be proud, and they did. Everyone raced well and everyone really pushed."



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Avery Chick and Carson Bock earned 3A East All Conference honors by finishing 9th and 2nd respectively at the conference meet last Thursday in Douglas.

Though the Lady Dogies didn't have enough runners to field a team, they too ran very well. All four ran in the slower of the two heats and were expected to finish in the middle of the pack. However, when it shook out, freshman Tara Clark finished second in the race giving her 29th overall. Janaya Ralls ended the day just two places behind in 31st, Lara Lopez was 34th and Alaina Laurence finished 48th. "The girls ran well and were on their best times, and that was a tough day to be right on your best times with the weather being what it was, so if you can be doing that, you're having a good day," Beehler insisted. "It was really fun to watch Tara finish second, and Janaya and Lara also ran very well. Lara finished with her best time yet for the season." Though it was disappointing to miss out on bringing home the Conference Championship, the Dogies have another chance to get Worland just as they did last season. Last year, Worland

defeated Newcastle at Conference and Newcastle turned the tables and beat them at state. The State Meet is in Afton so the Dogies have about a 12-hour drive to get there. The team will leave on Thursday to be able to rest and be ready to run on Friday morning, and there are only the two 3A races, so it will feel a lot like the conference meet did and not like a state event. "They will need to get themselves mentally ready, but we are hoping we do really well," Beehler determined. "If we're going to travel all that way, we need to bring home some hardware. Lander is projected to win, but after them, it's anybody's race for about five or six of the 3A schools, with us right in the mix."

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