

# News Letter Journal

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## Questions remain on rep vote

Alexis Barker  
NLJ News Editor

When approached on Nov. 2 by several concerned citizens regarding its secret vote for House District 2 Rep. J.D. Williams to replace former Rep. Hans Hunt after his resignation in September, the five-member Board of Weston County Commissioners had little to say, because they were under legal "advisement," according to Chairman Marty Ertman. The commissioners cast their votes to replace Hunt at a meeting of all the commissioners from Goshen, Weston and Niobrara counties on Oct 19. The meeting took place in Lusk.

While two armed guards from the Weston County Sheriff's Office stood on either side of the door to the commissioners chambers, Weston County Republican Party Chairman Kari Drost read a statement to the board describing how disappointed the Weston County Republican Party was in their actions.

"I am here today to let you know that the Weston County Republican Party is deeply disappointed in the three of you who voted against a Weston County resident for House District 2 representative," Drost said. "As you are aware, one of your jobs is

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## Case filed against county commissioner

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NLJ News Editor

Commissioner Tony Barton was served with a summons on Tuesday, Nov. 2, at the Weston County Courthouse after Garrett Borton filed a Petition for Declaratory Judgment, Application for Temporary and Permanent Injunctions, against Barton.

According to Borton, this case has been in the works for some time.

Barton's residency, the object of the petition, first became a topic of discussion in October

of 2020 when the Concerned Citizens of the Weston County Sheriff's Office questioned Barton's relocation to Crook County. Barton relocated last year, two years prior to his term being up in 2022.

Barton still owns a business, Sustainable Homes & Design, in Upton but his home address is listed as Carlile, Wyoming on the summons documents.

As previously reported by the *News Letter Journal*, both the citizens group and the Weston County Republican

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## On their way



Photo by KateLynn Slaamot/NLJ

On Nov. 4, the Newcastle High School ladies' swim team headed off to their state swim meet in Gillette. From left are Hailey Beaström, Rebekah Olson, Raeleigh Shipp and Lydia Anderson, smiling as parents and friends snap pictures. Read about the meet on Page 6.

## More bike paths on the way

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NLJ News Editor

At least two more bike paths are in the works for Newcastle, and city engineer Mike Moore recently held neighborhood meetings to gather comments on the proposed paths.

The first of these paths, according to previous editions of the *News Letter Journal*, has been part of the plans for years.

This pedestrian pathway, according to information provided by Moore, would be 8 feet wide, running along the south

side of U.S. Highway 16 from the bypass to Morrissey Road. The pathway will be placed along the back of a curb, which is 8 feet wide to provide a safety buffer from vehicle traffic.

As previously reported, this path would connect the neighborhoods along Morrissey Road to the rest of the paths running through town.

"The pathway adds an important segment to the Safe Routes to School Program. Currently there is no pathway from the Highway 16 bypass to the west end of town," a letter from Moore says. "Adding

this segment will encourage non-motorized travel and provide safety for those that currently travel along the edge of the highway."

The estimated cost for the project, according to information from Moore, is \$442,000. Proposed funding for the project is an 80% grant from the Federal Transportation Alternatives Program, administered by the Wyoming Department of Transportation, and a 20% match from city funds. Moore reported in September

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## Goodart celebrates her 85th birthday

KateLynn Slaamot  
NLJ Reporter

There are many milestones in a person's life — from anniversaries to birthdays to significant points in time. Elizabeth Goodart recently celebrated one such milestone — her 85th birthday — at a party on Oct. 23 at Christ the King Lutheran Church with friends and family.

Goodart was born in Rapid City, South Dakota, on Oct. 22, 1936, to Charles and Gertrude Boylan. Her grandparents owned a homestead in Piedmont, South Dakota, and that's where the family lived before moving to Linwood, California, when Goodart was 2.

Although she was young at the time, Goodart said she remembered anti-aircraft guns located nearby, near Long Beach, California. She remembers only a few times that she heard them fire, and they were very loud. She still doesn't like the sound of fireworks on the Fourth of July.

Goodart lived in California during World War II. She told the *News Letter Journal* that sometimes the air raid whistle went off, and everyone had to turn off all

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Photo by Kim Dean/NLJ

On Sat. Oct. 23, an 85th birthday celebration was held at Christ the King Lutheran church for Elizabeth Goodart. Sundai Balander, pictured on left, visits with Goodart at the party.

## Governor appoints new district judge

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NLJ News Editor

Gov. Mark Gordon has chosen James Michael Causey to replace Judge John R. Perry as the district court judge for the Sixth Judicial District serving Weston, Crook and Campbell counties, according to a Nov. 5 press release.

His appointment becomes official on Jan. 3, the same day as Perry's retirement, which he announced on Aug. 20.

"Mr. Causey has a depth of legal experience that will serve him well as a judge. His experience with the Board of Parole is particularly valuable. I appreciate that he is willing to continue to serve the public and specifically the people of Campbell, Crook and Weston Counties," Gordon said in the release.

According to the release, Causey has served as the executive director of the Wyoming Board of Parole since 2018. Before that, he spent 14 years with the Wyoming Attorney General's Office, serving as post-appellate supervisor in the Criminal Division and as employment and contacts supervisor in the Tort Litigation Department. He has also worked in the

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### WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday  
Partly Cloudy  
Hi 36, Lo 21



Friday  
Mostly Sunny  
Hi 38, Lo 30



Saturday  
Mostly Cloudy  
Hi 52, Lo 29



Sunday  
Mostly Cloudy  
Hi 42, Lo 33



Monday  
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Hi 54, Lo 37



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**Getting artsy**



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**On Oct. 27, Walter Sprague taught an art class at the Weston County Library, where the aspiring painters listen attentively as Sprague instructs the class. Classes are held Wednesdays at the library, from 10 to noon.**

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to look out for the best interest of Weston County. Your actions in giving away our legislative voice to Niobrara County are not only a betrayal but a disappointment to the Weston County residents you represent. And the fact that you, public servants, would vote to cast your ballots in secret, is doubly distressing.”

She said that she wasn’t there to diminish J.D. Williams as the new representative, but to share that the Republican Party was troubled with the vote.

“The facts are that JD does not live in Weston County, our access to him will be limited, and we will most definitely not be able to visit with him at the grocery store. You chose to diminish our local representation by choosing a representative that lives well over an hour away versus one that lives right here in our community, among us every day,” Drost said. “And you chose to do it in secret with the intention of not allowing the public to hold you accountable for your actions. We are here today to discuss you — the Weston County commissioners — and how you did not act in the best interest of Weston County.”

She noted that, regardless of the commissioners’ intentions, it is hard to not see the conduct as anything other than a betrayal to the county, petty politics or a personal agenda. Drost acknowledged that Commissioner Don Taylor had shared his vote with the public, revealing that he was one of two votes for Weston County resident Allen Slagle.

“The Weston County Republican Party humbly asks that the rest of you reflect on what it means to be a true public servant, and if you find you cannot selflessly represent our interests above your own for the duration of your terms, then we will expect you to resign immediately,” Drost concluded.

When asked by several members of the public what they were going to do about the situation, Ertman said that questions should be addressed to the county attorney.

Weston County Attorney Michael Stulken said that he is discussing the situation with the commissioners. Before Drost’s presentation, Stulken had requested an executive session for possible litigation concerning the secret vote.

“I am a little disappointed that you are choosing to have the lawyer speak at the moment. Each one of you should be proud of the decision you made and be able to tell us why you voted for J.D. Williams over Allen (Slagle) or the other gentleman (Gregg Matney),” Gillian Sears said. “From the perspective of the observer, it almost feels dirty. I am sure it wasn’t but from my perspective, ... I don’t understand

why this man is answering your questions when you made the decision. We are a community.”

Danny Bau said that he thought the vote should not be a private matter, that it is county business. He said that the board has no rights as individuals and has to answer to the public.

“That was our vote. We have to know how we voted so we can go forward,” Bau said, asking each of the commissioners if they thought their vote was the public’s vote.

“Yeah, in a lot of ways, I understand that concern,” Commissioner Nathan Todd said.

Commissioner Tony Barton said that his vote needs to reflect all the people of Weston County, and Commissioners Ed Wagoner and Don Taylor echoed similar thoughts.

“We won’t know if it reflected us unless you tell us,” Bau said.

“As a consolation prize, our attorney is reviewing [the secret vote] with the other county attorneys [Goshen and Niobrara counties], and I think they are in contact with the [attorney general],” Commissioner Tony Barton said.

The *News Letter Journal* has attempted to contact the Wyoming attorney general for comment on the matter but did not receive a response by press time. After being questioned by the former county attorney, William Curley, Ertman and Stulken both said the public would be made aware of the findings of this discussion among the attorneys.

As for who made the decision, or motion, for the vote to be taken anonymously, Stulken said that discussion was had during the open meeting and that the minutes should reflect the decision.

“I don’t know who made the motion, but it was among all the commissioners,” Todd added.

The minutes, however, do not include mention of a specific motion to vote in secret, but say that, “Commissioner Marty Ertman moved to approve the agenda including discussion of the weighted vote as suggested by Niobrara County Commissioner Pat Wade.” This motion did pass.

The *News Letter Journal* requested clarification from the Weston, Goshen and Niobrara county clerks on the motion for a secret vote but the documents provided by Goshen County Clerk Cindy Kenyon did not make it clear who suggested the anonymous vote.

The *News Letter Journal* has also emailed each of the commission chairmen and county clerks from the three counties regarding the incident, and except for Kenyon and Chairman Patrick Wade from Niobrara county (although he included the names of both Chairman John Ellis from

**Armed deputies at meeting**

**Alexis Barker**  
NLJ News Editor

The presence of uniformed Weston County Sheriff’s deputies at a county commissioners meeting isn’t necessarily unusual, but two being posted on either side of the door is rare. When asked by the *News Letter Journal* via a Nov. 8 email about the presence of the deputies at the Nov. 2 meeting, Chairman Marty Ertman responded, “Based on your question, shouldn’t it be directed at the sheriff?”

When NLJ contacted Sheriff Bryan Colvard, he said that his understanding, based on conversations with a Wyoming Highway Patrol lieutenant, is that County Clerk Becky Hadlock had requested that a trooper attend the commissioner meeting.

“Hadlock requested that their trooper be there,” Colvard said.

Colvard said he contacted Hadlock to ask about the request for uniformed officers. She told him that “we” thought it would be nice to have a uniformed officer there.

According to Colvard, the request to have a trooper at the meeting “seemed odd” and he was not made aware of any threats made that would have sparked a safety concern. He noted that he sent deputies because he did not think troopers were necessary, and that his office could provide the service.

When asked for comment on the request, Hadlock said that the request was due to the large crowd that was expected to be in attendance at the meeting.

“I was visiting with a highway patrolman about the crowd and because Sheriff Colvard was already on the agenda, I asked if [the patrolmen] would be in the area and would be able to swing by the meeting,” Hadlock said. “He let me know he would visit with his supervisor about having a couple of patrolmen at the meeting.”

She added that Colvard then called her and let her know he would have two deputies at the meeting.

Goshen County and Ertman’s names in the email), none have responded or been willing — on the record — to provide clarification or explanation for their actions.

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appellate section of the Wyoming Public Defender’s office.

“Causey received his Bachelor’s degree from Charleston Southern University and earned Masters and J.D. degrees from the University of Wyoming,” the release says.

Also under consideration were Kimberly M. Hoff and Ronald E. Wirthwein Jr. The names of the three candidates were forwarded to the governor by the Judicial Nominating Commission from a pool of qualified parties who were interested in the position.



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# Special session, a win for the little guy

It doesn't seem like anybody is very happy with the result of the Wyoming State Legislature's Special Session...but it ended up being the ultimate victory for small government.

When the dust settled, the legislature had drafted and passed a really big bill that actually did very little, and we should probably be grateful. I've always thought Wyoming was committed to limiting the role any government (local, state or federal) should play in our lives, and I think the legislature honored that commitment.

Legislated opposition to federal mandates that invade our privacy and violate our individual rights was going to require state mandates that violated individual rights of businesses and property owners and posed additional threats to Wyoming's employment freedom and claim to being a "right to work state."

It was the perfect example of a "two wrongs don't make a right" scenario, and as I read the bills being considered and listened to the debates I feared our freedoms could be threatened as much from Cheyenne as they could be from Washington D.C.



Bob Bonnar  
Shots from the Cheap Seats

I was again reminded of a quote from the movie The Patriot, when Benjamin Martin (the character played by Mel Gibson) is speaking to the South Carolina Assembly about revolt:

"Why should I trade a tyrant three thousand miles away for 3,000 tyrants one mile away? An elected legislature can trample a man's rights as easily as a King can."

I'm often reminded of that quote when I watch the Wyoming State Legislature in action, and I was glad when the legislature resisted the urge to expand their own power, authority and responsibilities (not to mention that is temporary — and drawing to a swift conclusion according to a growing number of sources.

That's why I sympathize with those who were truly afraid of the session and viewed each day with trepidation. Fortunately in the end everybody was allowed to have their say and a multitude of viewpoints were represented, but the legislative body itself responded with admirable and rare restraint.

And as a bonus, it was interesting and entertaining enough that we were treated to a perfect example of "getting to see the sausage being

made," and are all probably a little more ready to get on with our lives — which is perhaps the truest measure of success when it comes to self-government.

It wasn't always pretty when people across the entire political spectrum spoke to their beliefs and stood by them, but it was honest and courageous. A number of citizens participated as advocates and spectators, and the overwhelming majority of them treated the session and its primary players with proper respect and reverence, and that is cause for celebration as well.

In fact, I'm pretty sure that history will treat the session and all its participants favorably for playing their respective roles with dignity and respect (mostly) while also advocating passionately for their own ideals — and the wide range of beliefs represented by their various constituencies. It really was a pretty damn good example of democracy in action, and from my perspective it was one of the more honest and memorable displays of the inner workings of Wyoming state government that we've been treated to in recent memory.

And when they were done making the sausage, we were left with something everybody could swallow — even if nobody really enjoyed the

taste — and sometimes that is the most you can reasonably expect from government. That was probably the case here.

The legislature essentially empowered (and financed) the governor of Wyoming to oppose a federal mandate (see big government) by every legal means necessary. It is an appropriate and measured response by one branch of state government seeking to work in concert with the other two branches of state government to oppose federal overreach (see the Constitutions), and it was a compromise designed to present the best expression of unity, in both purpose and belief, against an outside threat.

It also didn't require state government to infringe on the rights of one set of citizens to protect the rights of another set of citizens by making it clear that the State of Wyoming's fight is with the federal government - not with its own citizens.

If we are indeed to begin preparing for life after the pandemic, the best thing we could possibly do right now is stop sticking it to each other in our disagreements over anything regarding the pandemic. Last week's legislation is a pretty good example of that, and the level of care and restraint that went into it is something we will all be grateful for in the not too distant future.

## Letter to the Editor

### A different perspective

To the editor,  
I wish to address the editorial published by the Newcastle News Letter Journal on Oct. 27th entitled, "Transparency is in the public's best interest." The sentiment expressed in the title isn't bad. Transparency requires integrity and honesty, something extremely rare in politics and the media. However, I believe the viewpoint expressed doesn't accurately reflect what happened during the HD 2 Representative replacement process and creates unnecessary controversy. I can attest to the procedure as I was able to attend both public meetings in mid-October. I submit that the process was extremely fair. Both meetings were run efficiently and professionally.

Following candidate interviews at the tri-county commissioner meeting, each elected official was given a

prepared paper ballot, marked with their respective county so it would be calculated correctly for the weighted voting process (See W.S. 22-8-111 (a)(iii)(D) for details). As the ballots were distributed, a lady from the audience asked why the votes were being cast privately. It was a public meeting, why not a voice vote? Admittedly, it was a valid point. Commissioners Wade and Ellis courteously explained that voice votes tend to influence individuals who vote before or after another. The ballot process encouraged those voting to think for themselves. Additionally, when an individual knows someone voted against them, it inevitably causes friction in the future — this permitted a good working relationship

from the start. All were invited to watch the ballot counting/tabulating process, and copies of the ballots would be filed with all three county clerks. Extremely polite and honest

about their thought process, the Commissioners inquired if that was satisfactory, and with no objection, the voting resumed. Their transparency required a lot of integrity.

The meeting recessed while the votes were tabulated. Many of those present wandered the room to visit with friends and neighbors. Meanwhile I stayed near my seat, but positioned myself to watch the county clerks handling the ballots. Sitting at the fore-left of the room, they did everything in plain view, extremely transparent.

Contrary to the editorial published, I don't think the selection procedure was secretive or underhanded at all. I believe it was handled with extreme care and professionalism. If you have concerns about it, I'd encourage you to go to the courthouse and examine the ballots. I also trust the Commissioners would happily visit with you about that meeting in further detail.

Respectfully,  
Chelsea Baars, Jay Em, Wyoming



# Does Wyoming have 20 seasons or more?

Recently we have been enjoying one of Wyoming's more pleasant seasons, a time known as Indian Summer.

Temperatures have been in the 60's and there is very little snow to be found.

Although the wind blows through Wyoming like a cyclone during this time, the roads are usually dry. That is one of the big secrets about the Cowboy State — our roads in the winter are almost always open and almost always dry.

We give big kudos to the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) for hard working employees and good systems in place.

Note: On the best innovations in recent years are those digital message boards across the state foretelling what kind of weather you can find ahead of you. I also think weather forecasting has become an exact science these days. If it says it's going to snow six inches, you can pretty much expect a half foot of the



Bill Sniffin  
My Wyoming

white stuff.

Of course, I listen to Ace Weatherman Don Day for most of my forecasts but using the various forecasting sites on the internet seem to be pretty accurate, too.

I like to divide our different weather cycles into 20 different seasons. I am not the first to do this, but after a lot of thought and half century of experience, these 20 seasons seem to

make the most sense. Here is my list of annual Wyoming seasons, starting with now:

- Indian summer
- Early winter — early snow
- Near winter
- Winter
- Dark winter
- Arctic Freeze
- January thaw
- Third winter
- Spring of Deception
- Semi-Truck leaning season
- Sprinter
- Actual spring (lasts about two days)
- Torrential downpour season
- Construction season
- Cheyenne Frontier Days
- Hail Season

- Hot summer
- Blue sky drought season
- Cool summer
- Fake Fall
- Real Fall

Both in the movie business and the book business, there is the concept of "false ending," where you as the viewer or reader think the story is over. Not so. Later the ultimate ending arrives. Just about every movie or book uses this device.

This also applies to Wyoming's weather during this time of year.

As part of our recent travels during this wet and crazy fall, I heard an expression by a weather reporter, who kept referring to their all-time-record cold weather as coming after they had had a "false" Autumn.

I like that term for fall. I used to describe Wyoming's four seasons as: Almost Winter, Winter, Still Winter and Construction. But then I realized it is more complicated than this.

Despite the pandemic in 2020, we had scheduled an extended motorhome trip crossing the southwest part of the USA from Las Vegas

to Flagstaff to Albuquerque to Santa Fe to Oklahoma City and onto Dallas. The trip worked out well and we saw many relatives and friends. But this wacky weather was not limited just to Wyoming. Flagstaff had blizzards. Dallas had hail and near freezing temps. Golf ball-sized hailstones pummeled the car I tow behind our RV.

At one point in the spring of that year we were stranded in Cheyenne, spending the night in our motorhome at the Terry Bison Ranch RV Park. It sure was windy. This was during the season I call Semi-Truck Leaning Season.

Three semi-trucks and a camper were on their sides just south of Cheyenne as the winds roared 75 mph for a direct hit on high profile vehicles on Interstate 25.

Some reports said 88 mph gusts were blowing over these rigs on Wyoming Hill. More than a dozen rigs were over tuned statewide.

Blizzards and rainstorms are troublesome issues for me when driving a 13-foot-high motorhome, but crosswinds are the biggest hazard. It is just too dangerous. We are at a time in our lives where we

## POLL of the WEEK

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- YES ..... 33% 12 Votes
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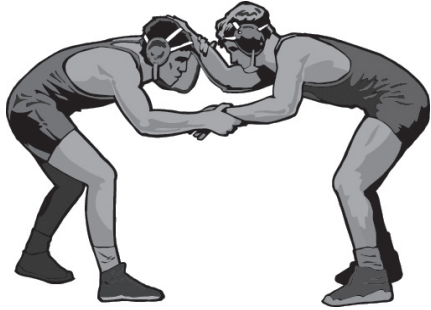
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## Obituaries

### JACK LEROY ESLINGER May 28, 1938–Oct. 13, 2021

On a Spring day May 28, 1938, Jack LeRoy Eslinger was born to Bert Thomas Eslinger and Rosa Amelia Larson Eslinger. He was brother to Raymond Eslinger, Sam Eslinger, David Eslinger and Viola Morris. Jack was the last surviving sibling. Jack passed away on Oct. 13, 2021, at the assisted living facility in Sheridan, Wyo., where he had recently moved to be closer to his daughter and son-in-law.

Jack is survived by his wife, Sharon; daughters, Robin (Steve) Schilling, Rachele (Steve) Murrell, and Bonnie (Kevin) Sweet; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Jack grew up in Rapid City, S.D. Later Jack joined the U.S. Navy and moved to California. He was a patriot and proud of his service as a Seabee.

It was truly ironic that he passed away on the 245th birthday of the United States Navy.

On his return to Wyoming Jack met and later married Sharon Ness Powell on March 24, 1976. Through this marriage Jack gained a son, Robert, and three daughters, Robin, Rachele and Bonnie. Sharon's first husband and father of her children died in a construction accident in 1974 and Jack always made sure his grave site at the cemetery was groomed and well taken care in respect of his new family.

Jack's work career involved driving truck local and over the road. He was accompanied by Sharon and they were fortunate to see many beautiful parts of America during this period. Work ethic was important and Jack had no tolerance for "slackers." "Get off your butt and get to work" was always his motto. Jack and Sharon became familiar faces as they also spent many years working part time at Buckhorn and Cheyenne Crossing in the beautiful Black Hills of Wyoming and South Dakota.

Jack was very social and loved telling stories as if the story was a painting. It was common for him to share his insights with anyone who would listen. Before his health declined, he loved to tinker outside. He enjoyed building bird houses, playing cards, Cribbage and Mexican Train as well as a being active at the VFW and American Legion. If your vehicle was less than shiny, he would wax and buff it for you. He was "Jack the wax man."

Reading was also top on his list as he enjoyed Louis L'Amour books and anything else with words. Monthly veteran magazines were anxiously read cover to cover and stacked next to his recliner. Wild birds flocked to the Eslinger home where they found homemade birdhouses and an abundant variety of bird seed. The pet birds at Jack's assisted living building knew him

as well and we are certain birds will sing and soar over his final resting place.

The Eslingers also spent years on the highways riding their "trikes" and Goldwing motorcycle. They rode them as far as California and often showed up in eastern South Dakota to surprise Sharon's mother. The grandchildren were always thrilled to have a ride on the trikes. Annual trips to the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally inspired him to collect lapel pins, which he proudly displayed as a collection on a vest.

Jack had a fondness for old country music and the couple loved to dance shaking up the floor at the West End. The song has ended but the melody lingers on.

Dogs were always an important part of Jack's life and were his constant companions. His grandson's dog passed away on the same day as Jack, and we are sure they are playing together out of control. The family and all who knew him will miss his presence, smile, quirky comebacks and his homemade breakfasts.

Pastor Ron Sample will officiate at Jack's Celebration of Life with military honors to be held at the Newcastle VFW on Saturday, Nov. 20, at 1 p.m. Cremation has taken place.

### DOLORES ROSE MITCHELL Oct. 23, 1946–Oct. 28, 2021

Dolores Rose, daughter of Faye Swope and Genevieve Van Blarcom, born Oct. 23, 1946, quietly slipped through heaven's gates on Oct. 28, 2021.

Dolores' bright smile will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She was a devoted daughter, sister, mother and friend.

As one of four daughters, Claudetta, June, Dolores, and Yvonne, she grew up on the homestead in Hat Creek helping with ranch work, attending school at the one-room country school house. She attended high school in Lusk, Wyo.

August 1963, Dolores married Elden Eugene Hanzlik, and became an instant mother to Lonnie (Judy, Newcastle, Wyo.),

Darla (Michael Forsythe, Soda Springs, Idaho), Ronda (Dave Stemmons, Lynndyl, Utah) and Dusty (Denise, Dell Rapids, S.D.). In the next few years, Colin (Melody, Spearfish, S.D.), Darron (Mary, Gillette, Wyo.), Marilla (Paul Knight, Stockton, Mo.), and Curtis (Jamie, Surprise, Ariz.) came

along. With eight children in the home, Dolores was keen to stretch a dollar and make everything count with love. She became an accomplished seamstress and often made her husband and children's clothing and alterations for western wear stores in Belle Fourche, Sturgis and Rapid City, S.D. She taught her children to be

independent, to work, love and play.

After 29 years of marriage, Gene passed away in 1992. Dolores married Dave Mitchell in New Mexico. They were married approximately 10 years when Dave passed away. At that time, Dolores moved back to the homestead to help her sister care for her husband and family.

Dolores is preceded in death by her parents; sister, June; Elden and Dave; and grandson, Chandler.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Pier Funeral Home of Lusk is in charge of arrangements.

### CAROL NAOMI CARDWELL WOLFE

May 29, 1938–Nov. 1, 2021

Beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend, Carol N. Wolfe, 83, passed away Nov. 1, 2021, at Weston County Health Services Hospital after becoming ill with COVID-19.

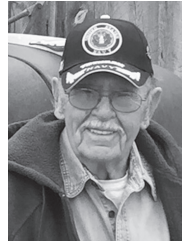
She was born to Jacob and Violet Cardwell May 29, 1938, in Valenine, Neb. She married Richard U. Wolfe in 1957, and from that marriage had four sons.

Carol spoke often of her love for horses and memories of trail riding. She enjoyed traveling, cooking, gardening and taking care of animals. Although she didn't know all her great-grandchildren, she loved spending time with those who lived nearby, drawing pictures of horses and throwing scraps out to crows, squirrels, rabbits and stray cats. She always had cookies and marshmallows for them. She loved to laugh and tell stories of earlier times.

Carol was preceded in death by her mother and father; son, Philip G.; sister, Joanne; brother, Harvey; and granddaughter, Lisa Jarboe.

She is survived by brothers Elmer Cardwell of Lockwood, Mont., and Frank Cardwell of Kingman, Ariz.; sons, Richard Wolfe of Gadsden, Ala., Andy Wolfe of Newcastle, Wyo., and Paul Wolfe of Belgrade, Mont.; grandchildren, Kristina Stubbs of Casper, Wyo., Amber Varner, Brandi Wolfe, and David Wolfe of Newcastle, and Aspen Allen of Belgrade; great-grandchildren, Aurora, Rachel and Alexa Stubbs of Casper, Wyo., Liz Jarboe of Stanley, Wisc., Zachary Behnshoof, Rianna, Jordan, Levi and Tad Varner of Newcastle, Riley Rich, Karla and Andi Wolfe of Newcastle, Adryan, Madison and Samson Wolfe of Newcastle, and Luka Raine and Hazel Mae Allen of Belgrade; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Due to COVID, a service will be planned for a later date.



Jack Eslinger



Carol Wolfe



Dolores Mitchell

## What's Up Calendar

Send your events to design@newsli.com for the News Letter Journal's weekly What's Up Calendar

# faith & values

## Daily Devotional Reading

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| November 12<br>Psalm 82  | November 16<br>Psalm 111                          |
| November 13<br>Psalm 104 | November 17<br>Psalm 115                          |
| November 14<br>Psalm 105 | November 18<br>Psalm 145                          |
| November 15<br>Psalm 106 | 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:** Interim Pastor Ben Roberts, 903 S. Summit, 746-2188. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Evening Service 6 pm;

AWANA Clubs Wednesday 6:30 pm

- **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Rev. Ron Sample, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Adult Bible Study 8:45 am; Traditional Church Services 10:00 am; 10:15 am Children's Church; Youth Group Sunday evenings 5:30-7 pm
- **GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Jon Andersen, 12 Old Hwy. 85, Evangelical Free Church, Bible Study 9:15 am, Worship 10:30 am. Call 949-0869
- **KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES:** 5018 US Hwy 16, 746-2319 or 746-4517. Tuesday 7:00 pm. Congregation Bible Study, Theocratic Ministry School and Service Meeting, Sunday Public Talk 10 am; Watchtower 11 am
- **NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sun. Worship 10 am; Wed. Night Prayer
- **OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH:** 348 Sheridan St. in Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm
- **OUR SAVIOR CHURCH:** Pastors Doug and Frezil Westlund. For Bible Study, call (605) 515-3058
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- **ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Brian Hess, Upton. Sunday Mass 5 pm
- **UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Donnie Holt, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Worship 9 am; Fellowship 10 am
- **VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH:** Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366

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# Recapture

## A PIECE OF HISTORY

### 25 Years Ago November 14, 1996

The Blotter: Nov. 5 – A woman reported that her three-legged dog and a short, black dog were missing. A stolen puppy was reported. A man reported he and his girlfriend were fighting. Nov. 8 – Several citizens voiced complaints over the amount of pigeon droppings on the sidewalks. A woman reported that she lost her little, old, fat dog. Nov. 9 – A dog, who reportedly enjoys killing cats, was at large. An artist who has displayed his paintings in galleries throughout the West has recently moved to Newcastle. Denton Lund and his wife, Sandy, who is an author, moved to Newcastle about three months ago from the southwest. Lund and his wife were living in Albuquerque, N. Mex., where he displayed many of his western art paintings in galleries.

Ella Hansen was honored Friday evening, Nov. 13 the occasion of her 93rd birthday. A surprise dinner was held in her honor at the Old Mill Inn. Special guests were John Toth and Elizabeth Cummings, brother and sister of Ella.

The Newcastle Middle School wrestling team went to the Gillette Invitational Nov. 9. Newcastle was the defending champions, but came up a little short this year, taking second place behind a powerful Douglas team.

The 9th grade volleyball players had a successful season with their overall pre-conference tournament record as 17-3. They were 3-1 in the conference losing only to Buffalo. They were seeded 3rd in the conference tournament which was held the homecoming weekend.

Weston County School

District #1 will participate in a pilot program allowing home schooled children to take part in extracurricular activities. The Wyoming High School Activities Association (WHSAA) proposed the one year trial period to accommodate home schooled youngsters who desired to participate in sports and other activities.

Carl Kuemmerle Post 2516 Post and Auxiliary met at the Lamplighter dining room for a no-host dinner honoring District 2 post commander Ralph F. Jackson from Sheridan.

### 50 Years Ago November 11, 1971

Carl Kuemmerle VFW Post 2516 and Auxiliary will host a Veteran's Day dinner tonight (Thursday.) The potluck supper will start at 7 p.m. at the VFW hall. Meat and coffee will be

furnished and persons are to bring a dish and table service.

A Japanese All-Star wrestling team has scheduled ten matches in Wyoming including one at Newcastle. The Japanese will be in Wyoming in January and will wrestle teams at Powell, Sheridan, Torrington, Douglas, Cheyenne, Casper, Worland, Green River, Riverton, and Newcastle.

Local Board No. 23 announces the enlistment of the following Weston County men in the Armed Forces – Lloyd William Bergstrom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Bergstrom of Newcastle, in the Army on Sept. 29; Randall Wayne Rhoades, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Rhoades of Newcastle, in the Army on Oct. 1; and John Kellen Thorpe, son of Dr. and Mrs. V.L. Thorpe of Newcastle, in the Navy on Oct. 26.

Four Newcastle High School Football players were named to the Absaroka All-Conference team and six others received honorable mention. The All-Conference team was selected at Douglas Saturday.

The Cambria RAMS Rock Club will meet Friday, Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the meeting room of the Anna Miller Museum.

Visitors Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Peterson were Mr. and Mrs. Les Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Ondriezek and Mr. and Mrs. Rich Peterson.

Wayne Peterson helped Joe Fordyce truck calves to the Harry Reed ranch Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Herb Quest, Mrs. Betty Pollat, Kenneth and Dennis Pollat, Harold Honey and Don Kokesh returned Sunday, Oct. 31, from their elk hunt in Jackson Hole.

Miss Renae Lee Odegard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Odegard of Newcastle, became the bride of Richard James Mosley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mosley of Osage on Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m.

### 100 Years Ago November 10, 1921

Monday and Tuesday evenings in the City Hall, George Monroe Post No. 3, American Legion, put on the first of their annual productions. An appreciative audience greeted the local boys, who certainly put over the droll little comedy which was chosen for this year's entertainment.

Mr. Charles Carlson, who returned to Weston County a few weeks ago to resume activities on his ranch in this county, was in Newcastle yesterday. Mr. Carlson is contemplating an irrigation project that will be one of the finest in this section when completed. It will cover an area of 1,500 acres, with a water right from the Lodgepole creek, one of the best streams in this county. Contract for part of the ditching has already been let.

Mr. and Mrs. Flores motored to Newcastle Sunday, accompanied by his brother's family, who were leaving for their home in Montana.

Bernice and Latal Fisher motored to Newcastle Saturday, returning Sunday. They enjoyed the trip.

The teacher at the Hampshire school is now serving hot lunches. Think we all ought to call about the noon hour.

John Statler, from near Newcastle, is threshing at Herbert Scott's. It looks as though Mr. Scott would have an abundance of alfalfa seed.

Charles Crites, Gus Berb, Duke and Dick Hamilton have left Hampshire for the tie camp in the hills where they expect to do well in the logging business.

Mr. and Mrs. Copeland and son, Wayne, left via auto for Council Bluffs, last week. Mrs. Wayne Copeland and baby went about a week ago on the train.

A surprise party was at Jim Thomson's Saturday night. A good size crowd was there. Games and dancing, with a nice lunch were enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Baird Huber and son spent Sunday at Mr. Huber's father's ranch near Elk Mountain. Valdemar Jessen returned home Sunday morning from a business trip to St. Louis.



Courtesy of Weston County Historical Society

This is a photograph of Vilma Weir's on her wedding day.

## WHAT'S UP

November 2021

### Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

Thur. Nov. 11	7AM	TOPS #218	Senior Center
	9AM	Veterans Day Program	Crouch Auditorium
	5:30-7:30PM	Newcastle Fall Guys Wrestling Registration	Event Center
Fri. Nov. 12	7AM	TOPS #322	Senior Center
	9AM	Caramel Rolls	Senior Center
	9AM	Beltone Hearing Aid Clinic	Senior Center
	1PM	Bridge	Senior Center
	5:30PM	BINGO	VFW Hall
Mon. Nov. 15	9AM	Exercise Class	Senior Center
	6PM	WC Children's Center Directors Mtg	WCCC
	7PM	Newcastle City Council	City Council Chambers
Tues. Nov. 16	9AM	WC Commissioners	Courthouse
	11AM	Story time	Library
	1PM	Bridge	Senior Center
	6PM	American Legion Riders	Newcastle Lodge
	6PM	Helping Hands Foundation Board mtg.	Senior Center
Wed. Nov. 17	6:30-8:30AM	Wellness Wednesday	WCHS
	7-9AM	Wellness Wednesday	Upton Medical Clinic
	9AM	Exercise Class	Senior Center
	9AM	Toe Nail Clinic	Senior Center
	9AM	WCSS Board mtg.	Senior Center
	10AM-NOON	Art Class	Libray
	NOON	Lions Club	Senior Center
Thur. Nov. 18	7AM	TOPS #218	Senior Center
	6PM	Veteran's Memorial Meeting	Four Square Church
	6PM	WCHS Board of Trustees MTG	WCHS
	7:30PM	Masons #13	Masonic Hall

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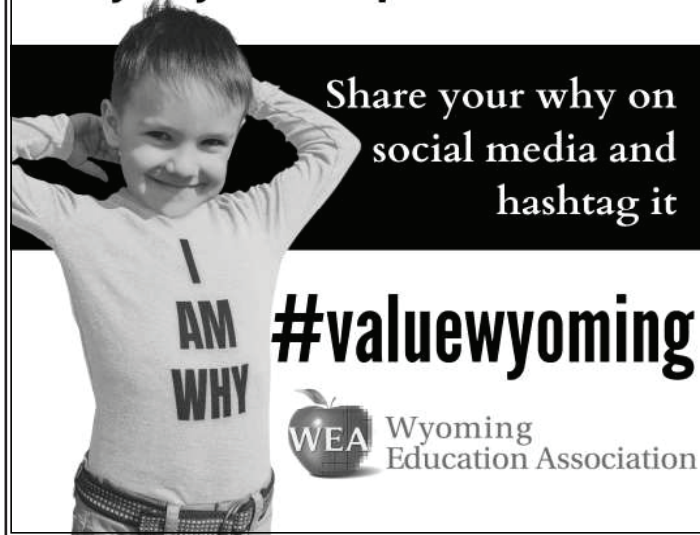
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# Sports

News Letter Journal

## Netters suffer stage fright at tourney

Sonja Karp  
NLJ Sports Editor

For the first time in seven years, the Lady Dogies won their way into the 3A Wyoming State Volleyball Championships, which took place last weekend in Casper. Unfortunately they, along with their 3A East counterparts, ran into the juggernaut that is the west side this season.

"I honestly think that the east just didn't show up to play," said head coach Keeley Anderson. "The Buffalo coach said that was the worst they had played all year, and I know that our girls were just not themselves either."

As a young team with no previous experience playing at the state tournament, the venue in the Wyoming Ford Center in Casper is a large stage with a lot going on. All four classes are competing at the same time, so all the fans are cheering, whistles are blowing, the surface of the court is far different than anything teams have played on throughout the season, and as far as depth perception goes, there is nothing comparable in any gym. It all definitely takes some adjusting.

The Lady Dogies may have had a bit of stage fright as they stepped onto the court to take on the No. 1 Mt. View Buffalo on Thursday evening. The Lady Buffs had enjoyed the ranking of No. 1 in 3A throughout the year, and were the returning 3A state champions to boot, so Newcastle understood they had a challenge waiting for them in their quarterfinal round.

"I think that some of the girls were nervous, and with the crazy atmosphere, it was a little overwhelming," Anderson admitted. "That's not an excuse, though, because they should have shown up to play."

According to Anderson, Newcastle only earned 13 points throughout the entire match, which they dropped in three straight sets.



The Lady Dogies had a rough state tournament, but were able to enjoy some great moments, nonetheless. Shelby Tidyman gets a hit past the formidable blocking power of the Burns Lady Broncs on Friday in what would ultimately be Newcastle's last match of the season.

"We had a bunch of errors which is very uncharacteristic of us," she said. "They really weren't hitting at us all that hard, and it was nothing like playing Buffalo. They were giving us pretty easy balls, but our passes were a little off — not getting to the 10 foot line — and then our sets were a little off, so it was just a never-ending cycle. It just didn't come together."

Mt. View had their way with the Lady Dogies who were only able to score 14, 12 and 15 points, respectively, in their three sets of the match.

"That game was rough because I've

never seen that group play that way and they took it hard too, because they knew they didn't play their best," Anderson said. "I didn't think they did anything too crazy, and if we would have played the way we are capable, it could have been a good match."

Friday, the Lady Dogies played Burns in the loser out game, and once again Newcastle just wasn't up to their usual level of performance.

"We did some good things in that game, and we looked a little more like ourselves," Anderson began. "But, we had taken them to four or five sets all

season long and competed with them, but again we just weren't playing like we are capable."

For the second match in a row, the Lady Dogies would fall in three straight sets, 21-25, 19-25 and 20-25.

"Our communication was not there. Anytime coaches stopped talking, it was silent on the court, which is not us at all," Anderson said. "It was an off weekend, and it wasn't a great weekend to have that happen."

Though the weekend didn't turn out

— See Volleyball, Page 8

### SPORTS SCHEDULES

NEWCASTLE HIGH SCHOOL		
NHS Men's Basketball	11/22	1st Practice
NHS Ladies' Basketball	11/22	1st Practice
NHS Men's Swimming	11/29	1st Practice
NHS/UHS Wrestling	11/22	1st Practice

## The wild, wild west

The culminating events for fall sports has revealed a trend which is a little troubling for those of us on the eastern side of Wyoming. Or at least sobering for those of us who are fans of eastside sports teams.

The westside is tough! I knew as the state volleyball tournament got under way last week that the 3A westside teams were going to be a challenge. I mean, they have dominated the top four or five in the rankings all year long, and looking at records throughout the season, I could infer that there was some talent on those teams. As the



Sonja Karp  
Karpe Dogie

tournament got under way on Thursday, it became quickly apparent that I had underestimated just how good they were, and that they

lived up to the hype. It started with the game between Buffalo, who went in as the No. 1 seed from the east, against Pinedale, the No. 4 seed from the west.

Buffalo had ended the regular season with a winning record and had shown themselves to be pretty tough against not only the quadrant teams, but also the cross-quadrant squads from the southeast. After watching them a few times, I anticipated that they would advance to the semifinals.

I was wrong. Though the sets were pretty competitive, the Pinedale Lady Wranglers swept the Lady Bison in three straight sets, and they began what would be a long, disappointing day for eastside teams.

From there, the westside continued to dominate, taking down Douglas, Burns and Newcastle — all in three straight sets (only one of which ended with a team from the east scoring more than 15 points).

The eastside did not win a single set on the first day. At that point, I started to think that there wouldn't be a single team among the top four that didn't represent

— See Karpe, Page 8

## Anderson shows out at state swim meet

Sonja Karp  
NLJ Sports Editor

Lydia Anderson was one of two Lady Dogies who qualified for the 3A Wyoming State Swim Meet in an individual event, and the junior put up a stellar performance in the culminating meet on Thursday and Friday in Gillette to finish among the top six and top eight in both of her races.

"Lydia did really well, and had a great meet," head coach Doug Scribner said. "She had PRs in both of her events and just really gave it everything she had, so that was fun to watch."

Anderson competed in both the 50 Freestyle and the 100 Free. In the 50, she went into the prelims seeded

sixth, so she just needed to hold her spot to advance to finals. The event was incredibly fast, and Anderson had a goal for herself of finishing in 25 seconds. In prelims on Thursday, she was in the lane next to the second fastest swimmer in her heat, which Scribner believed would bode well for her making finals.

"Lydia was racing her really well," he explained. "But there was a swimmer from Kemmerer in the outside lane who ended up winning the heat."

That scenario bumped Anderson down to seventh place, and though she didn't quite get down to her goal time. She did take off a little to finish with a personal record of 26.76. In the finals on Saturday, she took another

.51 seconds off her time to finish in 26.32, but even with that improvement, ended up in eighth place.

Anderson was able to claim a spot on the podium in the 100 Free, however, and did so by swimming the race of her career. Anderson was seeded 19th going into the meet, and ended the weekend by placing. She took four seconds off her best time in her sixth-place finish in the preliminaries, then held her place to finish sixth in finals as well.

"Lydia really did have an amazing swim," Scribner said. "She was in with a 1:01 so was in one of the first heats. Everyone in her heat was also on about that same seed time, so her challenge was to rely on herself if she

NHS Ladies' Swimming	
<b>Newcastle @ 3A State meet in Gillette</b>	<b>Newcastle @ Finals: 11/5/21</b>
<b>11/4-5/21</b>	<b>Team Results:</b>
<b>Individual Results Prelims: 11/4/21</b>	1. Lander 245
200 Medley Relay: 2:39.40	1. Green River 235
13. Hailey Beastrum, Ruth Rose, Rebekah Olson, Lilly Ralls	3. Powell 165
200 Freestyle:	4. Douglas 144
19. Raeleigh Shipp 2:23.21	5. Buffalo 118
50 Freestyle:	6. Cody 116
7. Lydia Anderson 26.76 PR Q	7. Rawlins 97
100 Freestyle:	8. Kemmerer 66
6. Lydia Anderson 58.52 PR Q	9. Sublette Co. 64
28. Raeleigh Shipp 1:04.31 1:03.53	11. Worland 42
200 Free Relay: 2:01.39	12. Newcastle 16
13. Rebekah Olson, Hailey Beastrum, Lydia Anderson, Raeleigh Shipp	13. Riverton 13
400 Free Relay: 4:36.72 Q	<b>Individual Results:</b>
12. Raeleigh Shipp, Rebekah Olson, Hailey Beastrum, Lydia Anderson	50 Freestyle:
	8. Lydia Anderson 26.32 PR
	100 Freestyle:
	6. Lydia Anderson 59.15
	400 Free Relay: 4:28.95 PR
	12. Raeleigh Shipp, Rebekah Olson, Hailey Beastrum, Lydia Anderson



wanted to advance." Scribner spoke with Anderson and let her know that if she wanted to get under a minute with a hope

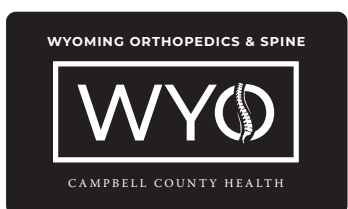
to break into finals, she was going to have to go out and race herself knowing she'd

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# Barton

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Party presented the first of two citizen grand jury findings on April 20, during a commissioners meeting, signed by over 270 residents, stating that Barton no longer lived in the county. The findings said that because he was not a resident, he should no longer be eligible to serve as a county commissioner. The findings noted that a commissioner must be an eligible voter residing in Weston County and that Barton was, therefore, no longer eligible to vote.

At the meeting, three of the five commissioners voted to support Barton's plan to remain on the commission until his term expires in 2022. Don Taylor stood in opposition to his fellow board members. Barton did not vote.

"There is no legal reason I can't serve until the end of my term ...," Barton said at the time. "My decision does not rest on the grand jury, the commissioners or the Republican Party. It is my decision to make, and I remain committed to finishing my term. ... I remain committed to putting Weston County first and improving our community."

Former County Attorney Alex Berger, a Campbell County resident, said that there was no legal standing to remove the com-

missioner from his elected seat.

But documents filed on Oct. 26 in the Sixth Judicial District Court for Weston County show that Barton and others believe they have an avenue to address the issue.

"Plaintiffs (Barton) seek injunctive and declaratory relief within the jurisdiction of this court concerning Defendant's (Barton) qualification to function in the office that he is currently holding in Weston County," court documents state, noting that per Wyoming Statute 18-3-501(a), the board of county commissioners "shall consist of ... qualified electors."

The petition does not ask for Barton's removal or resignation.

However, the petition requests a temporary injunction, which per statute would be "a command to refrain from a particular act." In Barton's case, this would be that Barton refrain from voting as an elected official and that he no longer receive financial compensation from the county.

The petition also asks for a permanent injunction in which the court grants the requested relief.

According to the summons, Barton has 20 days from the Nov. 2 service of the

summons to provide an answer to the petition.

"If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded to the Petition for Declaratory Judgment, Application for Temporary or Permanent Injunctions," the summons says.

Barton told the *News Letter Journal* that regardless of the outcome, he believes the filing of this case is a positive thing and shows elected officials that the people will hold them accountable. He noted that this is a personal matter with Barton alone and has nothing to do with the board of commissioners as a whole.

Barton did not respond to requests for comment by press time.

This isn't the first time that the residency of an elected official has been an issue in the county. The most recent case sparked the resignation of former Newcastle Mayor Deb Piana. Newcastle City Councilman Michael Alexander tendered his resignation on Nov. 1, after moving outside of the city limits.

Former County Attorney Alex Berger also fought his way through court in 2018 to appear on the Weston County ballot while residing in Campbell County.

# Bikes

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that the city has applied for the funds and is waiting to hear back.

Moore told the City Council on Oct. 4 during its regular meeting that the neighborhood meeting about the path had gone well, with only one major concern coming from business along the proposed path. He said that the concern was regarding traffic turning into their business.

"It is good that they brought it up. I have had some thoughts about addressing the safety issue," Moore said.

Moore said the concerns could be alleviated by installing signage or making the pathway so that users and drivers are more aware.

"I don't have any good alternatives for it. Whether we put the pathway in or not, you still

have foot traffic. We are just giving them (pedestrians and bicycles) a place," Moore said.

The other path would be located in Gray Addition and is a newer idea, intended to improve student access to Newcastle Elementary School, Moore told the *News Letter Journal*. During the neighborhood meeting for projects in the area, he said, attendees discussed street improvements between Cedar and Oak streets, as well as widening and adding a pathway along Sage Street.

"This expands on the pathway to school idea," Moore said.

The engineer reported that a path in Gray Addition would be relatively low in cost compared with the Highway 16 path. He said that it would cost a "couple thousand dollars" in materials, if the city crews

## Another path being explored

County resident Justin Kolbeck is also exploring a potential bike path along U.S. Highway 85 North on a mixture of county and city property. He plans to approach the council regarding development of the path.

Kolbeck previously told the Board of Weston County Commissioners that this path would hopefully run from the four-way intersection to Serenity Trail, providing a safe route for children and families to make their way to town.

"It would start with the connection of Musser Road to the four-way and connect over 20 families with no school bus access," Kolbeck said. "This would allow those children safe access to school."

Planning for this path is in the very early stages, but Kolbeck told the *News Letter Journal* that he plans to continue exploring the path and the options for making it happen.

complete the work.

This walkway would be a basic version with potential asphalt addition that could add to the cost, according to Moore.

"Funding for this work will be from general funds for street work — and not the same as (that for) the Highway 16 pathway," Moore said.

# Goodart

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the lights in their houses. If people were driving, they would have to pull over and shut the car lights off.

"I remember sitting in the car one night with my mom for two hours," Goodart said.

When Goodart reached school age, she was homeschooled for a time before attending a parochial school run by the Seventh Day Adventist Church. There, she attended second through 12th grade. In California at that time, children were not allowed to go to public school unless they had gone to kindergarten.

After graduating, Goodart attended one year of college at Pepperdine University in Malibu, California, for accounting.

Goodart traveled a lot with her family, including taking summer trips to the Black Hills, where she met Thomas Goodart, in Hill City, and they began to correspond. She moved back to Rapid City with her parents in 1956. Thomas was attending a teachers college in Springfield, South Dakota, at the time, so she decided to go there too. The couple was married in 1957.

The Goodarts' first home was in Redwood Falls, Minnesota, where their

first son, David, was born. After a short time there, the small family moved to Nebraska, where Thomas taught school. By the time they came to Newcastle in 1962, they had welcomed two more sons, Robert and Douglas. Here, Thomas taught at Newcastle High School. He had studied electronics, so he brought a new class in electronics to NHS.

The couple also owned and operated an electronics store for a while, called Newcastle Electronics. After that venture, Goodart decided to become licensed in insurance and opened her own insurance agency with Farmers Union in 1976, which she operated for several years.

She stopped doing that, and Thomas decided to retire, so they bought a motorhome and did some traveling. She loved traveling a lot, and Goodart said there's only six or seven states she hasn't been to. Between traveling with her parents and with her own family, Goodart has also been to England, Scotland, Spain, Germany and Austria.

"I like seeing what's on the other side of the hill," Goodart said

Goodart began volunteering for BREAD

not long after her husband died in 1999. She then took over directing the organization in 2007 or 2008, retiring from that a few years ago.

Colleen Goodart, who is married to Robert, said she loves her mother-in-law, and she's a wonderful lady. Colleen said Goodart is eager to serve, one of the reasons she worked for the food pantry. Goodart was even the *News Letter Journal's* 2011 Person of the Year.

"She raised three really good sons, and she is well-loved by all of her family," Colleen said. "She's really irreplaceable in our family."

Goodart now enjoys her time knitting, and she has made dresses for her great-granddaughters. She also has done carpentry in the past, making her own kitchen cupboards.

"I just know how to do things," Goodart said.

She is also an avid reader and sometimes has to set an alarm or she'll accidentally read until 2 a.m.

Goodart also enjoys spending time with her family. She has 10 grandkids, 18 great-grandkids and one great-great-grandchild.

## CELEBRATING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

2021-2022

### Newcastle High School

#### A Honor Roll - Quarter 1

Anderson, Ezra M	Henkle, Heath Alan	Prell, Jacob Roland
Bau, Ivy Lyne	Hiser, Callie A	Roberson, Slade L
Beastrom, Hailey N	Holmes, Cael D	Rose, McKenzie S
Bergstrom, Brock L	Hoover, Caleb Robert	Sarkinen, Trentin James
Bickford, Daniel D	Humes, Robert M	Schmitz, Brooklyn Lucille
Bloom, Aspen Joyce	Jerry, Lidia J	Schroyer, Trinity L
Bock, Varsity K	Kenney, Moriah	Spencer, Isabella R
Boyer, Karter L	Lichtenberger, Emilia R	Stanton, Tiernan E
Butler, Aidan E	Lipp, Jerome James	Stith, Cody Michael
Carter, Benjamin C	Lipp, LaKacee L	Svensson, Mads Hornbjerg
Chick, Avery Jasper	Malone, Carmella M	Sweet, Rachel D
Clark-Brownlow, McKenzie	McConkey, Holden I	Tavegie, Pate J
Conklin, Taylor J	McFarland, Hunter E	Tavegie, Tell B
Conzelman, MacKenzie K	McFarlin, Dylan A	Tidyman, Shelby M
Corley, Jayden Lea	McVay, Gabrielle S	Trotgruben, Thatcher W
Covey, Ilisah A	McVay, Olivia A	Trotgruben, Tristan M
Crinklaw, Taylor L	Merchen, Marshall Joseph	Tupa, Storee H
Cummings, Ameshia D	Miller, Kyah L	Tystad, Hogan E
Deyo, Hunter R	Mills, Autumn M	Unterseeher, Mischa A
Downing, Damon D	Morrill, Elijah A	Weltri, Cole Thomas
Dutcher, Raisa Grace	Morris, Julie A	Wheeler, Dakota Ann
Evenson, Dayne Ray	Olson, Rebekah S	Wheeler, Tayson Jason
Fullerton, DeLaney J	Orsborn, Zachary Kolton	Wildermuth, Jessica L
Garcia, Andrea Topete	Orsborn, Zade Tanner	Williams, Ava M
Gorman, Quinn J	Ostenson, Jaylen D	Wolfe, Karla A
Hadlock, Leah M	Perez, Angelyse L	Wormack, Joshua S
Hardy, Cage J	Perino, Quint M	Yanchunis-Gonzalez, Atlyn
Harrington, Jayde N	Petersen, Mia E	
Haynes, Elizabeth R	Pitlick, TaKeya Rose	

### Newcastle High School

#### B Honor Roll - Quarter 1

Allard, Kenzee C	Gorman, Aidan M	Parks, Triston D
Ayers, Leticia R	Hadlock, Alana R	Pehringer, Tyson R
Baeza, Anasofia	Hall, James W	Pitlick, Tashawna Marie
Baird, Rachel Jolene	Halvorsen, Kimberly A	Prell, Thomas L
Barker, Liam D	Hebbring, Brayden D	Rose, Kathleen E
Beastrom, William J	Herring, Hayden M	Rose, Ruth Mia
Benshoof, Bailey M	Holguin, Danyela C	Rumore, Saleen G
Boyer, Dustin M	Huey, Sara V	Rushton, Elizabeth C
Carter, Tara Lynn	Jenkins, Braden L	Schantle, Aaron K
Carter, Trinity V	Jerry, Shaylin D	Scribner, Samuel R
Checketts, Tal Brice	Kohlbrand, Aryana N	Scribner, Travis J
Christensen, Colter Wayne	Lewis, Rilee Shae	Simmons, Daren P
Cole, Wyatt P	Lorenz, Maggie Mae J	Simmons, Peyton Dallas
Conley, Heather L	Martell, Brook L	Smith, Chase Joe
Cox, Duncan Roy	Morgan, Dakota J	Strickland, Nathaniel
Cummings, Skyler D	Mullen, Kendal D	Alexander
Day, Gavin A	Munoz, Kayley	Vanderpool Mobley,
Dixon, Angela M	Oliver, Daymon James	Colton B
Drake, Camilla J	Olson, Isaiiah T	Wynia, Logan C
Dudzinski, Wyatt R	Olson, Logan G	Wynia, Trevor L
Engle, Taten W	Orban, Leo C	Yanchunis-Gonzalez,
Esposito, Caden R	Overman, Hayden S	Kyra .

### Newcastle Middle School

#### Principal's Honor Roll - Quarter 1

Allen, Kyan D, 7	Huber, Kathryn S, 8	Pischke, Joslyn C, 6
Allen, Zadya A, 6	Jins, Jada P, 7	Prell, Netanya M, 7
Ankeney, Dominic M, 6	Kilby, Brynne E, 8	Purviance, Carly J, 6
Blake, Corbin W, 6	Kitch, Connor C, 6	Rettinghouse, Colter J, 6
Blumenthal, Kaitlyn E, 8	Knight, Baleigh K, 8	Sanford, Heidi A, 6
Checketts, Ridge C, 7	Lewis, Laine L, 6	Schroyer, Ashlynn G, 7
Christensen, Callie L, 8	Lunstra, Allie M, 6	Smith, Josie J, 7
Conzelman, Drew M, 8	McConkey, Collin O, 8	Sweet, Bristal D, 6
Cunningham, Samuel J, 8	Mills, Caden D, 6	Tacy, Abigail R, 6
Cunningham, Liliana D, 6	Morrill, Lillie C, 7	Tavegie, Coen L, 7
Dresen, Delainey S, 7	Mullen, Kahlen J, 8	Tavegie, Emma E, 6
Dutcher, Trent W, 6	Oleson, Anika F, 6	Von Eye, Kyndal J, 7
Fitzwater, Preslee A, 8	Olson, Adalyn M, 7	Wheeler, Aria V, 7
Gramkow, Tradyn J, 8	Parsons, Ethan H, 6	Wildermuth, Ashlynn M, 7
Hinshaw, Jyzelle M, 8	Paul, Sean M, 7	
Hoover, Gabe J, 7	Peterson, Holly M, 8	

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#### A Honor Roll - Quarter 1

Ankeney, Damian L, 6	Fladstol, Rylan D, 8	Parsons, Noah M, 6
Ayers, Veronica R, 8	Guzman, Brooklyn T., 6	Perino, Cort W, 8
Bailey, Jayden C, 6	Hardy, Gavin W, 7	Phillips, Cayson N, 6
Bau, Simon P, 8	Hatheway, Landon J, 7	Rayhouser, Mason J, 7
Bell, Emme J, 7	Hatheway, Colten D, 6	Rawnbow, Scott J, 6
Benshoof, Brooklyn R, 8	Herring, Nevaeh M, 6	Redding, Reagan I, 8
Bergstrom, Adelyn G, 7	Hicks, Faith I, 6	Rohde, Heidi A, 7
Bloom, Cheyanne R, 6	Hill, Landen C, 6	Rose, Christian J, 7
Brown, James V, 6	Johnson, Arianna R, 8	Sadler, Scott A, 6
Butler, Adam F, 7	Josephson, Emerett B, 8	Sandrini, John A, 7
Carter, Lane B, 7	Karr, Soren L, 6	Sarkinen, Trextin R, 6
Caster, Brylee M, 6	Klemmetsen, Gregory M, 7	Scribner, Lucas J, 7
Christensen, Troy D., 6	Lacey, Maggie M, 8	Shuck, Ashlynn N, 6
Conley, Dylan A, 6	Leonard, Carson S, 7	Smith, Haley M, 7
Crabtree, Dane L, 7	Lichtenberger, Sage R, 7	Sternker, Madison J, 8
Cummings, Kenyan R, 6	Lopez, Laila T, 8	Stith, Tyler D, 8
Dixon, Jenna J., 6	Lorenz, Spencer R, 8	Stith, Sophia K, 6
Donner, Troy L, 8	Lovejoy, Taylor J, 6	Sullivan, Harmony S, 6
Doyle, Avery A, 8	McCarthy, Dustin C, 6	Swentesky, Christine D, 7
Erb, Cole S, 8	Mefford, Gage M, 7	Trotgruben, Theodore T, 8
Ertman, William R, 6	Merchen, Sherri A, 8	Wineteer, Kiah L, 6
Farnsworth, Canyon G, 8	Munoz, Myreli , 8	
Fitzwater, Addison M, 6	Musser, Audrey A, 6	

### Newcastle Middle School

#### B Honor Roll - Quarter 1

Allison, Taryn M, 7	Harp, Aleena J, 6	Munoz-Galvan,
Baird, Jonathan J, 7	Harrington, T.J.S., 6	Yaquelin , 8
Baird, Tanner A, 7	Heberling, Joseph A., 6	Munoz-Galvan, Gustavo , 6
Benshoof, Lukas A, 6	Herrberg, Rurik J, 8	Orban, Charles P, 7
Blake, Bradyn M, 8	Hildebrandt, Scottlyn R, 7	Paulson, Mary A, 6
Blumenthal, Kendrick A, 7	Humphrey, Caiden L., 6	Phillips, Daxton M, 7
Bonnema, Kirra R, 6	Hunter, Aurora E, 7	Rich, Jace W, 8
Buffington, Ella M, 6	Hunter, Ayonna L, 6	Rich, Riley L, 8
Carr, Scottlyn N., 6	Kolovich, Braden X, 8	Sheeler, Kylie N, 6
Davies, Denali R, 7	Malone, Justin K, 6	Stanton, Vincent G, 6
Derfield, Brayden L, 8	Martell, Kail J, 7	Stevenson, Tealah L, 6
Dodd, Peyton M, 7	Martinez, Jeremiah V, 7	Stuart, Brekyn F, 7
Dodd, Teagen D, 6	Martinez, Jonah C, 6	Swentesky, Hollie L, 7
Farella, Carter J, 6	McCormack, Jensi I, 7	Thompson, Dagan J, 7
Gallagher, Rena M, 6	McGuire, Jaden O, 7	Thurgood, Ailya R, 7
Halvorsen, Garrison G, 8	Merchen, Olivia L, 6	White, Nathan H, 8



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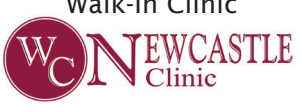
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# Volleyball from Page 6

the way any of the team members were hoping, the Lady Dogies will be returning the core of the team to the court next season. Unfortunately for seniors LaKacee Lipp and Olivia McVay, this was their last opportunity.

“I know that it was pretty heart-breaking for the seniors to go out like that, but for next season it will be great to have all of the others coming in with a vengeance,” Anderson said. “And looking back on the season, we only had three wins last year and this year we had 15. All the games were pretty tight, so they have grown a lot, and will grow over the next year as well.”

“Our goal this year was getting to state [competition] and we achieved that, so next year they will be ready when our goal is set a little bit higher,” she continued. “A ref told me that one of our girls commented that it was so important that we made it this year so that they have that experience under their belts, so I’m excited for next year.”

### NHS Volleyball

Newcastle @ 3A State Tournament in Casper: 11/4-6/21

v. Mt. View 11/4/21: 14-25, 12-25, 15-25  
Jaylen Ostenson: 5-5 serves, 3 kills, 6 set assists, 5 digs  
Tieman Stanton: 7-8 serves, 3 kills, 1 stuff block, 3 digs  
MacKenzie Conzelman: 1-2 serves, 1 kill, 1 dig  
Hunter McFarland: 5-6 serves, 7 set assists, 2 digs  
Shelby Tidyman: 5-5 serves, 1 ace, 5 kills, 1 set assist, 11 digs  
McKenzie Rose: 8-9 serves, 4 kills, 1 dig  
Gabby McVay: 1-1 serve, 6 digs  
LaKacee Lipp: 5-5 serves, 6 digs  
Olivia McVay: 1 dig

v. Burns 11/5/21: 21-25, 19-25, 20-25  
Jaylen Ostenson: 8-8 serves, 5 kills, 7 set assists, 9 digs  
Tieman Stanton: 8-9 serves, 1 ace, 11 kills, 1 stuff block, 3 block assists, 2 digs  
MacKenzie Conzelman: 3-4 serve, 3 kills, 1 stuff block, 2 digs  
Hunter McFarland: 11-11 serves, 2 aces, 4 kills, 14 set assists, 10 digs  
Shelby Tidyman: 9-10 serves, 2 kills, 1 block assist, 4 digs  
Gabby McVay: 6 digs  
McKenzie Rose: 9-9 serves, 4 kills, 2 block assists, 2 set assists, 1 dig  
LaKacee Lipp: 5-6 serves, 8 digs



Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ  
Newcastle High School seniors LaKacee Lipp, Shawnee Miles and Olivia McVay walk to the bus outside of the high school before they leaving for the volleyball state tournament in Casper on Thursday, Nov. 4.

# Swim from Page 6

have no one to push her.

“She broke out ahead of everyone and by the last 25 yards, she was over a body length ahead of everyone,” said Scribner. “She won her heat by a substantial margin because everyone else swam the times they came in with, and she was so excited to see her time of 58 seconds when she finished.”

“What was really cool, is that it wasn’t until the third or fourth heat until anyone was faster, so she held the number one spot for a while,” he continued.

In the finals on Friday, Anderson wasn’t able to repeat her PR from prelims, but was still under a minute in her sixth-place finish.

The 400 Free Relay team of Raeligh Shipp, Rebekah Olson, Hailey Beastrom and Anderson went in and did what Scribner anticipated by finishing 12th, thus securing a finals berth. However, getting that 12th place spot in the prelims did not come without some drama.

“Going in, we were seeded 12th so we just had to hold our spot to get to swim at finals,” Scribner stated. “We ended up adding four seconds to our fastest time, swimming a 4:36, but we were able to stay just ahead of Riverton who finished just one second behind us.”

“I didn’t expect us to beat them overall as a team, and we ended up doing that by three points.”

— Doug Scribner, NHS Ladies’ Swim Coach

Newcastle was in the second heat while Riverton was in the last, so the two teams didn’t compete against each other making it all that much more intense as all watched that final heat play out, and the Lady Dogies breathed a sigh of relief to see their time hold up.

“We were nervous going into prelims, and were swimming, maybe a little tired by the time the 400 came up, so that contributed to being slower than our seed time by four seconds,” Scribner said. “But, everyone was fresh for the race on Friday due to everyone but Lydia having no other races that day.”

As such, the team dropped four seconds off their previous best time to finish with a team best of 4:28.95 which is also eight seconds faster than their Thursday performance. Shipp swam a PR of 1:02 in the lead-off leg, and since that one counts for an individual time as well, that will stand as her personal best.

Olson was faster and

Beastrom had her best time as well with a 1:09. Anderson anchored the relay and was close to her best with a 1:01.

“The girls all swam really well and their finish was almost enough to beat Worland,” he said. “If we had had a little bit longer, we would have beat them.”

As a team, the Lady Dogies finished 12th ahead of Riverton, which Scribner admitted was a surprise to him.

“I didn’t expect us to beat them overall as a team, and we ended up doing that by three points,” he said. “We were watching Riverton in the finals of the 200 Free relay. If they would have switched places with another team, they would have beat us, but they didn’t, so that was cool.”

Reflecting on the season overall, Scribner was very pleased to see the vast improvement his team demonstrated.

“Ruth [Rose] improved 50 seconds in the breaststroke, and Lilly [Ralls] ended up with the title of most improved because over five events, she improved 95 seconds,” Scribner nodded. “We had big improvements from everyone and we will have everyone coming back next season. We’ve already started to talk about the goals the girls have for next year, and what they need to do to get there.”

# Facing off



Photo by Bob Bonnar/NLJ  
Newcastle High School alum Kristin (Engle) Carmichael speaks to officials prior to her Black Hills State University volleyball team facing off against Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo., on Oct. 23. The former Dogie standout is in her eighth year as the head coach of the Yellowjackets, who dropped a five-set heartbreaker on the road against the Skyhawks.

# Newcastle City Council Seat Vacancy

The Newcastle City Council is soliciting letters of interest from persons who are interested in filling a vacant City Council seat. The term of office is to fill the seat of Councilman Michael Alexander until the next General Election in 2022. This will be for one year ending December 2022.

Qualified individuals must be a registered voter and live within the city limits of Newcastle. Letters should be mailed to City Clerk at 10 West Warwick, Newcastle, WY 82701; emailed to treasurer@cityofnewcastle.org; or dropped by the city office at the address noted.

All letters of interest must be received by 5:00 p.m. Friday, December 3, 2021.

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the west.

On Saturday, Buffalo managed to take one set in their loser out game against Lander before the Lady Tigers prevailed to send the Lady Bison home. But then Burns stepped up to get the east represented as they defeated Pinedale in three, hard-fought sets to send them home.

Burns would only win that one match though, as Lander got the better of them for third place. So, the top three trophies went home with westside teams.

It’s not just volleyball in which the west side is dominating this year.

The football championship match-ups are

set, and, looking at the five different classes, every team but one who are playing for the title come from the west side of the state. Sheridan is the lone eastside representative, even though 4A doesn’t actually divide the state into east and west conferences.

At the 3A state swim meet last weekend, the first three places went to westside squads, and looking back at 3A state cross country, seven of the top eight teams were from the west.

It remains to be seen, obviously, whether or not this trend will continue into the winter sports seasons, but if the fall is any indication, we on the east may need to step things up to be ready to take on those teams from the wild, wild west.

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# Serving in the Army Nurse Corps

“In sixth grade, I remember deciding I wanted to become a nurse, and that didn't really change.”

— Carol Thurman

**Avery Alishouse**  
Student of Mrs. Troftgruben

Some dreams will permanently reside in the fictional realm, others turn into facts, and from facts to history. For Carol, the latter occurred. She was born the second child, with two brothers, one older and one younger. She and her younger brother passed for twins up until she was in seventh grade. She spent her entire childhood in Idaho Falls, graduating from the local high school.

After graduation, Carol was offered two different scholarships; one for dance, the other for nursing. Carol chose to pursue the nursing degree as it was more practical, and the scholarship was bigger. Carol attended the University of Northern Colorado to obtain a bachelor's degree in nursing. At the end of her second year she ran low on funds to pay for her degree, so, still intent on pursuing her dreams, Carol joined the fledgling Army Student Nurse Program. This program paid for a student's college education on a 1:2 ratio. If the military paid for one year the student was required to serve for two. Female students would enlist into the Women's Army Corps. Carol's father was drafted during World War II and had served as a guard aboard naval vessels. One of his main jobs was keeping

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Photo by KateLynn Slaamot/NLJ

**Carol Thurman wanted to be a nurse from the time she was in sixth grade, eventually realizing that dream and attending the University of Northern Colorado, intending to get her bachelor's degree in nursing. After her second year, due to low funds, she joined the fledgling Army Student Nurse Program to pay for her college, then attended basic training after she graduated from college.**

# WE SALUTE YOU



## History of Veterans Day

Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and November 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

Veterans Day occurs on November 11 every year in the United States in honor of the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918 that signaled the end of World War I, known as Armistice Day.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed by Congress, which moved the celebration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. The law went into effect in 1971, but in 1975 President Gerald Ford returned Veterans Day to November 11, due to the important historical significance of the date.

### FUN FACTS:

- Veterans Day commemorates veterans of all wars.
- 19 million living veterans served during at least one war as of April 2021.
- 11 percent of veterans are women.
- 5.9 million veterans served during the Vietnam War.
- 7.8 million veterans served in the Gulf War era.
- Of the 16 million Americans who served during World War II, about 240,000 were still alive as of 2021.
- 933,000 veterans served during the Korean War.
- As of 2021, the top three states with the highest percentage of Veterans were Alaska, Virginia and Montana.

(Source: History.com)

# Tales from Vietnam

**KateLynn Slaamot**  
NLJ Reporter

Over the course of U.S. history, wars have been fought and won and men and women have given their lives in service to our country. And these brave men and women deserve to be honored for their courage, sacrifice and loyalty.

Newcastle and Weston County have many of these heroes. Tom Wright is one of them, and here he shares with readers of the *News Letter Journal* stories about his life and experience as a veteran.

Wright was born in Gillette on Oct. 18, 1946, to Bob and Helen Wright. In 1947, the family moved to the ranch near Newcastle, purchased by Wright's grandfather.

Wright attended Gertrude Burns Elementary School and Newcastle High School, graduating in 1964.

He went on to attend the University of Wyoming and graduated with a four-year degree in animal science. At that time, Wright said, it was a requirement for every "able-bodied male" to take part in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps for two years. Wright decided to do advanced ROTC, after his required two years, at Fort Riley, Kansas, between his junior and senior years at UW.

Wright graduated from UW in 1968 and then went to a three-month training program for lieutenants in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. From there, he went to Fort Lewis, Washington. At that time, he was engaged to his soon-to-be wife, Kay.

"I kind of thought it was looking like I was going to Vietnam, and I was lonely in Fort Lewis,

Washington, and said let's get married, and so we did," Wright said.

In the spring of 1969, he received his orders to go to Vietnam. He was to report to San Francisco in June of 1969.

Wright was at Fort Lewis until May, after which time he had 30 days' leave before leaving for Vietnam. He shipped out just four days after his first daughter, Karine, was born.

"My first child was born June 4, and on June 8, I left for Vietnam. Karine was 4 days old," Wright said.

"So then, in Vietnam, I was assigned to Charlie Company, 23rd Med Battalion, as an ambulance platoon leader," Wright continued, saying he was part of the 196th

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Submitted photo

**Tom Wright served in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps in Vietnam. He arrived in the country in June of 1969, returning stateside in June of 1970.**



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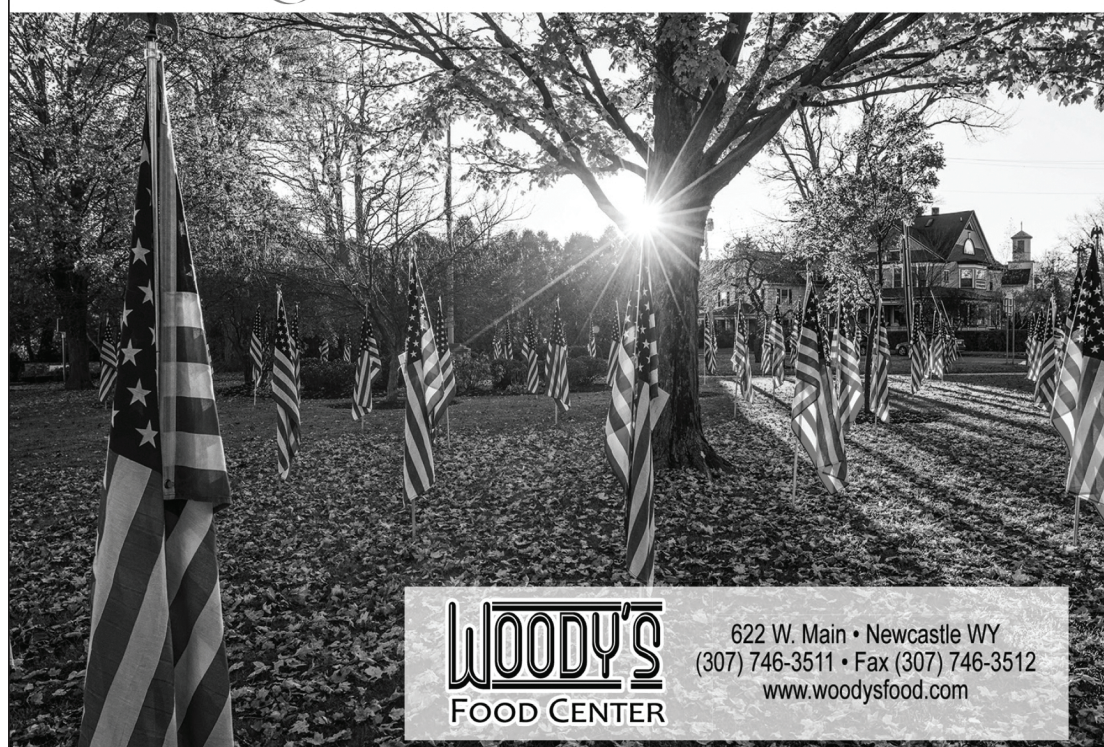


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## Thurman

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the men in the men's quarters and the women in the women's. Her father respected the nurses because they treated people with respect, whilst also maintaining dignity and modesty. From his experiences he heavily supported Carol's decision to join the Army Nurse Corps.

After she graduated college, Carol attended basic training near Brook Army Hospital in San Antonio, Texas. Her adjustment to military life was easy — many of the needed traits had been instilled in her during her childhood. Her days at basic consisted of hours of classroom work, learning the military language, and how to be military. Since Carol spent long hours sitting in the classroom, one of her favorite things to do was to march, as it got her moving. In basic they told them, "nurses do not get sick." Carol thought they were exaggerating but, she learned that nurses were never sent home and could not call in sick. They would drug them up and send them back to work, as nurses were essential to keeping the hospital running.

Carol had become engaged to her then-boyfriend during her senior year of college. She graduated in the spring of 1971. They married the day after she graduated. So, she went from 2nd Lt. Eddy to 1st Lt. Potter. Her first station was at Ft. Ord in Monterey, Calif. Word of her marriage never quite made it to the head nurse who was expecting two different people. She got Carol instead. From then on, the head nurse would always cite her for dirty shoelaces, so she became very good at putting on clean shoelaces whenever the head nurse was going to be around, she said. Even then, Carol would get cited anyway. While in Ft. Ord, she was stationed on the long-term care unit. Her experiences working with the patients led to strong friendships, as most of the men were being put back together after suffering injuries overseas. Many were on their third, fourth, and even 10th surgeries, just trying to get their bodies working again.

One of Carol's treasured memories comes from the time she spent working in the long-term care unit.

"In the new hospital, the end unit faced the sunset, over the ocean, and all the guys and I would go out and sit on the beds and watch the sunset. And it was fun. It was special because it gave us camaraderie, it gave us people that cared about each other," she said.

The first part of Carol's time in Ft. Ord was spent working in the old hospital. They were no longer fixing anything, instead focusing their energy on building a new hospital. The old hospital was located in a massive building; she had to walk 20 minutes to get to the dining hall on the opposite side of the building. Carol remembers the dangerous halls, where there weren't enough guards to patrol them all. People walking alone were at risk of being beaten and robbed. Carol would ask patients to walk with her if she had to take another patient somewhere else. Many of the guys willingly obliged, and she stayed safe.

Carol was serving in a time where California was not partial to the war. All military personnel were forbidden to go out in public in uniform. They had to go straight home and change into "civies," non-military clothing or civilian clothing, before they went out. When Carol left for her station, she took her husband with her and they lived in an apartment off base. The only people who knew she was military were the people in her apartment complex. Carol was able to sit by the pool and not have a single other person acknowl-



Submitted photo  
**This is a photo of veteran Carol Thurman at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, in Bassett Army Hospital, around 1974 or 1975.**

edge her existence. She believes she was saved a lot of abuse by adhering to the rule. Her time in Ft. Ord shaped her later life, she said. She worked with the heroin addicts shipped back from Vietnam. This was her first experience with drug addicts, but it encouraged her to get certified in drug abuse counseling.

Carol was then transferred to Ft. Wainwright in Fairbanks, Alaska. She worked on both men's and women's surgical units and an obstetrics unit where she ended up delivering a few babies when there was no one else present to do it.

Ft. Wainwright participated in Operation Jack Frost. The entire base would go out on military maneuvers for four days in winter, providing training in a sub-arctic environment. Nine months later, she said, there would be a bunch of babies born. The base only had two delivery rooms and one time there were three pregnant women in labor at the same time.

In Fairbanks in the winter, the temperatures would drop well into the negatives and stay there. There was no such thing as not getting to work. The military had technology that let the trucks start, but that didn't mean the wheels would turn. Carol wasn't heavy enough to put enough weight onto the wheels to make them turn, so she had to walk in -40 degree weather. The military gave her the appropriate clothing to stay warm while walking. One night she got home from work and found she had been locked out of her house. It was nighttime during winter, so she ended up staying in the dog house with her dog, Dusty, until her husband got home.

Carol stayed with the military for a year more than her required time, and at the end of the Vietnam War she was a captain on the majors list, but she knew it could be 20 years before she got another rank. The final straw was the changing values of military members, she said. They no longer fit into her values.

After she left the military, Carol stayed in Fairbanks for several years. She got a job selling furniture. At the time, she made more from sales commission than she would have as a civilian nurse. When they left Alaska, they traveled around the United States for a bit before settling down in Idaho Springs in 1978. There she had two daughters. When the mine in Colorado closed they moved to Gillette, Wyo., where Carol found work on a chemical dependency unit. The unit has since shut down, but Carol remains a

nurse working with in-patient psychiatrics, working part-time, as it is something she is passionate about.

Carol's experiences working in California and Alaska meant when she left the military she was an experienced nurse. She was capable for caring for a wide range of ailments. When Carol came back, sometimes she would get a comment of "that's because you were military." Usually this came about in the sense that she did her job as she was told, but, she said, was raised that way.

While Carol was in the military, she would sometimes encounter problems, as Carol treated people like people regardless of their rank. That differed from other military beliefs where rank is everything, a private does not need to be given respect. One of the things that makes war so heinous, is the injuries soldiers received. They would have to deal with them for the rest of their lives, whether it's a shoulder that doesn't work right or they lost a leg. A unique ailment many veterans who deployed to Vietnam are still facing are the effects of agent orange, a tactical herbicide. It was used in Vietnam to kill vegetation, because the Vietnamese were incredibly good at guerilla warfare.

Carol was never deployed overseas. At the time they were not sending married women outside the United States. Her time was spent serving within the U.S., and it taught her an important lesson. She learned that it was okay if you are not the big wheel. It is okay to be one of the cogs. Everyone does not get to be a big wheel, but by being a cog and showing up and doing your job to the best of your ability, you become somebody. Everyone who has served gave up years of their life to serve their country — they are all heroes.

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Story written for Reading, 2A Class, Nov. 21, 2019.



## Singin' sweethearts



Photo by Siri Karr/NLJ

America's Sweethearts, Kristen Michelle, Amanda Lea LaVergne and Carly Kincannon, sing songs from the 1950s during the Weston County Concert Association concert Oct. 30 at the Crouch Auditorium in Newcastle. The trio delighted the audience with songs like "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "Sentimental Journey," and "Happy Days Are Here Again." The next WCCA concert will be held Nov. 20 (see story below).

# Enjoy the Odyssey

Alexis Barker  
NLJ News Editor

Enjoy the feel of The New Odyssey in 2021 with The New Odyssey Guy, coming to the Crouch Auditorium on Nov. 20 at 7 p.m., thanks to the Weston County Concert Association.

Gary Todd, now performing as the New Odyssey Guy, began his entertainment career at the age of 2. The young performer joined the band Odyssey at age 17, according to his biography. The band continued for years before dwindling to three members in 1988 when it rebranded as The New Odyssey.

New Odyssey consisted of three guys from Chicago, Todd included, playing 30 instruments for nearly 40 years until the group split in 2018.

"The legacy continues with the man, the legend, the one man show dynamo ... The New Odyssey Guy," his website says. "Gary Todd will continue to entertain the crowds with several of his favorite instruments, bringing a hilarious, outlandish and a totally unpredictable single act back to the stage."

Todd will bring 10 instruments, years of experience and songs such as "Get Back," "Heart of Rock and Roll," "2001 Space Odyssey" and "Sweet Caroline" to the local stage for association members.

Those who have already purchased their association membership for the 2021-22 season need only to present their tickets at the door. And don't worry, association president Jan Ellis said, memberships can be purchased at the door.

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

Other concerts featured in this season's lineup include The Chipper Experience on March 27 and Braden & James on April 28.

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

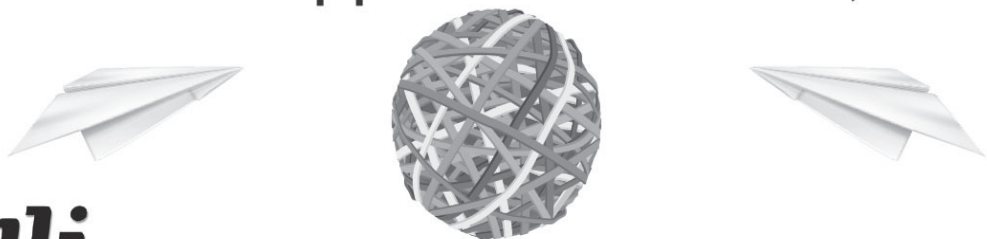
## Trick or Treat!



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Bostyn Smellie smiles as she enters the *News Letter Journal* for Trick-or-Treating, followed by other children from the Weston County Children's Center, on Wednesday, Oct. 27.

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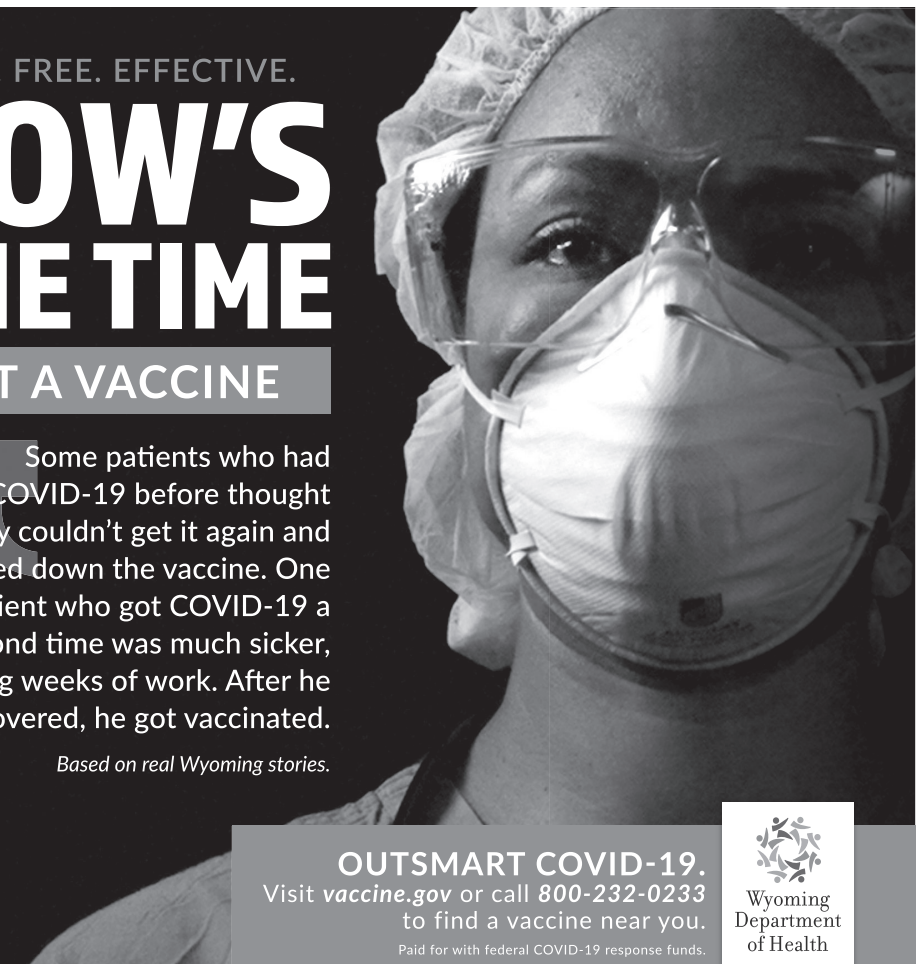

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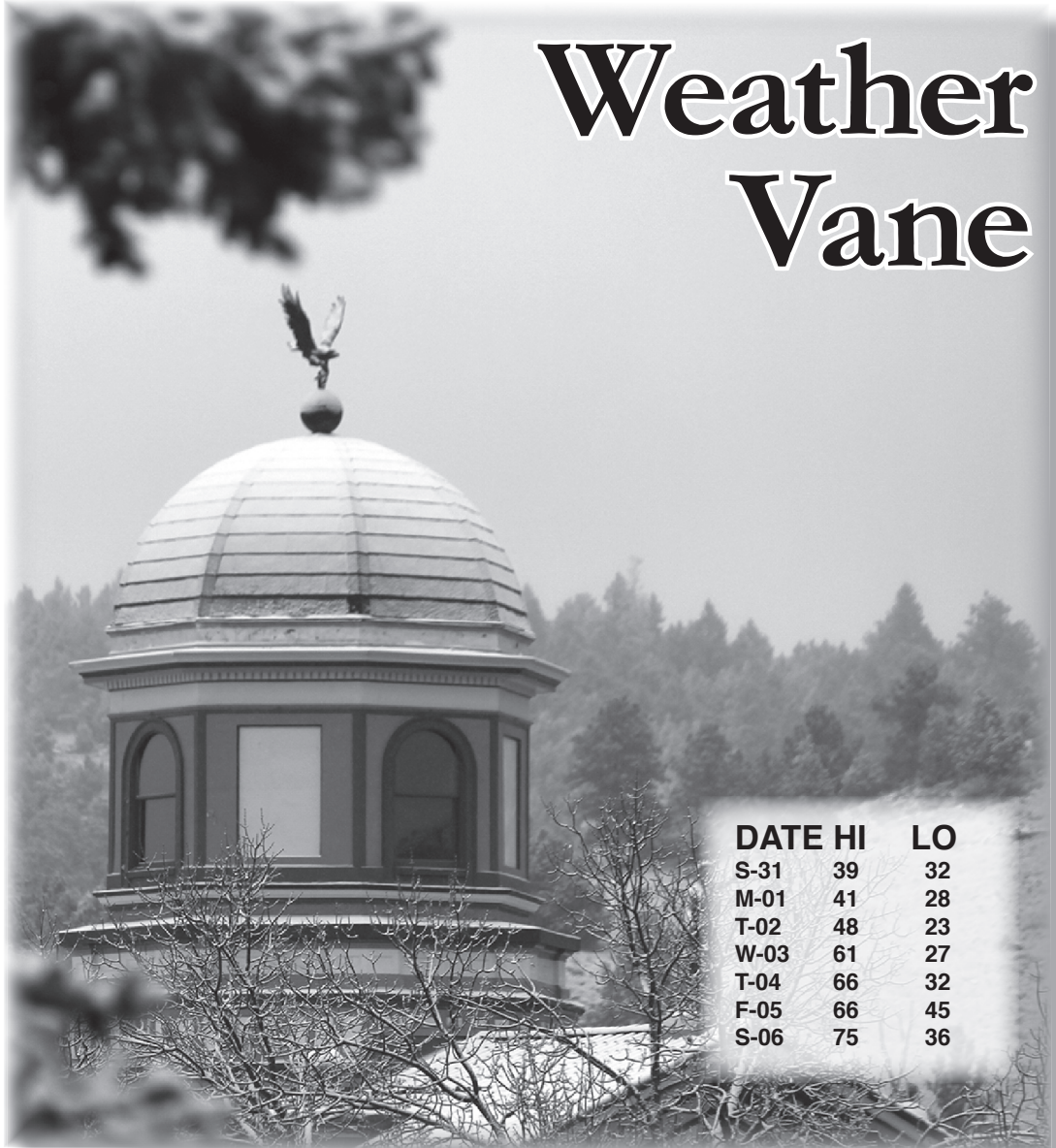


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Interested persons may inspect the

Application at BHWG's Wyoming business office and at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne. The Application is available for inspection by any interested person during regular business hours or online at: <http://psc.wyo.gov>.

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**ACROSS**

- "If all \_\_\_\_ fails..."
- \*Male Thanksgiving bird
- Yoko's last name
- Indian restaurant bread
- Carhop's carrier
- \*\*"Kiss the Cook" garment
- Homer's "The Odyssey", e.g.
- \*Grandpa or Grandma, often
- Moolah or dough
- \*Pilgrim's colony
- Allah's cleric
- Arranges into categories
- Chance's genre
- \*\*"Plains, Trains and Automobiles" star
- Woven containers
- Kimono sash
- Aristotle's school
- Part of ideal
- Hurricane feature, pl.
- Comedian Schumer
- Teen worry
- Side of a ruler
- Left over
- \*When will the guests be here?, acr.
- Rejuvenate
- Expression of agreement (2 words)
- \*What Turkey Trot participants did
- Outdoor entertainment area

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- Compass dir.
- Arctic native
- Go yachting
- Become enclosed in a cyst
- Freshwater fish
- Hop-drying kilns
- \*Pumpkin pie at the first Thanksgiving, e.g.
- Sea World's performer
- "Cheers" regular
- Top seed
- Like a rosebush
- Spy name
- \*Kind of squash
- Toils
- Truck brand motto: "Guts. Glory. \_\_\_\_"
- Lawn trimmer
- Toe the line
- Designs on lemur's tail

**26. Purchases**

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**28. T in Ferrari TR**

**29. Thai restaurant chicken staple**

**32. Elder's support**

**33. Flightless bird**

**36. \*Thanksgiving football game host city since 1934**

**38. Impromptu**

**40. Big coffee holder**

**41. Choice word**

**44. Desert mirage**

**46. Makes less tight**

**48. Lace loop**

**49. "Angela's \_\_\_\_\_" memoir**

**50. \*Raiders vs. Cowboys, e.g.**

**51. Scandinavian war god**

**52. Dry riverbed**

**53. Not final or absolute**

**54. Exclamation of surprise, archaic**

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Deceased Deer Reported. Traffic Stop, ERO Issued. Attempt to Locate Person. 911 Misdialed. Medical Assist. Water Issue Reported. Public Assist Requested. Noise Complaint. Livestock on the Highway Reported. Suspicious Activity Reported. Noise Complaint.

**November 1**  
Assist Other Agency. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Motorist Assist. Welfare Check Requested. Public Assist. Assist Other Agency. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. VIN Inspection Requested. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Deer Vs. Vehicle Accident Reported.

**November 2**  
Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. School Walkthrough. School Walkthrough. Lost Property Reported. Theft Reported. Animals Fighting Reported. Suspicious Person Reported.

**November 3**  
Missing Signs Reported. Deer Vs. Vehicle Accident Reported. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Assist Other Agency. School

Walkthrough. School Walkthrough. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued.

**November 4**  
Report of Animals at Large. Assist Other Agency. School Walkthrough. Theft Reported. School Walkthrough. Found Property Reported. School Walkthrough. VIN Inspection Requested. Deceased Deer Reported. Medical Assist.

**November 5**  
School Walkthrough. School Walkthrough. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Minor Vehicle Accident Reported. Funeral Escort Requested. Warrant Arrest Made. Traffic Stop, No Action Taken. Animal Problems Reported. VIN Inspection Requested. Arrest Warrant Issued. Arrest Warrant Issued. Arrest Warrant Issued. Traffic Stop, No Action Taken. Traffic Stop, No Action Taken. Public Assist Requested. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Missing Dog Reported. Civil Matter Reported. VIN Inspection Requested. Verbal Dispute Reported. 911 Misdialed. Medical Assist.



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# Cowboy State Look-In

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## Lease sale revenue falls

CASPER (WNE) — Office of State Lands estimates that just over \$400,000 from Wednesday's sale will be added to the state's K-12 fund — a significant drop from previous years.

Ranked eighth among crude oil-producing states, Wyoming has the second-highest share of oil production on federal lands. The triannual state lease sales are entirely separate from the quarterly federal sales overseen by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

The state relies on revenue from both types of leasing to fund a number of programs, including education. The Office of State Lands estimates that just over \$400,000 from Wednesday's sale will be added to the state's K-12 fund — a significant drop from previous years.

Amid the Biden administration's nearly year-long moratorium on federal oil and gas leasing, which is set to end in early 2022, the state has continued to lease non-federal land for oil and gas development. It saw the lowest state lease sale revenue in more than a decade during the 2021 fiscal year, according to the October CREG report, with revenue dipping further through the end of the calendar year.

Oil demand has recovered more rapidly from its 2020 lows than production, which continues to chart a slow return to pre-pandemic levels as oil markets remain volatile. The Nov. 3 sale generated less revenue than the nearly \$600,000 earned in July, but more than the \$259,000 earned in March.

Year-over-year, November leasing revenue was down more than \$1 million in 2021. In total, revenue from the state's 2021 lease sales fell 73% compared with 2020, 86% compared with 2019 and 95% compared with 2018.

## Two of 399's cubs trapped

JACKSON (WNE) — Federal agencies trapped three of Grizzly 399's cubs and then outfitted two with tracking collars before releasing all three Saturday to increase monitoring as a way to curb conflicts with people.

While the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service touted the successful collaring of two bears as necessary to keep the five-bear family safe, wildlife watchers saw the operation near Astoria Hot Springs as high risk for the well-being of the bears.

"The Service recognizes the high level of interest in grizzly bear #399, and we thank all of our partners for coming together to do what we can to ensure both the safety of the public as well as the safety of #399 and her yearlings from growing risks of human-bear conflict," USFWS Acting Regional Director Matt Hogan said in a news release. "This preventive step will help us mitigate further conflicts to protect grizzly bear #399, her yearlings, and the public."

The yearling cubs "were released together in the presence of #399" and the fourth cub, which was not trapped, the release said.

The service described a significant increase in the frequency of the five bears lingering near homes and getting into human sources of food. Such "unsecured attractants" and surprise encounters set the stage for the most common human-bear conflicts, the service warned.

Although the service released few details of the capture, wildlife watchers reported that Grizzly 399 and one cub ran up the mountainside after three of the cubs were captured, separating the bears for several hours Saturday.

"The reality of what they tried to do yesterday was fraught with real danger," wildlife photographer Mangelsen said Sunday. "It came so close to splitting up that family forever."

## Beet harvest weather simply ideal

POWELL (WNE) — Area sugar beet growers are pretty much all smiles as the 2021 harvest is all but over in the Western Sugar Cooperative's Lovell Factory District.

As of Monday, only 490 acres of beets remained to be delivered in the Lovell district, with roughly 270 acres still to be harvested in the Billings, Montana, Factory District.

The first cause for celebration was absolutely ideal harvest weather.

"If you believe in a harvest weather God, he did real well," said Tod Stutzman, North End grower and a member of the cooperative's board of beet growers. "We couldn't have asked for better weather."

A year ago, growers dealt with difficult conditions and harvested frozen beets before shutting down in the second week of November.

This harvest season, "weather maybe held us up for four days, with no loss to frost," Stutzman noted.

Some rain and snow muddied fields briefly, but he called it nothing more than a brush with bad weather, "a reality check."

Stutzman said final figures are not available, but the average tonnage of the harvested crop should come in right at the projected yield of 26 tons to the acre. Early results from the processing of the 2021 beets are favorable at the Lovell factory, he added.

"Sugar content has been great," he said. "We should average 18.4% sugar."

## Youth crisis center abruptly closes

RAWLINS (WNE) — The Carbon County community got an unexpected pre-Halloween trick late last week when the Carbon County Youth Crisis Center in Rawlins was abruptly closed.

The closure also was news to the Carbon County Commission, which announced the move in a Friday press release. The closure is in effect "until further notice," according to the release.

The crisis center is operated by Cathedral Home for Children of Laramie, which informed the county Thursday the closure is immediate, said County Attorney Ashley Mayfield Davis.

Commissioners also weren't given any notice by CHC of any potential issues that would result in withdrawal as operator of the Crisis Center. As a result, the commissioners didn't have an opportunity "to develop a transition plan for the Crisis Center," according to the release.

Because operation of the facility requires licensing from the state Department of Family Services, it had to close.

This Crisis Center was used as a place of residence for children who could no longer live at home and as a place of confinement for juvenile defendants rather than housing them with adult prisoners in the county Jail next door. There was also no information in the press release about how many young people were in residence in the center at the time of its closure and where they were placed when the Center closed.

"Cathedral Home for Children will continue offering diversion services in Carbon County through Dec. 10, 2021," the press release says. However, what services would be provided and where they would be offered wasn't addressed.

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# Wright

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Light Infantry Brigade. He first went to Chu Lai, where he spent about a week in training. He then was transported by helicopter to LZ (Landing Zone) Baldy, near Da Nang.

“We had a helicopter, a Dust-off chopper, assigned to support us, but it was not part of our unit. It came down from Da Nang. And they spent about four or five days with us, and then they’d go back and be replaced,” Wright said. A “Dust-off chopper” is a medical evacuation helicopter, and it owes its nickname partly to the dust that would billow up when they landed and took off.

Wright went on to explain that each infantry company had one or two medics who would deal with minor medical issues. “If it’s anything more serious, or if you are a casualty, or if you’re getting malaria, they called our charger Dust-off, and the helicopter goes out and picks up the person, and comes back,” Wright said.

He noted that they had a hospital with around 90 beds at LZ Baldy, fairly minor medical situations were taken care of before sending the injured men back to their units.

“If you’re injured, then your medic stops the bleeding, if he can, and calls the helicopter, and he comes to us. We’re the first place that has blood and doctors and oxygen, and we try to stabilize the person. ... Then we put them back on the helicopter that goes to Da Nang or down to Chu Lai. Most of the time, they went up to Da Nang,” Wright explained. Da Nang had a hospital ship and a couple of complete hospitals.

Wright told the *News Letter Journal* that while the helicopters took over the job of evacuating and transporting injured soldiers from land ambulance vehicles, the units still had jeeps and trucks to transport themselves. As an ambulance platoon leader, Wright was in charge of maintaining vehicles and keeping up on medical supplies, food, etc.

When times were really busy, Wright said, most of the men were also trained medics who would work in the “aid station” when needed.

LZ Baldy was roughly 43 acres surrounded by barbed wire, mines and watch towers. There also were “dug-in shooting positions.”

“We were attacked several times, and it’s always somewhat chaotic,” Wright said.

However, his company experienced the most exposure for attack during their land trips to Da Nang or Chu Lai. The road they took was swept every morning for mines by engineers.

“I can vividly remember one morning. We got out and got up the road, and we had a jeep and two Deuce and a Halfs (military trucks) and we were up the road, and we got a call for charger Dust-off, which was us, and it turns (out) that we had driven over a mine, and the transportation company that was behind us about 2 miles had set off the mine and blown up a 5-ton truck,” Wright said.



Photos courtesy of Tom Wright  
Tom Wright stands on a clear, sunny day at LZ Baldy.

**What is LZ Baldy?**

**KateLynn Slaamot**  
NLJ Reporter

“LZ Baldy, also known as Landing Zone Baldy and Hill 63, was a fire support base located Northwest of Chu Lai, Quang Nam Province in North central Vietnam. During the Vietnam War, LZ Baldy (Hill 63) was a Military Fire Support Base for the U.S. Army and U.S. Marines,” according to [lsbaldymedic.com](http://lsbaldymedic.com), a website run by a former member of the Charlie Company, 23rd Medical Battalion.

The website states that the battalion was relocated from Chu Lai to LZ Baldy in 1967, where it remained until 1970. The company treated wounded and ill U.S. soldiers, civilians and even enemy soldiers.

“The 236 Medical Detachment (Air Ambulance,) also known as Dustoff, was stationed about 20 miles Northeast of LZ Baldy in (Da Nang). This group worked very closely with the med battalion at LZ Baldy and later Hawk Hill. The Dustoff crew (two pilots, a crew chief and a medic) went out into the field to recover wounded soldiers to bring them back to the medical battalion for medical treatment,” the website says.

The website also states that the Dust-off crews were rotated every four days. Dust-off crews would be accompanied by “gunships” at times to protect them in “hot areas.” However, they sometimes had to enter war zones with no protection to evacuate injured soldiers.

“Being a medic, you see lots of horrible things because these are the people who need help. Whether they’re sick or whether they’re a casualty, people are shot and killed, and people are burned, and people are shot in every possible place in every way you can visualize,” Wright explained. “The good side about a medic is, hey, we’re helping you. And, we did better, in those days, than they had ever done in the war before.”

War brings out the worst in humanity. Soldiers see things they wish they’d never seen, he said. One such incident Wright remembers was when a young Vietnamese boy threw a hand grenade on a bus transporting Vietnamese civilians.

“We treated around 35 or 40 people. Little kids and babies, women that were pregnant, women that were riding the bus to go get the groceries,” Wright said. “I’ve never had bad dreams about it particularly. I wouldn’t tell you that I had a bad experience that way. I don’t dream about this bus of people that we doctored. But I don’t forget about them either.”

Although Wright saw a lot of death, suffering and loss, he said, he was called upon to serve his country, and he would do it again.

One thing that kept Wright going over the year he was gone from his family were the letters he received weekly from his wife and mother. Kay was living on the ranch with Wright’s parents and received

a lot of help from Helen with the baby.

Letters were very important and meant a great deal to soldiers. Wright said whether from a wife or girlfriend or mother, the letters from home boosted the morale of the soldiers. The letters were kept, he said, and he may even still have some to this day.

It was tough for Kay to be without her husband for a year, especially with a young child. Kay also said that it was definitely a stressful experience.

“I suppose if I realized how really dangerous it was, I would’ve been even more scared. ... He did get my letters, which I’m sure helped him, and it certainly helped me,” Kay said.

In January of 1970, Wright got a week of R&R, which was rest and relaxation, with Kay in Hawaii, courtesy of the Army. After the week, he returned to Vietnam.

The Vietnam vet spent a total of 365 days in Vietnam, returning stateside in June of 1970. Wright said he was thankful that he arrived home in one piece and still with his quality of life intact. He returned to his family’s ranch to live and work there, where he remains today. His two daughters, Karine and Ann, also still live nearby.

“Each of us owes a duty to see that the freedoms that we have are maintained. And some of the way to do that is military service. But that’s not the only way. ... It’s just something that the country called on me to do, at that time,” Wright said.

“I think we are very fortunate in America. We have identified our beliefs that God gave all of us, every man and woman, some inalienable rights, and it’s up to us to preserve that and see that our grandkids have that same kind of opportunity to enjoy,” he continued.

Kay said that she is proud of her husband for serving his country, as well as all the men and women who have sacrificed. She also said that it’s important to honor our veterans.

“They’re in it and risking it every day, so I think we need to commemorate them for that. I think we really need to take care of them and be thankful for what they gave,” Kay said.

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