

# News Letter Journal

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## Strategic plans help entities prepare

Alexis Barker  
NLJ Reporter

While the purpose of a strategic plan may vary depending on the entity, the overall idea is to outline the overall

direction of an entity or organization. For the city of Newcastle, the strategic plan acts as a strategy for the entity moving forward, to provide direction and help allocate funds, according to Clerk-Treasurer Greg

James. Weston County School District No. 1 on the other hand, uses a strategic plan to remain focused on its overall goal, while using maintenance and facility plans to outline where purchases and projects may come from.

One thing that both entities have in common when it comes to strategic plans is that they are all forward thinking.

"In other words, our strategic plan is looking ahead to the future,"

James said. "How we can best allocate resources we have for the benefit of the community, in this case."

The reason the strategic plan is

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### Tipping off the season



Dylon Tidyman (in white) and Cade Ostenson (in black) unofficially tipped off the Dogies' 2018-2019 season Saturday in the annual Meet the Dogies preseason scrimmage. The White team ended up with the win on the night, and fans got a glimpse of the exciting season in store when this team plays together instead of against each other. Read more on Page 11. (Photo by Sonja Karp/NLJ)

## School report issued by state

Bob Bonnar  
NLJ Editor

Newcastle students performed well in most categories of last year's WY-TOPP state assessments according to a report presented to the Weston County School District #1 Board of Trustees last Wednesday, and Curriculum Coordinator Sonja Tysdal told

“In many areas we were above the state average all the way across, some fairly significantly.”

— Sonja Tysdal,  
Curriculum Coordinator  
WCSD #1

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## Mammograms offered soon

Alexis Barker  
NLJ Reporter

The mammography machine that will be leased by Weston County Health Services should be delivered the first week of December, according to CEO Maureen Cadwell. Cadwell reported during the Nov. 15 hospital board meeting that the mammography machine was being built for delivery in December.

Cadwell said she estimates that appointments will begin being scheduled in January, although she did not want to announce an exact date.

"We will let people know and start scheduling when we are closer to a ready date," Cadwell said.

The machine was authorized by the board for lease on Aug. 15 for a cost of \$252,000. The mammography machine will provide

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## Shop with a cop

■ Peace officers group launches new program

Alexis Barker  
NLJ Reporter

Fifty kids from throughout Weston County will have the opportunity to Shop with a Cop thanks to a new program from the Weston County Peace Officers Association. The group was recently selected to benefit from the Pinnacle Bank Festival of Trees, and money from the event will go toward the new

program. "The Festival of Trees money will be put into the Shop with a Cop account. We believe that this year, being our startup year, that we will have unforeseen expenses," said Melissa Stubbs, a spokesperson for the Association. "We have a little bit of money left over from Operation Santa, and we will

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## Search and rescue to benefit from Festival of Trees

Alexis Barker  
NLJ Reporter

The Weston County Sheriff's Search and Rescue organization was recently selected as one of the beneficiaries of funds donated through the Pinnacle Bank Festival of Trees on Friday. The nonprofit organization hopes to use the funds received from the fundraiser to help purchase necessary gear.

The search and rescue team in Weston County has more than 30 volunteers who are dedicated to locating and rescuing lost and/or injured people and supporting other emergency response professionals in the county and sur-

rounding areas.

"We are not looking for money as much as we are looking for capabilities," said Michael Tooman, the group's sergeant-at-arms.

Tooman elaborated, saying that any monies received beyond the minimal operational costs will go toward the purchase of items that will give the organization the ability to do more.

"We have a lot of capabilities, but we always need more," said Connie Tooman, wife of Michael and a spokesperson for the organization.

Items or capabilities on their highest-priority list, according to the Toomans, are communi-

cation equipment, drones with thermal capability, computer hardware and software, and first aid kits.

According to Michael, basic operational costs for the group run about \$10,000 a year. The county contributes \$4,000 from

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Lynn Buskohl lowers cadet Austen Kinney over the cliffs at White Rocks last summer as part of the ongoing training undertaken by the Weston County Sheriff's Search and Rescue every year. (NLJ file photo)



WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday  
Sunny  
Hi 20, Lo 6



Friday  
Sunny  
Hi 28, Lo 10



Saturday  
Sunny  
Hi 33, Lo 13



Sunday  
Sunny  
Hi 34, Lo 17



Monday  
Mostly Sunny  
Hi 35, Lo 21



Tuesday  
Partly Cloudy  
Hi 36, Lo 16



Wednesday  
Mostly Sunny  
Hi 33, Lo 21



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**CATCH SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER**  
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First State Bank's holiday open house is a tradition all of us at the bank look forward to each and every year. We are especially excited about this year's gathering and the opportunity to share the recent upgrades to the bank. Please join us for beverages, baked goods, door prizes, gifts and good company!

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# Mammography

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early detection opportunities without travel in a county that has one of the highest breast cancer rates in Wyoming, according to Cadwell.

Although the 3-D mammography machine will be delivered in December, Cadwell said, an accreditation process to certify the machine must first be completed. The process begins with an inspection of the machine by a physician who will review the machine and make sure it is operational.

At that point, according to Cadwell, the machine will be used for "phantom" studies with different models to ensure that it is picking up what it is supposed to.

Michelle Garhart, the hospital's radiology department manager, said the accreditation process will give the hospital a Mammography Quality Standards Act certificate that will allow the facility to begin scanning patients.

"There are a lot of steps in the process and hurdles to get over before we can say we are ready to go," Cadwell said.

According to Cadwell and Garhart, several steps in that process have been completed, including the training of the technician who will run the machine. Garhart said that the technician will be training with Dakota Radiology, with the scans being reviewed before patients in Weston County are scanned.

Once the machine is ready for use, Weston County Health Services will continue to work with Dakota Radiology, which will receive the scans done in Newcastle digitally and radiologists there will read them.

"What we are able to do here is a screening mammography. If something shows up in those scans and a radiologist feels more testing is needed, they will have to go to a radiologist," Cadwell explained. "They will then determine what else is needed and do a diagnostic study."

Prices for scans at the local facility have not been set yet, but Cadwell estimates they will run between \$100 and \$200. According to Cadwell, most insurances cover screenings without a deductible or co-insurance. She noted that reimbursement to the facility is less than the actual cost.

Garhart added that programs are available in Wyoming to help women without health insurance to receive mammography scans and that Weston County Health Services will offer that information to patients.

"We see such a prevalence of breast cancer in our area, and the (hospital) board felt strongly that this is a much needed service in our community," Cadwell said.

# SAR

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1 percent funds, an amount that Tooman says barely pays the annual fuel costs.

The basic operation budget of \$6,000 goes toward maintaining equipment. This money does not purchase additional needed capabilities, Michael said.

"WCSSR funding comes from private businesses and individual citizens," Connie said. "It receives no state or federal funding."

Connie Tooman noted that donations are not always money. She said that companies often elect to purchase a specific item for team. Some entities will earmark the money for specific items, she said. This money is known as "colored" money to the group because it is committed to a certain project, according to Connie.

The group also holds a fundraiser to augment the funds for operations. The search and rescue team held a dinner and silent auction in the spring.

"We worked really hard this year to get ourselves out there and let the people know what we are doing," Tooman said. "We made the effort to get out and talk to people."

She noted that the effort to let people know what search and rescue does has been important and essential to the continuation of the volunteer program.

"We have become a more community-oriented organization at the direction of Bryan (Sheriff Bryan Colvard)," Michael said. "We have taken that challenge up."

According to information provided by the Toomans, key vision elements of the organization include enhanced collaboration between search and rescue and the county, a focus on continual training to promote safety and having trusted agents to rescue lost, missing and/or injured persons.

The Toomans said that a major aspect of the organiza-

**Festival of Trees**

The 16th Annual Pinnacle Bank Festival of Trees will be held on Dec. 7 at the Weston County Senior Center. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Music for the evening will be played by Al & Brenda Costello and Company followed by the auctioning off of several wreaths and trees. The auction will begin at 7:30 p.m. and funds from the event will benefit the Weston County Children's Center, Weston County Sheriff's Search and Rescue, Weston County Peace Officers Association and the American Legion Auxiliary.



tion is continued training for its members and other first responders and emergency personnel in the area.

On Nov. 27, search and rescue hosted an electrical safety training at the Newcastle Fire Hall for local emergency personnel. Powder River Energy Corp. led the training.

"If there is electricity on the ground, you don't have to touch the wires to have problems," Michael said. "There are more casualties amongst first responders than anyone else."

A total of 35 first responders and emergency personnel attended the training and Tooman thinks this training is something everyone, even an everyday citizen, should receive.

"It goes back to safety — first responders have to be responsible for themselves first, or they can't take care of anyone," Michael said. "It is important for them to understand electrical issues. They need to understand and be able to take care of the situation."

Weston County Sheriff's Search and Rescue will hold another training on Dec. 12. This session will involve mass casualty training, specifically triage and gun safety.

"There are two things that go on that you have to deal with in a mass casualty situation," Michael said.

The first of these is triage, or dealing with the most severe situations first before moving on to the less dire situations. The second aspect of the training involves dealing with guns and how to make them safe.

"The other thing with mass casualty, in Wyoming or any gun-carrying state specifically, is you have to know how to make them safe," Michael said. "There is going to be someone carrying them, and you have to know how to clear and make the gun safe."

The Toomans emphasized that ongoing training and continued funding from local, national and international business and corporations are crucial to the continuation of their program.

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# Opinion

## News Letter Journal

### Our View

## For your own good

The Joint Education Committee of the Wyoming State Legislature moved forward what is being called a "comprehensive safety plan" for schools last week, and in the process they took a stab at deterring the number of Wyoming drivers who pass stopped school buses.

Unfortunately, the legislation approved by the committee won't do anything to make students safer in Newcastle, and really only proves that the biggest threat to our schools is the Wyoming State Legislature's constant desire to eliminate local control entirely to create a level playing field for education in Wyoming — even if that level is going to be set to the lowest common denominator.

When it comes to passing school buses, the proposed bill sets a fine for passing a stopped school bus with red lights flashing and a stop sign extended at \$100, and establishes that videos taken by cameras (both internal and external) on school buses are not public records. The biggest problem with this piece of legislation is that courts in Weston County are already charging a penalty of \$435 for passing a stopped bus, and any video taken of an offender by the camera mounted on the bus would be considered a public record under current law.

In other words, in a so-called effort to protect students, the state legislature is lowering the fine that can be assessed for endangering children getting on and off a school bus in Weston County and ensuring that violators will never have to worry about any public embarrassment that may occur if video footage of the infractions is ever released.

Casper school officials have refused to release bus camera footage to the public in response to a reported bullying incident, and the director of the Wyoming School Boards Association headquartered in Cheyenne has applauded the secrecy provision in the legislation, but we don't think a bill that is supposedly intended to create a greater deterrent to those who endanger children by passing stopped school buses is the appropriate place to settle a long-running dispute over the lack of transparency in one of the state's large school districts.

As such, it is hard to imagine how passage of this legislation is anything but a step backward for student safety in Newcastle and Weston County, but we assume it must be exactly what they're looking for in Casper, Laramie or Cheyenne.

That appears to be the case with the school safety plans addressed in the draft legislation as well. The primary thrust of the language is to spell out the type of training schools must undertake to prepare for an attack by an active shooter, and to ensure that the training is delivered by a "nationally recognized organization in school safety and security training" — in other words, a high-priced out-of-state consultant.

We agree that schools should go beyond the traditional "lockdown" type of training that has been a staple in schools for decades in favor of a strategy that teaches students and teachers how to proactively react to a dangerous situation to protect themselves and others, but local schools have already undergone that kind of training and did it without the help of the state legislature.

If experience is any indicator, the ability of local education leaders to access the training they desire for their schools and students will be decreased — not enhanced — as they will have to jump through a new set of bureaucratic hoops and work with somebody on an approved list of consultants at the Wyoming Department of Education for this training in the future.

The section of the bill that pertains to the school safety plans themselves also dictates that those plans — which must be submitted to the Department of Education — are not public records either. So the bill is stating that school districts have to be accountable for how they are protecting students, but that accountability is to Cheyenne, not their own community members — who are apparently not entitled to seeing how schools will respond in emergencies.

There was no real reason given for increasing the level of secrecy regarding how a school responds to an active shooter, but bill drafters may be falling back on a belief that would-be attackers would use the knowledge of school security to create a plan that would allow them to get around those measures.

The problem with that kind of thinking is that active shooter incidents aren't well-planned terrorist attacks and the murderers who attack schools aren't employing strategies they learned from watching *Ocean's Eleven* or *Mission Impossible*. They are sick individuals who are shooting up schools because they are soft targets, and that's why so many are calling for the presence of armed police officers — and even teachers — to discourage attacks.

It would be far better to broadcast a comprehensive safety and protection plan to discourage somebody from targeting a school because broadcasting the plan announces that the target is prepared and not as "soft" as it may appear.

Community members also have a right to know what the school district is doing to prepare for this type of attack, and it is unfair to expect school officials to simply tell concerned parents, "We are prepared and will keep your children safe. You just have to trust us on that."

That is particularly true in Newcastle, where the superintendent and school board have long responded to threats and other safety issues by immediately alerting the public and providing assurance by letting them know what steps are going to be taken when danger does present itself. The school safety legislation makes it clear that sharing such information with the public is discouraged in Cheyenne, and may not be possible anymore in Newcastle.

When it comes to school safety, the state legislature is again ensuring a level playing field in education by bringing us down to the level of schools in Wyoming who aren't being as proactive or transparent with their communities as we are, and that is just plain wrong.

As we read through the draft of the proposed bill and news accounts of the meeting in which it was approved, we couldn't help but remember Ronald Reagan's joke that the scariest phrase in the English language is, "We're from the government, and we're here to help."

Unfortunately, when it comes to the safety of our schools and children, there's nothing funny about another heavy-handed effort from the legislature and the Wyoming Department of Education to do a job we're already doing ourselves — and doing better.

## It is time to shine a little light on government

Not sure if the sun shines brighter in Newcastle than in other parts of the state — but that town's newspaper publisher Bob Bonnar is all about bringing public activities and expenditures into the light of day.

As a journalist in Wyoming for almost half a century, I can attest that reporters have been battling some public officials nonstop to make their meetings, their activities and their expenditures public. It has been a long, grueling battle but there is now some hope.

Bonnar heaps credit on a joint legislative committee that recently passed a bill 8-4, which offers sweeping new ideas for shining public light on public activities. My hometown representative, Sen. Cale Case (R-Lander) was chair.

Usually the fights over exposing public activities concern money. My first serious fight was with the local school district over releasing test scores way back in 1981.

Here in Lander, we thought we had the best school in the state with highly paid teachers and outstanding facilities. The high school was famous for its open campus and its 18-credit minimum for graduation. Kids were enjoying it and everybody else was too.

My kid brother, Ron Sniffin, who now lives in Cheyenne and is executive director of the Wyoming Education Association, took advantage of it.

At age 16, he graduated early from the Lander high school and we promptly hired him as Ad Director to sell advertising for the Greysull Standard. (Pretty amazing story — ask him about it some time.)

But I digress.

Then we tried to find out our school's cumula-

tive test scores were in the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills, a national academic test comparing our schools with other schools in the country.

I had been looking over our daughters' test scores at home one night and it made me wonder how our school did, as a whole.

I was stonewalled by the school administration, which certainly meandered what they were trying to hide. They truly circled the wagons and my only source of information was the school attorney.

We finally got the information after hiring our own lawyer to force the school to release the test scores. We broke the story that our high school and junior high were in the bottom 25 percent of the country! The stories created a sensation.

Pretty soon the Superintendent and the principals was a very good friend) and who were gone. School board members were replaced. Graduation requirements went up to 24 credit hours and the campus was closed.

The parents were irate to read about the horrible scores, as they should have been. And this episode surely showed the importance of transparency.

At one point that superintendent complained at a Rotary meeting, which I was attending, that he was a victim of "the power of the press."

I had to stand up and explain that, "No, he was incorrect. What was happening here was the 'power of information.'"

And that is what is being discussed right now as this tentative bill goes forward.

Although the state's economy is improving, one of our biggest problems is that the people do not know where the tax money that is already being collected is being spent.



Bill Sniffin  
My Wyoming

## Angels we have heard

The Christmas Tea is a community tradition that the churches in town keep alive every year. The gathering is a time for all local churches to help spread the word about the true reason for the season.

The reason the angels sing. Each church is asked to decorate a table in the year's chosen theme. The theme for the 2018 Christmas Tea is "Angels We Have Heard." Those words of course bring the traditional Christmas hymn to mind, and I'm excited to see a lot of angels as centerpiece this year.

Area churches also bring sandwiches and cookies to share with attendees.

Having fellowship that extends beyond your own church walls is truly amazing because in our small town, some of the congregations are not very big. Getting together with other believers and preparing for the celebration of the birth of Christ is the most beautiful showing of love and compassion for our neighbors that I can think of, and it is the perfect remedy for those of us who are looking for some peace during this hectic holiday season.

The event moves every year to give each church a chance to host, and a chance to share their space with other Christians, and this year's tea will be hosted by Gateway Fellowship Church. It is also usually held on the first Friday in December, but due to other activities being held on that day the Tea was moved to Friday, December 14, starting at 11:00 a.m. and going through 1:00 p.m. in Michael's Room at the Senior Center. Within those couple of hours, there



Stephanie Bonnar  
Tradelines

will be many people coming and going, catching some time with God and fellow Christians on their lunch break.

There are some who will be in attendance the whole time, just waiting for the next group to come in and visit, and I've found that those are the people who truly possess a servant's heart. They are present at every service and every event, and they are what keeps our local churches going. These are the people that keep showing up, no matter what, and that consistency is what keeps faith alive for our community.

These folks are ready and willing to share the love, peace and grace that comes from knowing our Lord and Savior, and there is no better time to get to know the community's most humble and benevolent citizens than during the Christmas season.

There's no better place to meet a bunch of them than at the Christmas Tea!

All are invited to share in the what is being offered at the Christmas Tea gathering, and I would like to personally invite you to come out and enjoy this special and festive time of celebration and fellowship.

Families are encouraged to come join the event and see what friends you might find there.

You will be glad you stopped by to check it out for yourself, but your presence will also help make this a special and memorable time for community Christian fellowship in the midst of a Christmas season that is far too often cluttered with distractions that make us forget what we're supposed to be celebrating in the first place.

## Deadline for Letters is noon on Friday

"The basis of our government being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right; and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

With transparency and open records, the "power of information" will be given to concerned citizens and groups, which will make all our governmental agencies more accountable.

Publisher Bonnar wrote a fine editorial about the proposed bill, part of which is as follows:

"Passage of this bill should provide that motivation, as it allows public officials to be charged with a misdemeanor if they fail to produce requested records within the allotted time out of negligence, but more importantly it makes the offense a felony if records are 'knowingly or intentionally' withheld from the public."

"Legislators will be hearing how 'concerned' government officials are about that provision, and that is exactly why they need to pass the bill. If officials aren't concerned about what happens when they don't allow access to public documents, citizens won't ever have the access they are entitled to. It is time to let the sun shine on public business in Wyoming, and the best way to accomplish that is to go after the officials who deliberately try to keep us in the dark."

Wyoming is loaded with public agencies at all levels that are spending the public's money. And let's assume that dedicated and honest public servants operate most of them. This bill can help shed much needed light on all of them. It is long overdue.

Bill Sniffin is a retired newspaper publisher who has penned a number of books about Wyoming. He appeared for author's receptions at both the Weston County Library and News Letter Journal last December. Check out additional columns written by Bill at [www.billsniffin.com](http://www.billsniffin.com) and find volumes from his coffee table book series, which have sold over 30,000 copies, for sale at the News Letter Journal.

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**Obituaries**

**STEVE LESMEISTER**  
Sept. 18, 1951–Dec. 1, 2018

Steve was born Sept. 18, 1951, in Moberg, S.D., to Arnold "Arnie" and Joan (Simon) Lesmeister.



**Steve Lesmeister**

He loved his family, especially his grandchildren. He was a hobby photographer, loved gardening, and worked as a crude oil hauler for a large part of his life. He retired in December 2017 and pursued a passion of his, building toy barns.

Steve Lesmeister, 67, died on Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018, at his home in Newcastle,

Wyo. Steve is survived by his wife of 31 years, Sheryl; five sons, Jim (Peter), Craig (Esper), Jason (Sarah), Cody, and Jesse (Amanda); eight grandchildren, Tanner, Marc, Mariah, Maegan, Victoria, Devon, Katie, and Laurel; five great-grandchildren; sister, Linda (Ed) Mathews; father-in-law,

Marlin Ingalls; two sisters-in-law, Debbie (Paul Delbridge) and Marla Griffith; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arnie and Joan Lesmeister; mother-in-law, Ethel Ingalls; and a still-born daughter.

A time for sharing will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 10, at Newcastle Lodge & Convention Center in Newcastle.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).

**The Redemption of Scrooge**

A special Advent Season experience hosted by First United Methodist Church

**Saturday, Dec 8 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
Kids Shopping - Elementary age kids shop FREE for special adults in their lives

**Sunday, Dec 9 at 10 a.m.**  
Remembrance of Christmas Past: From Heartbreak to Compassion

**Sunday, Dec 9 from 5-7 p.m.**  
Messy Church - Church but not as you know it!

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*December 2018*  
Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>Thurs 6</b>	11:45 a.m.	WCHS Foundation Board Meeting	WCHS
	5:30 p.m.	Newcastle Planning & Zoning	City Council Chambers
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center Family Room
	7:00 p.m.	Salt Creek Water District Meeting	Salt Creek District Office
	7:00 p.m.	WC Museum District Meeting	Anna Miller Museum
	7:30 p.m.	Masons #13	Masonic Lodge
<b>Fri 7</b>	8:30 a.m.	Customer Appreciation Day	First State Bank
	9:00 a.m.	Holiday Open House	Something Healthy
	9:00 a.m.	Cinnamon Roll Friday	WC Senior Center
	6:00 p.m.	Pinnacle Bank's Festival of Trees	WC Senior Center
<b>Sat 8</b>	10:00 a.m.	Kids Shopping	First United Methodist Church
	2:00 p.m.	Toys for Tots Pool Tournament	Perkins Tavern
	5:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
	8:00 p.m.	The Stacy Block Band	The Fountain Inn
<b>Mon 10</b>	1:00 p.m.	AARP Meeting	WC Senior Center
	6:30 p.m.	WC Fair Board Meeting	WC Fairgrounds
	7:00 p.m.	WC Sportsman Club Meeting	Shooting Range
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center Family Room
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center Family Room
<b>Tues 11</b>	12:00 p.m.	DirT Daubers Christmas Luncheon	Hosted by Betty Hansen
	12:00 p.m.	Alzheimers/Dementia Support Group	WC Senior Center
	1:00 p.m.	Artful Gals	Senior Housing
	3:00 p.m.	WCNRD Meeting	USDA Service Center
	6:00 p.m.	American Legion	Armory
	6:00 p.m.	WC Humane Society Meeting	Shelter
	6:30 p.m.	WC Search & Rescue	Fire Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Grades 3-5 Christmas Concert	Crouch Auditorium
	7:00 p.m.	Creative Handicraft Group	WC Senior Center
	7:00 p.m.	Flowering Fingers Garden Club Meeting	TBA
7:00 p.m.	Mallo Camp Board Meeting	Public Health Meeting Room	
7:00 p.m.	WCSD#1 Board Meeting	Admin Building	
<b>Thurs 13</b>	12:00 p.m.	Upton Chamber Meeting	TBA
	5:30 p.m.	City Planning Commission	City Hall
	5:30 p.m.	Christmas Thieves WC Arts Council	WC Events Center
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center Family Room
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<b>December 6</b> Isaiah 48:1-22	<b>December 10</b> Isaiah 61:1-11
<b>December 7</b> Isaiah 49:1-26	<b>December 11</b> Zephaniah 1:1-18
<b>December 8</b> Isaiah 52:1-12	<b>December 12</b> Zephaniah 2:1-15
<b>December 9</b> Isaiah 60:1-22	<i>Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society</i>

- **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 6:00 pm.
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- **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 6:00-7:00 pm; Wednesday Night Youth and Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm; Life Recovery Bible Study Sunday Night 7:00 pm.
- **CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL**: Deacon Wendy Owens, S. Summit & Winthrop Streets. 746-9684. haydshall@hotmail.com. Service times: Sunday 10 am.
- **CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH**: Pastor Tsena Dinssa, 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9:00 am.
- **CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS**: Bishop Greg James, 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**: Wayne Wilson, 301 Delaware, 746-5542. Sunday School 9:30 am; Prayer Service 10:15 am; Worship 10:45 am; Youth Group Wednesday 6:30 pm.
- **CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH**: Father Tim Martinson, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5:00 pm; Sunday Mass 5:00 pm; Weekday Mass 8:00 am.
- **COUNTRY CHURCH**: Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley and Micah Popma, 746-9712. Worship 10:00 am.
- **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**: Pastor Gary Anderson, 903 S. Summit, 746-2188. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Evening Service 6 pm; AWANA Clubs 6:30 pm.
- **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**: Pastor Brenda Torrie, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Adult Bible Study 9:45 am; Traditional Church Services 10:00 am; 10:15 am Children's Church; Youth Group Sunday evenings 5:30-7:00 pm.
- **GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP**: Pastor Jon Andersen, Evangelical Free Church meets at the Weston County Senior Services, Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship 11 am. Call 949-0869.
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- **ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**: Father Tim Martinson. Upton. Sunday Mass 11:30 am.
- **UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**: Rev. Sharee Johnson, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Bible Study and Sunday School 9:00 am; Worship 10:00 am; Fellowship 11:00 am; Last Sunday of August no church in Upton; Worship at 11:00 am at Rev. Johnson's home in Custer.
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# Awarding historical preservation

By Bri Brasher  
NLI Reporter

Newcastle's corner of the Black Hills is rich with history, dating back to Cambria and Newcastle's beginnings in the late 1800s. Retelling timelines of the past makes the area's stories timeless, yet those retellings don't necessarily come easily. Many hours of preparation, work and

coordination go into sharing old tales and information. In an effort to recognize historical preservation, the Wyoming State Historical Society awards such study.

The Wyoming State Historical Society's mission reads, "The Wyoming State Historical Society, a non-profit membership driven organization, encourages the study of Wyoming history. We believe to study the past is to understand the

present and prepare for the future."

Several of the society's awards came home to Weston County this year. Dr. Mike Jording, second vice-president of the Weston County Historical Society and chairman of the state awards program, sat down with the News Letter Journal to explain the awards process and to congratulate this year's recipients.

"It's a great opportunity to give acknowledgment to people and children from our area that do good work," said Jording, who has participated in the awards program for 20-plus years.

Jording said the awards program is not a one-person job. Nominations from each county must be submitted to the state level. Each county, he said, has a historical society chapter, most of which are active. Several additional societies are also scattered throughout the state, such as the chapter in Fort Bridger. Jording said the success of a chapter depends on the interest of the people who live there, and Weston County typically represents well.

Jording laughed.

"We like to win awards," he said. "You can't win if you don't have nominations." This year, Weston County earned 12 awards, including awards to elementary students for their work in the classroom. Each award focused on preserving, interpreting or supporting Wyoming history. Jording said he is proud to consistently

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From left to right: Leonard Cash, Aby Bock, Alice Tretabas, and Madison Hesp take a moment to pose with their awards after being honored at the Weston County Historical Society's annual recognition luncheon last month. (Submitted photos)

## Recapture A PIECE OF HISTORY

December 9, 1993

Max and Dan Decker of Newcastle have sold the Git n Go convenience store to Automatic Gas Distributors, Inc. of Englewood, Colo. The Deckers had owned the store since it was built in 1976. The sale was finalized Dec. 1.

Ed and Twyla Burr of Upton ad Michael Farnsworth, Sr., and JaNel Farnsworth of Newcastle are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Staci Burr and Michael Farnsworth, Jr. A may wedding is being planned.

Ben Hoxie, 15, shot his first buck Sunday, Nov. 28, and what a shot it was. It's a first that will probably long remain his best. The 5 x 5 whitetail was taken in northeast Wyoming. A total of 44 students from this area are included in the 27th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1992-93.

Dogie wrestlers opened their season by hosting the annual Wyoming-South Dakota clash last Saturday. Sturgis came away the overall winner and South Dakota championship team. Torrington, placing third overall, was the winning Wyoming team. Varsity and junior varsity performances were both counted in determining overall winners.

The Gene Briggs and Christ Briggs spent Thanksgiving with the Charles Clear family in Moorcroft. Vi Coutant was a guest at the Neil Thompson home for Thanksgiving dinner. Sunday Petersons worked sheep in preparation for grading wool.

The Blotter - Dec. 3 - A black mutt with one eye was impounded. Dec. 4 - Someone cut Christmas lights decorating a residence. Christmas lights were reported cut at another residence.

December 5, 1968

Robert L. Allan, Plum Creek area rancher, was struck in the head by a bullet last Saturday morning but has recuperated satisfactorily. Allen said he was sitting under a tree Saturday about 11 a.m. while hunting when he was struck on the top of the head by a stray bullet.

A 1956 Oldsmobile, owned by Dave Meyer, was destroyed by fire Tuesday evening. Meyer was about 16.4 miles south of Newcastle on Highway 85 when the fire started. Highway Patrolman Guy Tolman investigated the incident.

The American Association for State and Local History has this year voted a Certificate of Commendation to Mary Capps of Newcastle.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Pollat, Mrs. Herb Quest, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pollat and family, Lawrence and Rick Popham helped wean calves

at the Clay George ranch Wednesday. Lynn Peterson arrived home Tuesday evening from the University to spend the Thanksgiving vacation with her family. The annual DeMolay-Job's Daughter Sno Ball has been set for December 28. The dance will be held in the Gertrude Burns all-purpose room from 8:00 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Coach "Pete" Kozisek's Dogie swimmers begin their season with a double duel swimming meet against Sheridan and University Prep in the Newcastle pool Friday at 7 p.m. Newcastle opened its 1968 basketball season on a winning note by beating Upton 56-46 on the losers floor.

December 6, 1918

Louis Patton, on the termination of his furlough, left last Thursday for Camp Logan, where his regiment is stationed. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mallory were paid a visit by Old Doc Stork last Thursday and he left a little baby girl to gladden their hearts. Congratulations!

C.V. Westover and I.H. Young autoed to the county capital last week on business errands. Mrs. Matt Hill was visiting in Newcastle last Friday. Mrs. Walter Fredericksen is quite ill at her home with Spanish influenza.

A pretty home wedding was solemnized at the home

of Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Pridgeon at high noon on Thanksgiving day, when their eldest daughter, Miss Eva Mary Anne was united in marriage to William Raymond Cummings, eldest son of James William Cummings.

Henry Pridgeon took a cow to town Wednesday. The Humphrey family heard from Paul Warner who is in France that he is in a base hospital on account of being gassed in one of the latest battles. T. Frank Cummings and Leslie King went to town Monday morning to get medicine for Grandma King.

Venda H. Hunter and family and F.C. Welsh and family autoed to Newcastle last Saturday. Louis Brown and B.D. Emily attended the auction sale at the Belshe ranch west of Sundance Wednesday of this week.

W.R. Nichols received his Grant truck Tuesday of this week which he will use on his ranch east of town. Shorty Thomas, his ranch foreman drove it thru from Omaha. Ezra E. Sims informs us that he and his son had recently purchased the Fred Lienau saw mill and grain separator. They expect to start the saw mill in a short time and will have plenty of native lumber and fire wood for sale.



Leonard Cash shared a historic post card from his collection with the News Letter Journal. The image above shows workers building the structure at the top of Harney Peak, now called Black Elk Peak (Submitted Photo).

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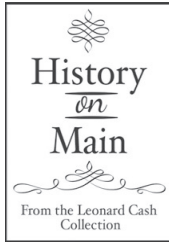


# For the Ages

News Letter Journal

## Behind bars in Weston County, Part V

### The tales of Newcastle's earliest jails and their inhabitants



By Bri Brasher  
with Leonard Cash  
NLJ Reporter

In this week's installment of the History on Main series, local historian Leonard Cash helps the News Letter Journal start to wrap up the story of Newcastle's county jails. The story continues with the first talk of a remodel to City Hall in order to accommodate the Weston County Sheriff's Department, as the county's second jail — built in the early 1930s — was quickly becoming uninhabitable.

As part of his research, Cash visited with his old friend and former Weston County sheriff, Don Howell. Howell and his wife, Carolyn, who worked in many capacities in the sheriff's office, helped to fill in a few gaps missing from Cash's records of the time. Howell told Cash that between moving out of the second county jail in the early 1970s and moving into the new joint law enforcement center in the early 1980s, the sheriff's office took up quarters at Newcastle City Hall. The Weston County Sheriff's Department rented two cells and an open room to house the rest of the office, according to Howell. Carolyn

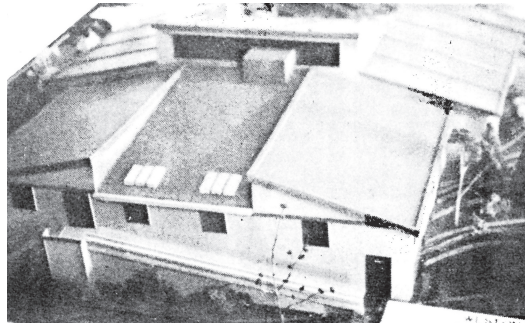
Howell told Cash that it was quite a mess when City Hall housed the fire department, city and county law enforcement, and other city offices.

Howell shared other interesting tidbits with Cash. The Howell family's involvement with local law enforcement dates back to the 1920s when his grandfather also served as sheriff. Howell told Cash the story of when his grandfather knew that one of his prisoners was chipping away at the rock wall to make an escape, so he stood outside of the jail watching to catch him in the act.

Cash chuckled at the story. "Sounds like 'ole Howell let him (the prisoner) do all the work and then put him back in," Cash said.

The News Letter Journal then started to report on a merging of the Sheriff's Department to City Hall in the spring of 1977 when the city of Newcastle called for bids to remodel the Newcastle Police Department facilities in City Hall. The paper reported that "Mayor Ralph Urdike said the remodeling will provide an office for Weston County Sheriff Lewis Johnson, an interrogation room and changes in the visitation room. The single car garage in the building will be used for some of these facilities." It was also reported that financing was to come from a Law Enforcement Assistance Administration federal grant to provide 90 percent of the necessary funds, while the other 10 percent was to come from the city budget.

Next, the News Letter Journal reported on Aug. 25, 1977, that the City Council would contribute \$40,000 from general funds for new facilities planned for a joint



The Law Enforcement Center, across the street from First State Bank, was built in the early 1980's to house all law enforcement entities in the city of Newcastle. (Submitted photo).

law enforcement facility. This project was separate from the City Hall remodel, according to Cash. The article said the city did not receive public works funds for the project, but the county received \$485,000 worth of grant money. To accommodate limited funds, the originally planned facility needed to be reduced in size. At this time, the building was to be constructed and connected to the back of the Weston County Courthouse, and the old jail building was to be torn down. Cash said upgrades to the courthouse were also in the plans.

A cutline under a photo of the old jail published in the News Letter Journal on Nov. 24, 1977, validated that the sheriff's residence and jail facilities were no longer in use and were to be torn down in the near future for a new law enforcement complex to be built. The article, "Bids Called For Law Enforcement Complex and Remodeling," also mentioned that the county received two grants from the Economic Development Administration — \$162,000 for courthouse alterations and

\$485,000 for the law enforcement building. The article indicated that construction on the project was expected to start in the near future.

A Dec. 22, 1977, article then reported that the lone bid from Fred C. Hanson Construction Co., of Thermopolis, was more than \$300,000 over the engineer's estimate of cost. The commissioners rejected the original bid and called for another set of bids on the law enforcement complex in February 1978; they received an extension on the grants until March 10. The News Letter Journal reported on March 9, 1978, that the commissioners again rejected bids for the proposed law enforcement center and courthouse alterations. Another extension request was submitted to the Economic Development Administration on their two grants. The article said the plans for the project would be redesigned if the extension was granted. On March 15, 1978, it was reported that the EDA allowed the extension.

Reports on the planning continued in the March 23, 1978, News Letter Journal. An

article explained that the commissioners were in the process of meeting with architectural engineers, working rapidly to meet the new EDA extension deadline of June 10. Efforts must have failed because the newspaper reported that "County Projects Appear 'Dead' on May 4, 1978. After negotiations with two different contractors and no luck, the project hit a dead end, according to the article, which reported that "the EDA deadline for starting the project is May 10, so the grant is expected to be terminated on that date."

"So I did some snooping! I figured out why we were having so much trouble following the remodels and all that," Cash said. "I called my old buddy Walter Soper, and he told me all of this. He was really involved in Newcastle."

According to Cash, Soper said that if the money was not used by Weston County, then the funds were to go to the state of Georgia, which was second in line for the money. Soper also told Cash that the bids ended up being more than the grant money, so the county

#### Senior Happenings

WC Senior Services	
<b>December 7</b>	
Rolls	9 a.m.
Bridge Ladies	1 p.m.
Festival of Trees	6 p.m.
<b>December 10</b>	
Exercise	9 a.m.
AARP	1 p.m.
<b>December 11</b>	
Dementia Support	10:30 a.m.
Dominos	1 p.m.
<b>December 12</b>	
Exercise	9 a.m.
Manor Here For Lunch	
Creative Handicrafts After Lunch	
Bridge Group	1 p.m.
Card Class	4 p.m.
<b>December 13</b>	
TOPS #218	7 - 10 a.m.
Bridge Group	
Dominos	1 p.m.
<b>Manor</b>	
<b>December 7</b>	
Greedy	10:30 a.m.
Bingo	2 p.m.
Movie	6 p.m.
<b>December 8</b>	
Name that Tune	11 a.m.
Happy Hour	2 p.m.
Bingo	6 p.m.
<b>December 9</b>	
Trivia	11 a.m.
Church	2 p.m.
<b>December 10</b>	
Wii	10:30 a.m.
Tai Chi	4 p.m.
Bingo	6 p.m.
<b>December 11</b>	
Ceramics	10 a.m.
Christmas Store	2 p.m.
<b>December 12</b>	
Mind Joggers	10:30 a.m.
Senior Center	11:30 a.m.
Bingo	2 p.m.
<b>December 13</b>	
Kickball	10:30 a.m.
Manicures	2 p.m.
Tai Chi	4 p.m.
Dice	6:15 p.m.

used the grant money for other things.

On June 29, 1978, News Letter Journal reports appear to back up Soper. The commissioners applied for a \$647,000 grant from the EDA for projects that included a city-county fire facility, a new building at the fairgrounds, and a new building at the airport.

#### Weston County Historical Society 2018 Awards

Individuals with a \* next to their name also won at the state level

Judge & Mrs. Percy Metz Memorial Award: \*Alice Traitebas

Activities Award: \*Bri Brasher with Leonard Cash

Activities Award: Weston County Health Service

Young Historian Grades 3 - 5: \*Spencer Lorenz

Young Historian Grades 3 - 5: \*Collin McConkey

Young Historian Grades 3 - 5: \*Madison Hesse

Young Historian Grades 9 - 12: Michael Troupe

Young Historian Grades 9 - 12: \*Aby Bock

Young Historian Grades 9 - 12: \*Shay Walker

Junior Activities Grades 3 - 5: \*Drew Conzelman

Junior Activities Grades 3 - 5: Kaitlyn Blumenthal

Junior Activities Grades 3 - 5: \*Jace Rich

Weston County Historical society will be celebrating Wyoming Day on Monday, Dec. 10, at the Upton Senior Center at 1 p.m. The event will honor the early homesteader Edith Miller. All are welcome.

#### Awards

nominate students in the local school districts. Several students also won at the state level and received monetary awards. He then specifically mentioned the Judge & Mrs. Percy Metz Memorial Award awarded to Alice Traitebas for her photography work in preserving the story of the Old Mill Inn in Newcastle.

"If you were to take all of the Percy Metz Memorial Award winners over the years and put them against each other, Alice would win them all for her photography work on the Old Mill Inn," Jording said. "She's an archaeologist, so she knows how to preserve the story. She took pictures of how it was set up and how it was dismantled when we took it apart to preserve it. She took pictures of it all. Nothing stands greater than what she's done."

Jording also said that Brenna Crawford and Weston County Health Services' activities award was well deserved. Pictures documenting Weston County's medical community over the years are displayed in the hospital's new remodel. He said the images are a collection aggregated from the Weston County Historical Society, Anna Miller Museum, Leonard Cash and other private individuals.

"It's just a really nice collection of pictures," Jording said.

Award winners were invited to a local luncheon to receive their congratulations and awards. Jording said that it's important to recognize the interest and passion that goes into a topic or project. The county's chapter aligns with the state historical society's vision to "ensure that Wyoming's past remains accessible to

present and future generations."

"I always start (the luncheon) by saying these projects didn't start with the goal of winning an award," said Jording, adding that the awards are second to the work being done in the county and state.

Looking toward the future, Jording said that the Weston County Historical Society is always looking for potential nominations for historical writing and tours, building preservation and school projects. He said the deadline is in the spring, and the local chapter always appreciates a heads-up when good work is being done.

"Our chapter is recognized for participating well and always competing well, so that makes all of our members extremely proud. We have good things going on in our community and a chapter that really recognizes those things," Jording said.

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# Candlelight Christmas



Above, Bobbi Jo Tysdal and Jill Pischke reveal the first door prize winner during Friday's Candlelight Christmas at the Anna Miller Museum. The event featured holiday treats and music along with crafts, visits with Santa and fossil digging for the kiddos. At right, Josiah Popma digs for fossils during the event. (Photos by Alexis Barker/NLJ)



## Plans

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important, according to James, is that it provides direction for the city, just not for the current time but "ideally the direction or plan for two to three years down the road."

For example, James said, the city's strategic plan will look at potential water and sewer lines that may need to be replaced, what roads may need to be repaved and any other projects that may be necessary. "The city tries to look about five years down the road," James said, noting that other entities may look at different lengths of time, although most are for longer than a year.

"In my mind, the importance of a strategic plan is the opportunity it gives an entity to plan resources. Not just money, but personnel and time as well, although money is certainly important," James said. Weston County Health Services CEO Maureen Cadwell said that facility uses strategic plans as a "road map or guideline" of where the facility wants to go.

"The strategic plan highlights services needed, projects needed and whatever else the facility may need to look at," Cadwell said.

She explained that she was taught to prepare a strategic plan in a way that involves visiting with individuals both inside the facility and out to determine the needs and wants of the community involved in the entity.

"The more people involved in the development of the strategic plan, the more information you gather on what is needed," Cadwell said. "A lot of it starts with gathering data and information relevant to the business you are in."

Cadwell said that in the health care field planners look at census data, including age, gender, race, industry of citizens and education level. She also uses information from the Wyoming Department of Health specific to illnesses and issues seen in the area.

According to Cadwell, this information is the beginning backbone of the strategic plan prepared for Weston County Health

Services. After gathering the data, Cadwell then does a SWOT — strength, weakness, opportunities and threat — analysis.

"Outlining all of those things gives you the opportunity to look at where services could be needed," Cadwell said. "The next step is then narrowing down the list to what you can accomplish."

The hospital, according to Cadwell, narrows its strategic plan to what the facility wants to accomplish in two years, which allows time to determine if it is something that can be accomplished.

Weston County does not currently have a strategic plan that she is aware of, according to County Clerk Jill Sellers.

"I have suggested developing one a few times over the last couple of years. In my experience, strategic planning is vital in order to provide organizational direction and priorities and to best manage assets and taxpayer money," Sellers said. "It will take a combined effort of all departments, under the leadership of the Board of Commissioners, to do it."

Sellers noted that former County Administrator Dan Blakeman did have a complete capital asset plan for buildings and major maintenance in the county and that she believes Road and Bridge has plans for equipment replacement and road maintenance.

"The true purpose of a strategic plan is to give you and others that sense of transparency of where you are going," said Brad LaCroix, superintendent of Weston County School District No. 1.

He explained that this is a common denominator in strategic plans, although the school district uses its strategic plan differently than other entities use theirs.

"We put our mission statement and vision out there and sort of break it down to who does what and how you do it," LaCroix said. "Ours primarily focuses around student achievement."

According to LaCroix, the school district staff looks at how they know the young people in the district are learning and what will be done to get those who are

struggling to a different level.

LaCroix said that the school district uses a major maintenance plan or facility plan that includes future projects as well. James, Cadwell and LaCroix all admitted that a strategic plan, no matter the entity, is a living document and has the potential for change.

LaCroix said that when school year started in 2018, it became clear that the health and safety of students within the district needed to become a priority over learning.

"To get students to learn, we had to make sure they were safe and comfortable amongst themselves," LaCroix said. "There are things that make you adjust periodically."

As for the city and the hospital, several factors can play a role in whether or not an item remains in the strategic plan, including time, personnel and money.

According to Cadwell, an item may start on the strategic plan and, after review, the venture may not be as necessary as originally believed and it is removed.

"Resources are another reason for things to get pushed off of the strategic plan. You may not have the personnel to do it, the money to do it or the time to implement the project," Cadwell said, noting that a lot of resources go into implementing a project, and if any of those factors are "off," the plan may change.

"What makes a strategic plan difficult is certainly emergencies that may intervene," James said.

There may be resources allocated to a project, for example, but then an emergency arises and those resources have to be reallocated, he said.

"Something could come up that is deemed a higher priority than an item on the list," James said.

He noted that he can't underscore the importance of finances in a strategic plan. "There are lots of projects the city wants to do and have been on our strategic plan for some time, but we haven't had the money," James said.

# Celebrating Academic Excellence

WCSD#1 Honor Roll  
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## High School - A Honor Roll

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| <b>12th Grade</b><br>Dallan, Holly R<br>Haslam, Kyle P<br>Tysdal, Davin E<br>Houser, Alyssa R<br>Johnson, Bryson D<br>Liggett, Paige A<br>Martin, Perry Wayne<br>Orban, Amanda M<br>Gatanson, Cade M<br>Pfeil, Isaac C<br>Sweet, Kaylee J<br>Voelker, Lexus A<br>Wagoner, Malenize R<br>Walkins, Sierra A | <b>11th Grade</b><br>Alishouse, Avery A<br>Cass, Jayme M<br>Coy, Grace M<br>Davis, Shelby L<br>Dawson, Johnna G<br>Deveraux, Cooper J<br>Harris, Luke M<br>McGuen, Haley J<br>Mendenhall, Aishwarya L<br>Pearson, Madison M<br>Rhoades, Jacob D | <b>10th Grade</b><br>Aland, Caylen R<br>Auch, Alexandria G<br>Beastrom, Claire E<br>Beastrom, Emily C<br>Checketts, Sierra Kaye<br>Corley, Kale A<br>Cox, James C<br>Cricklaw, Peyton E<br>Deyo, Paige K<br>Drost, Dylan J<br>Frank, Isabel F<br>Graham, Asia R<br>Gross, Hannah<br>Gundersen, Kaeli R<br>Harrington, Tyrell E<br>Henkle, Rebecca J<br>Jones, Kacy R<br>Laurence, Ainae Emily | <b>9th Grade</b><br>Anderson, Ezra M<br>Benshoof, Bailey M<br>Clark-Brownlow, McKenzie L<br>Gorman, Aidan M<br>Humes, Robert M<br>Mills, Autumn M<br>Orsborn, Zade T<br>Pence, Angelynn L<br>Rasmussen, Derrick L<br>Roberson, Slade L<br>Scribner, Travis J<br>Spencer, Isabella R<br>Stroh, Josiah A<br>Troftubun, Tristan M |
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| <b>12th Grade</b><br>Boettcher, Ainae E<br>Brown, Maxwell L<br>Chapman, Hallee R<br>Combe, Rowen F<br>Covey, Isiah T<br>Curren, Kaden D<br>Dixon, Betsey L<br>Eames, Nicole G<br>Fullerton, Aaron P<br>Hopper, Sean R<br>Jeppesen, Kassidee G<br>Lewis, Michelle L<br>Logan, Talon S<br>Paciotti, Kolby J<br>Purvanovic, Peyton R<br>Roberson, Sawyer S<br>Sharpes, Abrienne V<br>Stevenson, Lauren M<br>Suess-Berger, Jacob R<br>Thomas, Carlihen P<br>Tiscacy, Tyler L<br>Troupe, Michael A<br>White, Kaylee R<br>Williams, Dayton L<br>Bennett, Kelsey L<br>Cox, Owen A | <b>11th Grade</b><br>Haslam, Whispin D<br>Hinshaw, Kayne M<br>Hopper, Alexaya R<br>Jenkins, Skyler T<br>Kenney, Dillon J<br>Koester, Lacie M<br>Lacey, Abbye A<br>Lopez, Lara R<br>Olson, Honesty K<br>Petersen, Alexander D<br>Simmons, Samantha K | <b>10th Grade</b><br>Alard, Kenzie C<br>Bickford, Quarthey E<br>Bonnar, Summer A | <b>9th Grade</b><br>Chick, Aidan Elijah<br>Chick, Avery Jasper<br>Dickinson, Taylee E<br>Dorner, Brandon D<br>Drake, Matthew J<br>Haddock, Alana R<br>Haddock, Leah M<br>Haugen, Emma R<br>Hines, Celia A<br>Holmes, Cael D<br>Johnson, Tanner A<br>Kohlbrand, Aryana N<br>Lewis, Riley S<br>Lipp, LaKee Lynn<br>McVay, Olivia A<br>Mellor-Owens, Keyan S<br>Miles, Chayenne R<br>Munoz, Kayley<br>Quinton, Anthony K<br>Rohde, Shaynee R<br>Scharlie, Nickolena R<br>Simmons, Daren P<br>Sweet, Rachel D<br>Tomlinson, Michael E<br>Weag, Nicole R<br>Whitney, Neil T<br>Wynia, Logan C |
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## Middle School - Principal's Honor Roll

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| <b>8th Grade</b><br>Cass, Alyson L<br>Conzelmann, MacKenzie K<br>Henkle, Heath A<br>Hosfield, Caleb M<br>Jerry, Lidia J<br>McConkey, Holden I<br>McFarland, Hunter E<br>Meyer, Dakota<br>Ostanson, Jayden D<br>Perino, Quint M<br>Petersen, Mia E<br>Pfeil, Jacob Roland<br>Shroyer, Trinity L<br>Tavegie, Tell B | <b>7th Grade</b><br>Cummings, Amesha D<br>Day, Julie M<br>Graham, Jesse Ray<br>Lipp, Jerome James<br>Schmitz, Brooklyn Lucille<br>Tavegie, Pate J<br>Vanderpool-Mobley, Colton B<br>Wehr, Cole Thomas | <b>6th Grade</b><br>Tidman, Shelby M<br>Tupa, Shoren H<br>Tysdal, Hogan E<br>Wildermuth, Jessica L<br>Cass, Taylor A<br>Cummings, Amesha D<br>Day, Julie M<br>Graham, Jesse Ray<br>Lipp, Jerome James<br>Schmitz, Brooklyn Lucille<br>Tavegie, Pate J<br>Vanderpool-Mobley, Colton B<br>Wehr, Cole Thomas<br>Untersheer, Mischa A | <b>5th Grade</b><br>Bau, Ivy L<br>Beaton, Haley N<br>Bertsch, Riley Eric<br>Boyer, Karler L<br>Checketts, Tai Brice<br>Conklin, Taylor J<br>Dutcher, Raiza Grace<br>Esposito, Caden R<br>Everson, Dayne R<br>Hoover, Mylindr Elise<br>Hoover, Caleb R<br>Mills, Elizabeth J<br>Morril, Elijah A<br>Morris, Julie A<br>Troftubun, Thatcher W<br>Untersheer, Mischa A |
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| <b>8th Grade</b><br>Alia, Zave Ivar S<br>Baeza, Anassofia<br>Checketts, Oakley<br>Brooks<br>Deyo, Cody C<br>Gravos, Jerome D<br>Hagge, Lillian G<br>Haynes, Michael J<br>Hogbin, Danyale C<br>Marzell, Brook L<br>McFarlin, Dylan A<br>McVay, Gabrielle S<br>Miller, Kyah L<br>Sellers, Joshua R<br>Slanton, Tieman E<br>VanGundy, Kellan E<br>Ward, Zarah S | <b>7th Grade</b><br>Bell, Camara R<br>Cobb, Chad M<br>Cole, Wyatt P<br>Cricklaw, Taylor L<br>Cummings, Skyler D<br>Downing, Katelyn M<br>Drake, Camilla J<br>Garza, Andrea T<br>Gorman, Quinn J<br>Harrington, Jayde N<br>Huber, Kaleb Stephen<br>Mendenhall, Kendra Anne<br>Orsborn, Zachary K<br>Pehringer, Victoria R<br>Pfeil, Thomas A<br>Hogbin, Danyale C<br>Rose, McKenzie S<br>Scharlie, Aaron K<br>Sivord, Aubriana B<br>Stirkland, Nathaniel<br>Alexander<br>Untersheer, Thomas J<br>Williams, Ava M<br>Wells, Karla A | <b>6th Grade</b><br>Baird, Rachel Jolene<br>Bergstrom, Brock L<br>Bloom, Aspen-Joyce<br>Cricklaw, Taylor L<br>Bradshaw, Nicodemus D<br>Butler, Aidan E<br>Carr, Savannah R<br>Carter, Trinity V<br>Corley, Heather L<br>Corley, Jayden Lea<br>Erick, Grace N<br>Fullerton, Delaney J<br>Halvorsen, Kimberly A<br>Hebbring, Brayden D<br>Huey, Sara V<br>Larson, Scott O<br>Martinez, Josiah X<br>Oliver, Daymon J<br>Olson, Logan G<br>Parks, Tristan D<br>Phillips, Haley A<br>Rose, Ruth Mia<br>Sandoval, Briar ER<br>Scharlie, Kylene J<br>Scribner, Samuel R<br>Smith, Chase J<br>Stith, Cody Michael<br>Taylor, Kendall R<br>Tighe, Jesse E<br>Yanchunis-Gonzalez, Kyra |
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
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**Scores** from Page 1

the board that reports indicate educators enjoyed an even greater level of success when it came to demonstrating growth in students who had not performed well on the test a year prior.

"We've met expectations, for both the Wyoming accountability act and the federal accountability," Tysdal explained as she handed board members copies of the color-coded report, which was filled with green boxes that indicate the schools were "meeting targets" in the 2017-18 school year. There were also a significant number of blue boxes on the chart, which signify the district exceeded targets in those areas.

"In many areas we were above the state average all the way across, some fairly significantly," Tysdal reported.

The 2017-2018 School Performance Reports issued by the Wyoming Department of Education indicated that Newcastle Elementary School and Newcastle Middle School met targets and expectations in all three areas — growth, equity and achievement — based on results of last year's WY-TOPP test, and the elementary school even performed 'above average' on the achievement measure under the federal law, which reflects the percentage of students who were 'proficient or above on the state test in English language arts and mathematics.'

Newcastle High School met expectations for both the federal and state laws in six of the seven categories high schools are rated under, with the only blemish being a score just below the target on the "Growth" indicator for the state law, although the school met that expectation under the federal law.

The high school did exceed the target on a trio of categories pertaining to the amount of credits earned by freshmen, the four-year on-time graduation rate and the post-secondary readiness indicator. Tysdal explained that those three categories, however, are all based on data from the year prior to 2017-18.

"Those are lag indicators," she said, indicating that timing of the state test, when it is scored and when school ratings are compiled dictates that those measures trail the others by a year or more.

Contained within the reports presented to the board were more specific sets of data that provided additional insight into how schools and students are performing, and Tysdal asked board members to look at the numbers and discuss questions or concerns with herself or the building principals.

"There's huge celebrations too. There are many, many great things these

**School Shorts**

Notes from the Nov. 28 Weston County School District No. 1 Board of Trustees Meeting

- Auditor Paul Stille presented the district's annual financial audit, commenting that it was "kind of an uneventful year for the district." The board approved the report.
- It was announced that the WCSD #1 Board received the Certificate of Distinction and Standard of Excellence Awards from the Wyoming School Boards Association at that group's state convention last month. Board Chair Tina Chick received the WSBA Award of Distinction — Level 1 Award as well.
- The board accepted the resignations of Transportation Director Mark Peterson and paraprofessionals Amber Prell and Rebecca Cobb. They also accepted the resignation of Coleton Willard as the Middle School head boys basketball coach, Jenny Willard as middle school assistant track coach and Lindsey Burling as the head speech and debate coach.
- The board approved recommendations to hire Cody Nelson as the AACES robotics coach, Jim Stith as the head speech and debate coach and Alexandria Stith as the assistant speech coach, Brooke Bowthorpe as a high school assistant wrestling coach, Trayton Dawson as a paraprofessional at the elementary school and Rhonda Purviance as a bus route driver.
- An agreement with Weston County Health Services to provide an athletic trainer at the schools was approved.
- An additional bus stop was approved for Route 7 in town.

numbers show," Tysdal said after acknowledging that district educators had identified areas where they hope to create improvement moving forward.

One area where the district performed particularly well was in the "Equity" category, which determines if students at every level are given equal opportunities to succeed. The equity score for schools is calculated by heavily weighting (80 percent) the growth of the 25 percent of students who performed the lowest on the state exam the previous year, and factoring it with the growth for the rest of the students tested (20 percent).

The elementary school exceeded the state average in this category for both English language arts and math, and the middle school exceeded the state average across the board as well, with the exception of eighth grade math.

In that grade level, however, the students who didn't score in the bottom 25 percent the previous year exceeded the overall state growth average in eighth grade math by nearly five full percentage points.

The equity scores in the high school were a mixed bag, with math students who scored in the bottom 25 percent the previous year easily eclipsing the state average in math, while that subgroup of students showed growth below the state average in English language arts. As was the case in the middle school math, the growth rate for the students who did not score in the bottom quartile the prior year in English language arts was significantly higher than the state average.

"Most of the math and language arts across the board were higher than the state

average, and in some cases significantly higher than the state average," Tysdal said, giving credit to the Walk To Learn, Power Hour and other intervention programs put in place at local schools. "Our 'low' kids are really growing."

While that is cause for celebration, Tysdal said educators also saw the numbers as a reminder of the need to challenge and grow children across the educational spectrum.

"Are we growing our upper level students as well?" Tysdal offered. "We put a lot of emphasis on the kids who aren't where we want them to be. How do we make sure we're getting enrichments (for kids who are already there). Those are things we are definitely considering, trying to plan and be very intentional," she told the board.

Among the highlights in the results, Newcastle Elementary School exceeded the state average in 'Achievement,' which measures the percentage of students proficient or above on the state test last year, in English language arts, math and science for both fourth and fifth grade, and were above average in English language arts in third grade. Newcastle Middle School exceeded the state average in 'Achievement' in English language arts at all three of its grade levels, and eclipsed the state mark in math and science in the eighth grade as well. At Newcastle High School, the state average was beaten across the board in both ninth and 10th grade, as local students outperformed the rest of Wyoming in English language arts, math and science.

"We're on the right path, and we're happy with what we're doing," Tysdal said.

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### Lighted Parade grows on Small Business Saturday

The Newcastle Chamber of Commerce's annual lighted parade attracted 19 entries when it was held on Saturday, November 24, and residents lined Main Street to cheer them along the route with bells provided by organizers to help set the tone under this year's theme — the Polar Express.

The parade was moved to Saturday in support of Small Business Saturday, according to Chamber Director Holly Borton, who said WC Sports and Western West helped set the mood with an ornament decorating event for kids, who then were able to greet Santa Claus when he brought up the rear of the parade in a vintage fire truck.

"We felt spectators were up despite the cold, windy weather," Borton said.



The for-profit business category was by far the most hotly contested, and at the end of the event Farnsworth Services was crowned the champion in that division, with Black Hills Dental and Newcastle Ambulance Service rounding out the top three.

The non-profit division was won by VFW Post #2516/American Legion Post #3, and the Newcastle Fire Department and Church on the Hill received the honorable mentions. The Newcastle Silvertip Club won the Youth Division.

### Program from Page 1

help supplement that. The leftover money from the Festival of Trees will be earmarked for the program in the future."

The association went with the Shop with a Cop program at the suggestion of Susan Bridge, chief of police in Upton, who had experience with the program in a previous job.

"We felt we were not making a very good impact with the children in Weston County through the Operation Santa program," Stubbs said, noting that the association had done Operation Santa for over 20 years.

Through the Shop with a Cop program, Stubbs said, children will get more interaction with officers and deputies.

"The goal is to have that interaction with children and let them know that all officers are your friends," Stubbs said. "I think it is a great opportunity, and the children will be getting one-on-one time with the officers."

The day will begin with a 6 a.m. breakfast provided by the Newcastle Lodge and Convention Center for the children, officers and volunteers. After the buffet-style breakfast, and the checking-in procedures, the children and officers will load into police cars and sheriff's trucks for a parade around town, according to Stubbs.

"They get a little parade route with the lights and sirens," Stubbs said. "Susan said that is really the highlight for the kids."

The parade will end at Shopko, where the store will open for the officers and the children to shop.

"We will pair the children up with an officer or officers, and they will get to spend up to \$50 on themselves or shop for their families," Stubbs said. "The officers

can help them pick and choose or make suggestions."

A total of 50 kids, from both Upton and Newcastle, will get the opportunity to participate in the program this year. Stubbs noted that this number is less than with the Operation Santa program, which helped close to 300 people, including whole families.

"Now, we are concentrating on the children, and with this program, there is some responsibility for the parents to fill out the required paperwork, get the children to the lodge by 6 a.m. for breakfast and be available to pick up their child when they are finished shopping," Stubbs said. "We are trying to concentrate on the children and not so much on the family."

According to Stubbs, Shop with a Cop is not the only program the law enforcement group is instrumental in hosting for the area.

"We have a lot of programs that we work throughout the year," Stubbs said. "One of those is a scholarship program for anyone interested in law enforcement careers."

The scholarship is \$400 per semester for adults or teenagers interested in law enforcement careers, she said. The money goes toward their education.

Another program is McGruff the Crime

Dog. The program, according to Stubbs, has several components involving a lot of community education.

This program involves a community presence at several events, including the Back to School Safety Bash, where the association has a booth and provides crime education to the community.

The McGruff program also assists with 911 education for youth and providing DNA and identification kits to local families.

The association is also responsible for purchasing the drug dog used by the Weston County Sheriff's Office.

Stubbs said that the association has several fundraising efforts, including its annual fishing derby and gun raffle.

"We have a fishing derby every year for the scholarship program," Stubbs said. "At the same time, we hold a gun raffle, usually a Henry Golden Boy. That is a big money-maker for us."

She noted that members of the association sell tickets for the month leading up to the fishing derby and the name of the winner of the gun is drawn at the derby.

The Weston County Peace Officers Association also benefits from the United Fund of Weston County and receives funds from the annual pie auction.

“The goal is to have that interaction with children and let them know that all officers are your friends.”

— Melisa Stubbs, W.C. Peace Officers Association Spokesperson

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# Generations

News Letter Journal

## Wayback and FOCUS partner for toy drive

Alexis Barker  
NLJ Reporter

Wayback Burgers and FOCUS have partnered once again to bring the Weston County Toy Drive to the area during the holiday season. The two entities hope to bring Christmas cheer to children by providing holiday gifts and other items to families in need.

"From the day I got into this franchise, Wayback has been very community oriented," said Bart Loeb, owner of Wayback Burgers in Newcastle. "I was born and raised in Newcastle, and wanted to be community-oriented too. I am happy that I now have a vehicle and the oppor-

tunity to help out my community."

Loeb recalled that just over a year ago he received a mass email from the Wayback franchise suggesting that the business try to partner with a local entity to provide a need to the community over the holiday season. Originally, Loeb said, he had wanted to become involved with Toys for Tots, but found that no local entity was doing the toy drive.

So he started his own. Thus, the Weston County Toy Drive was born, and now Wayback and FOCUS are partnering to bring not only holiday gifts but hats, scarves, and coats to families in need. According to Loeb, the toy drive will also collect outdoor gear,

such as coats and scarves, that will be given to Operation Santa, which is a service project of the fourth-graders at Newcastle Elementary School.

Last year the Weston County Toy Drive provided holiday gifts to 48 kids, Loeb said, and he believes they could have helped more.

"If we would have had more names last year, we could have helped a lot more kids," Loeb said. "It was pretty amazing for the first year."

The toy drive officially began on Dec. 1 — Loeb said that toys had already been donated before the official start date — and will end on Dec. 19, with delivery scheduled to begin on Dec. 20. Anyone who takes

a new toy or outdoor gear worth \$5 or more to Wayback will receive a free regular-size milkshake. Loeb noted that it is a free milkshake for every item brought in.

Loeb said that gifts can be either wrapped or unwrapped, according to the donor's preference. Wrapped gifts should be labeled with the intended recipient's age and gender.

"FOCUS has purchased a bunch of gifts bags, and I will donate wrapping paper," Loeb said. "Anything that does not get donated wrapped will be wrapped."

Families can be signed up for the toy drive anonymously at either Wayback or the FOCUS office.

"If anyone knows any families or

kids that may not have a Christmas because of hard times, that is what we are here for," Loeb said. "We want to help these kids get Christmas."

The age and gender of each child whose name has been submitted will be placed on a tree at Shopko, where people can see them and know what kind of gifts to purchase. The purchaser can then bring the donated items to Wayback to receive a free shake.

"That is the nice thing about our community. If there is a crisis, emergency or someone down on their luck we come together," Loeb said. "That is one thing I love about living here. People are very good about lending a helping hand."



### Merry tunes ...

Ally Cass and MacKenzie Conzelman, above, smile during one of the breaks at the Newcastle Middle School choir and band concert held Monday night at the Crouch Auditorium. Below, Abi Elliott, Heath Henkle, and Hogan Tystad play the horns during the concert. (Photos by Summer Bonnar/NLJ)



### Lessons in government



Kalen Koch participates in the Newcastle High School Congressional Hearings Nov. 20. Students in American Government class participate in the mock hearings to better understand this country's constitution, and government procedure. (Photo by Bob Bonnar/NLJ)

### Accomplishments

#### BHSU fall commencement this week

Nearly 180 candidates for graduation will be recognized during the 176th Black Hills State University commencement ceremony, and a pair of Newcastle students will be among those who claim their degrees.

The fall commencement ceremony begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 at the Donald E. Young Sports and Fitness Center on the BHSU campus. The public is invited to attend and celebrate the students' achievements. Degrees to be awarded include 6 master's degrees, 156 bachelor's degrees, and 16 associate's degrees.

Newcastle's David Christiansen will receive a Bachelor of Science in Education for Physical Education, and Philip Jagelski has earned a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science.

The fall 2018 commencement ceremony will be broadcast live at BHSU.edu/Classof2018 for those who are unable to attend.



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# Sports

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**NHS SPORTS**

**NHS Girls Basketball**

12/7	V9 Custer (4:5:30:7)	H	4PM
12/10	9 Sundance	H	4PM
12/13-15	VJ State Line Shootout	A	TBA

**NHS Boys Basketball**

12/7	V9 Custer (4:5:30:7)	H	4PM
12/10	9 Sundance	H	5:30PM
12/13	VJ Sundance (4:5:30:7)	A	4PM
12/14-15	VJ State Line Shootout	A	TBA

**NHS Wrestling**

12/7	VJ Luik Invite	A	9AM
12/7	VJ Rapid City	A	2PM
12/8	VJ Rapid City	A	8AM
12/13	VJ Buffalo	H	8PM
12/14	VJ Battle in the Big Horn	A	12:30PM
12/15	V9 Battle in the Big Horn	A	8:30AM

**NHS Boys Swimming**

12/7	VJ Powell Quad	A	TBA
12/8	VJ Cody Invite	A	TBA
12/11	VJ Buffalo Bison	A	4PM
12/14	VJ Newcastle Quad	H	4PM
12/15	VJ Newcastle Invitational	H	TBA

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Monday: 4:15-5:15PM

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Wednesdays: 4:15-5:15PM

Fridays: 5:30-6PM

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**Strength & Stretch**

Saturdays: 8-8AM

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Sept. 18 - Dec. 17

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**NMS SCORES**

**NMS Girls Basketball**

8th Grade

Newcastle 34 Sage Valley 41

7th Grade

Newcastle 30 Sage Valley 32 OT

9<sup>th</sup> Team

Newcastle 16 Gillette Rec. Red 12

Newcastle 17 Gillette Rec. Black 21

**3A Conference Tournament**

8th Grade

Newcastle 33 Torrington 11

Newcastle 41 Wheeland 24 (Championship Game)

7th Grade

Newcastle 13 Wheeland 14

Newcastle 20 Douglas 15 (3rd Place Game)



Christian Santos dribbles by defender Cooper Deveraux when the junior varsity squad split up and squared off to launch this year's Meet the Dogies scrimmage event at the Dogie Dome on Saturday night. (Photo by Bob Bonnar/NLJ)

## Season starts with high expectations

Sonja Karp  
NLJ Sports Reporter

The Dogies will start their hoops season with a target on their backs, given Wyopreps announced the results of the preseason polls last week with Newcastle in the 5th spot in 3A.

"Coming off of last year we kind of anticipated that we would come in with some preseason expectations. That's good, but it is what it is," head coach Allen Von Eye cautioned. "It's neat and it's cool, but it doesn't mean a dang thing unless you're willing to work toward that because everybody and their dog is wanting to make it to that state tournament. They feel like they can make it this time of the year, and are working really hard toward that."

Von Eye went on to say that he doesn't worry that his team has been lulled into a false sense of security due to the early rankings, and are working very hard to prove they deserve the recognition.

"It's nice that people respect your program and your kids, and people were pretty blown away across the state with how hard our kids work and how fun they were to watch," he smiled. "But, if you think that preseason rankings crown you, it's not good. I don't worry about that with this group because we've been blessed with kids who work their tails off!"

The Dogies will be running very fast-paced offensive and defensive systems once again this season, so Von Eye pointed out that practices are very intense right from the start in order to get his players in the kind of shape necessary to go hard for 32 minutes.

"We get up and down the court with our drills from the start of practice, so by the middle the guys are usually fatigued, which is to be expected at this time of the season," he explained. "One negative by-product of that early



Dylon Tidyman reminded the fans why he is one of his team's leading scorers as he went hard to the rack for two in the Meet the Dogies scrimmage Saturday. (Photo by Sonja Karp/NLJ)

on is that your practices are really solid and high energy to start, but by the middle they are tucked because they've gone hard. But Wednesday we started to see that shift showing our conditioning is there. For the entire duration of practice, the energy was as high across the board as I've ever had in that gym."

The Dogies have great numbers again this season with 37 out for the sport — the most ever in Von Eye's tenure as head coach. Of those, there are seven seniors and seven juniors, 11 sophomores and 12 freshmen.

"We've got a ton of bodies, which is a good problem to have as long as they're competitive and want to work hard, which they do," Von Eye nodded. "We get a lot accomplished in practice and we have a lot of competition. Guys can see that if they don't work hard someone else will be, so they have to get after it all the time."

The Dogies lost four players from last season's squad, leaving some pretty big shoes to fill this year. Cam Quigley, Lyle Whitney and Bryson Tidyman graduated, while Jake Lacey moved away.

"When you lose players like that, it's difficult to replace them because of everything they brought to the court," Von Eye began. "Though we don't have single players who will encompass everything, we have several guys who will give us pieces of what we lost."

Returning this season are the squad's leading scorers from last season, senior Cade Ostenson and junior Dylon Tidyman. Other key players include seniors Sawyer Roberson, Dylan Talley and Kyle "Scrappy" Haslam, as well as junior Isaiah Brooks.

Cade and Dylon have really matured over the last year and each have been working hard on improving

— See Boys, Page 12

## Dogies dive right in to the season

Sonja Karp  
NLJ Sports Reporter

The Dogie swim team is taking off right where they left off last year as they graduated no one from last season's squad. While last season was somewhat of a rebuilding year, head coach Doug Scribner noted that the experience his team built over the last 12 months is already revealing itself in a positive manner.

"We lost a couple of strong swimmers two years ago, and last year we really solidified as a team," he nodded. "That has carried over to this year, so we've had a really strong start. Everyone is excited, they know what their goals are and have been working hard at achieving

those goals."

An added element that has created an optimal practice environment for the men is that several members of the Lady Dogies team have been in the pool practicing as well, as they will be competing at the Gillette Invitational in the women's category.

"It's great to have the girls there because they really help with motivation for the boys," Scribner smiled. "They push each other and it gives them more people to swim against, so that has really added to practice."

Back in the pool again this year are seniors Zach Benshoff, Kaden Curren, Garrett Merchen

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Conrad Prell works on perfecting his Breaststroke as he and his team prepare for the opening weekend of their season this Friday in Powell. (Photo by Sonja Karp/NLJ)

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# Hoping to build off last year's success

Sonja Karp  
NJL Sports Reporter

The combined Newcastle/Upton wrestling team is poised to get off to a busy start this season, and head coach Lee McCoy noted there will be some challenges facing the squad, which is largely comprised of athletes who are relatively young or inexperienced.

The Dogies graduated Trayton Dawson, Wyatt Corley, Teigen Marchant and Alan Baker (Upton) from last year's squad. The first three were state runners-up, while Baker finished fourth at the tournament.

The team is returning sophomore Kale Corley, who was the state champion at 120 as only a freshman. McCoy confirmed that with that win Corley, who will begin the season at 138 and then drop to 132, has set a goal to become a four-year state champ, but he also cautioned that it will be no easy task to achieve.

"Classes from 120-160 are historically very competitive, so it will be a tough go for him," Lee began. "Kale knows he's got a target on his back, and we've been talking about the fact that just because you win one, doesn't mean they're going to give you the other three. He has to take it one at a time and work extra hard because now people know who he is, and they want to beat him. He could fly under the radar last year as a freshman, but that's not the case now."

Also returning for the Dogies is senior Reid Holmes, who missed the state tournament last year due to illness. As a sophomore, he was a state finalist, however, and Lee expects him to make a run at returning in his final season if he can remain healthy.

Jory McFarland and Skylar Jenkins also earned their way to the state tourney last year and come back this season as a junior and sophomore respectively, vying for another go at the title. Senior Gavin Durfee of Upton is the only other wrestler returning from last season.

"We aren't returning very many, and we have a lot of freshmen and first-year kids who have moved in," Lee began.



**Reid Holmes (top) and Kale Corley (bottom) take turns executing take down drills. Both are coming into this season with State Tournament berth potential, and are working hard to achieve that goal. (Photo by Sonja Karp/NJL)**

"We're young but the kids are coachable and have great attitudes. They are going to take their knocks as a team this year for sure though, because they are pretty young."

New to the team this year are Nate King and Dylan Drost, and the rest are freshmen. Between the returning and new guys, the team has 17 total, which is up one from last year.

Though only increasing by a minimal number, an advantage this crew has this season is that they are able to fill more weight classes than before. While the Dogies gave up four or five open weight classes at duals in 2017-18, this year McCoy anticipates they will only have to forfeit two or three each time.

"For duals, I anticipate being able to bump people around so we will only have to give up a couple of weight classes, which is much better than last year," he predicted. "This year we're spread out pretty well, and should be able to move some people around better."

McCoy is pleased with how his squad has jumped right into the season, despite their youth and inexperience.

"This is a great group of kids who all have great attitudes," he nodded. "We had our lock-in following our weight assessment last Friday into Saturday, and the kids did a phenomenal job through that — which is basically 12 hours of workouts — so that's awesome."


The lock-in consists of three separate wrestling practices, as well as a weight-lifting, a conditioning and a swimming workout. Between each workout, the athletes had time to rest and recover.

The Dogies will begin their season this Thursday in Custer where they will dual the Wildcats, Newell and Bennett County, and then on Friday the team will split. Some will head to Lusk for a one-day invitational, while six others will roll to Rapid City for a two-day invitational. Competing in Rapid are Corley, Holmes, Blake Durfee, Gavin Durfee, McFarland and Jenkins.

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## Swimmers

and Dalton Parsons. They are joined by juniors Austen Kenney and Jae Hyun Lee, sophomores James Cox and Conrad Prell, and new to the team this year are freshmen Robert Humes and Travis Scribner.

Merchen, Kenney and Cox return as the squad's state qualifiers in the 100 Breaststroke, 100 Freestyle and 100 Backstroke respectively and Scribner feels confident they will repeat this season with another appearance at the State Meet in February.

Though he missed qualifying for state in the 500 Free by a mere one second, Prell is poised to get under the 3A time early this year, according to Scribner.

"Conrad worked a great deal of last season trying to come

back from a knee injury, and he only missed the mark by a second," he explained. "He's coming off of a good cross country season this year and is back to 100 percent, so I expect to see him qualify right out of the gate."

Prell is also interested in diving, which he began to work on at the end of last year, but didn't have enough dives ready in order to compete. However, Scribner and he have been working on more dives and are planning on debuting at the home meet on the 14th and 15th of this month.

The Breaststroke and Freestyle are the strongest strokes for Benschopf, and he has established the goal of qualifying in the 200 and

500 Free. Parsons' strength and focus is the Backstroke, Lee's is the Breaststroke, while Humes and Scribner are strong in the Freestyle. Scribner is also strong in the Breaststroke so coach Scribner anticipates he will make a good sprinting partner for Kenney.

Curren suffered an injury over the weekend, so it is unclear when or if he will return to competition.

"Austen managed for the girls this year, so he has been working on his Freestyle for a while now," Scribner began. "He also attended a camp last summer with James, so they grew a lot over the summer."

The potential for putting together good relay teams is also a reality for the team.

## Boys

their game, so I think they are going to be really exciting to watch this year," Von Eye predicted. "Sawyer is just so strong and has a great perimeter shot. Dylan does so much for us in every aspect of the game, and Kyle continues to prove he comes by his nickname naturally."

"Isaiah is just an exciting player to watch," he continued. "I've never had someone with the handles he has and the vision he has. He just has this innate ability to find people and get them the ball — sometimes when they aren't ready for it. The guys' heads have to be on a swivel because if they're open, he's getting them the dang basketball!"


The Dogie coaching staff of Von Eye, Matt Conzelman and Scott Beebler are joined this season by former Dogie players Dave Christianson and Derek Lewis.

The Dogies will tip off their season at home this Friday against the Custer Wildcats at 7:30 p.m., or following the conclusion of the Lady Dogies' contest.

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### SOS takes on new meaning after exercise

Everyone knows that S.O.S is the global signal for distress, but those letters have taken on a new meaning for me as I see them now forming the acronym SOS, which stands for Sources of Strength.

Sadly, it has become apparent in the last few years that our young people are experiencing more and more difficulty dealing with the pressures that life deals out.

We see negativity everywhere, and as adults we know that can be emotionally wearing. For young people, who are just beginning to figure out who they are as people, it can become overwhelming.

They see tragedy, anger, evil, hopelessness and despair all over social media, on television and in the movies, and many see it in their own lives as well.

With all of this as a frame of reference, you may be thinking that SOS as a distress signal may be more appropriate.

At Newcastle High School, we as a staff have been looking for answers and techniques to try to help our students who are at risk. We know some of our kids are living in challenging environments or situations, but we feel powerless to help them find their way out.

In a training I attended last week for a new program being instituted at NHS called Sources of Strength, I began to see a possible light at the end of the tunnel through which these young people are traveling.

Everyone faces hard times, and when they do we have a tendency to commiserate or dwell on the drama that is surrounding them. The stories we tell amongst ourselves focus on sadness, shock and trauma. In doing so we unintentionally perpetuate negativity, which impedes our ability to heal and move forward.

What I learned in the two days of training is that the way to change this harmful and emotionally debilitating cycle is to focus instead on hope, help and strength.

The mission of the Sources of Strength program is "to spread hope, help and strength into every corner of our community. [It] recognizes that our voice has great power and we use it to break the silence when someone is struggling, and to connect them to the help they need and deserve."

The goal is to "spread hope by focusing on stories of strength, rather than on stories of trauma."

Not only does the mission of SOS inspire me to believe that having a positive impact on the lives of kids in distress is possible, but the implementation of the program also gives me great hope.

As adult leaders, we certainly have our role, but the bulk of the work is in the hands of students at NHS. Students



Top of page, Markie Whitney and Gaven Lamb battle each other in the Roshambo challenge last Wednesday at the Peer Leadership training for Sources of Strength. Savannah Davis cheers Whitney on in her quest to the finals. Above, Asia Graham (left) and Markie Whitney (right) display the Wheel of Strengths, while Austyn Vaughn (middle) holds up the SOS mission brochure. These students and about 25 others received training to be peer leaders for the program last Wednesday. Below, Peer leader Shelby Davis adds her ideas of how to utilize healthy activities as a strength in your life. (Photos by Alexis Barker/NLJ)



who represent all peer groups in the school have accepted a role as a peer leader, and it is they who will be the face of this program.

It was exciting to watch these kids, in only one day of training, not only embrace the mission of SOS, but unthinkingly grab the reins to begin to make the goals of the program a reality.

I will admit that I consider myself a cynic when it comes to these types of programs, but I find myself believing that this one has the potential to make a difference in the lives of our young people. It has already had a positive

impact on me, and I know that the very little that I have learned so far will have a permanent, positive impact on my life.

While it is true that as individuals we do not have the power to change society, we do have the power to change how we engage as part of our society. Deciding to make a concerted effort at approaching life's challenges from the perspective of Hope, Help and Strength will certainly result in a more positive and happy personal life experience. And, as a by-product, may just help change the society in which we live.

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WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DIST -	\$8,494.19
Checking Account Total:	\$11,069.90
DEAN FOODS NC	\$1,594.10
PROGUARD	\$627.73
SYSCO MONTANA INC	\$7,790.41
WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DIST -	\$1,012.35
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SYSCO MONTANA INC	\$5,043.23
WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DIST -	\$17,008.91
Checking Account Total:	\$36,837.95
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Checking Account Total:	\$52,740.20
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$518.11
Checking Account Total:	\$518.11
Grand Total:	\$1,297,202.71

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(Publish December 6, 2018)

**Court Report**

**CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 6TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, WESTON COUNTY JUDGE MATTHEW F.G. CASTANO**

Nicholas T. Wempen, Unauthorized Use of Vehicle, Jail: 30 Days, Suspended: 27 Days, Unsupervised Probation: 6 Months, Fees and Fines: \$405

David E. Bond, Vehicle Exceed 70 MPH on Primary/Secondary Highway (6+ MPH Over), Fees and Fines: \$110

Taren C. White, Vehicle Exceed 70 MPH on Primary/Secondary Highway (6+ MPH Over), Fees and Fines: \$125

Jerod A. Farella, Vehicle Exceed 70 MPH on Primary/Secondary Highway (6+ MPH Over), Fees and Fines: \$90

Wyatt A. Hines, Vehicle Exceed 70 MPH on Primary/Secondary Highway (6+ MPH Over), Fees and Fines: \$145

William M. Jackson, Vehicle Exceed 70 MPH on Primary/Secondary Highway (6+ MPH Over), Fees and Fines: \$135

Sean L. Merchen, Vehicle Exceed 70 MPH on Primary/Secondary Highway (6+ MPH Over), Fees and Fines: \$100

Dwayne J. Bridges, Vehicle Exceed 70 MPH on Primary/Secondary Highway (6+ MPH Over), Fees and Fines: \$88

Preston C. Seamands, Fail to Tag Big or Trophy Game Animal, Fees and Fines: \$235

Nicholas T. Wempen, Fail to Provide Proof of Liability Insurance, Fees and Fines: \$555

Jerad W. Brown, Vehicle Exceed 70 MPH on Primary/Secondary Highway (6+ MPH Over), Fees and Fines: \$90

Sean L. Merchen, Valid Certificate of Title, Certificate of Registration, and License Plates/Temporary Permit Required, Fees and Fines: \$125

Stanley W. Jasinski, Seat Belt: Passenger Over 12 Years, Fees and Fines: \$10

Ryan Williams, Drive While License Cancelled, Suspended, or Revoked if not Suspended for 31-5-229 or 31-5-233, Jail: 30 Days, Suspended: 29 Days, Unsupervised Probation: 6 Months, Fees and Fines: \$725

Teresa M. Hudspeth, Vehicle Exceed 70 MPH on Primary/Secondary Highway (6+ MPH Over), Fees and Fines: \$110

Andrew L. Garland, Hunt, Trap, Fish or Collect Antlers/Horns on Private Land Without Permission, Fees and Fines: \$435

Nathan D. Williamson, Vehicle Exceed 70 MPH on Primary/Secondary Highway (6+ MPH Over), Fees and Fines: \$90

Total Paid: \$6,629

**Blotter**

**November 25, 2018**

Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Report of dog at large, Impounded. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Welfare check requested. Drunk driver reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

**November 26**

Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Six VIN inspections requested. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Animal complaint. Assist other agency. Report of dogs at large. Commercial alarm reported. Parking complaint. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued.

**November 27**

Civil problem reported. Medical assist. Medical assist. Assist other agency. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Domestic problem reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Welfare check requested.

**November 28**

Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic complaint. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

Warrant arrest. Minor accident reported. Commercial alarm reported. VIN inspection requested. Minor accident reported. Parking complaint. Assist other agency. Unlawful dumping reported. Commercial alarm reported. Drunk driver reported.

**November 29**

Trespass Order requested. Medical assist. Assist other agency. Missing dog reported. Report of a dog at large. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Arrest Warrant issued.

**November 30**

Open door discovered. Report of dog at large. Impounded. Two VIN inspections requested. Assist other agency. Report of a dog at large. Report of a dog at large.

**December 1**

Traffic hazard reported. Suspicious activity reported. Warrant arrest. Domestic problem reported. Lost property reported. Medical assist. Juvenile problem reported. Juvenile problem reported.



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# Christmas crafts



Newcastle Elementary School students brought a little Christmas cheer to The Newcastle Lodge and Convention Center on Friday, when they took over the new hotel's large meeting room and used it to create dozens of Christmas ornaments with some help from a crew of Newcastle High School art students. The youngsters all received candy canes and gathered around the tree for a group photo before making their way back to school. (Photo by Bob Bonnar/NLJ)

Due to technical difficulties, the Weather Vane is not available this week. We will resume printing the Weather Vane when data again becomes available. Thank you for your patience.

## Public Notice

### WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CHEYENNE, WYOMING NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AND FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR HIGHWAY WORK

Notice is hereby given that the State Transportation Commission of Wyoming has accepted as completed according to plans, specifications and rules governing the same work performed under that certain contract between the State of Wyoming, acting through said Commission, and Traffic Safety Services, Inc. The Contractor, on Highway Project Number B184021 in Gillette, Newcastle, Sheridan, and Sundance Counties, consisting of chevron signing and miscellaneous work, and the Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore, that the Director of the Department of Transportation will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on January 9, 2019. The date of the first publication of this Notice is November 29, 2018.

STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING  
By: Caryn Erickson  
Senior Budget Analyst  
Budget Program  
(Publish November 29, December 6 and 23, 2018)

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## Public Notice

### NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE AND FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR THE NEWCASTLE BIKE PATH 2018 PROJECT AT NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING

Notice is hereby given that work by S&S Builders, LLC, PO Box 1867, Gillette, WY 82717, for the Newcastle Bike Path 2018 project for the City of Newcastle has been accepted and the final settlement for payment is to be made per WS 16-6-116 in consideration of any outstanding financial obligations. Concerned parties may contact the City Engineer, City of Newcastle, 10 West Warwick, Newcastle, WY 82701. Full amount due will be paid on January 8, 2019. The date of first Publication is November 29, 2018.

Michael Moore, P.E.  
City Engineer  
City of Newcastle  
(Publish November 29, December 6 and 23, 2018)

## Deadline for Legals is noon on Friday

## Public Notice

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION TRANSFER OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE #5

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of November 2018, the following filed an application for Transfer of Ownership (Retail Liquor License #5) from HRS, LLC, dba Antler's Lounge to B&D Holdings, 701 Washington Blvd, Newcastle, Wyoming. Protests, if there be any, against the transfer of this License, will be heard at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 17, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Newcastle City Council Chambers in City Hall, 10 W. Warwick St., Newcastle, WY 82701.

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- Big bang maker
- Beach Boys: "Be True to Your \_\_\_\_\_"
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- Tolkien's "The Two \_\_\_\_\_"
- Denotes financial loss
- Kickbacks
- Ducks with valued down
- Ornamental carp
- Harvest helper
- Chalupa alternative
- Virginia Slim, e.g.
- What football and baseball have in common, pl. \_\_\_\_\_
- "Put a lid \_\_\_\_\_"
- "Hang out on the ocean or online \_\_\_\_\_"
- Lock horns
- Eyeball
- Hissy fit
- Michael Myers' move
- "To Kill a Mockingbird" author
- Thanksgiving tubers

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- Month before Nisan
- Slag
- Faster than allegro
- Hammerin' Hank
- Delivery bird?
- 3rd H in 4-H, sing.
- "Nucleocrat"
- Half a round
- Footnote word
- "Afternoon's high
- Hindu Festival of Lights
- The Police lead singer
- Japanese room divider
- Parker's angst
- Little rascal
- Locomotive hair
- Like Bigfoot
- "You fly fish in it
- Core of personnel
- Independent African ruler
- Gives a helping hand
- Messy substances
- Horror movie franchise
- "Bibliophiles" get-together
- Willow twig
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chi
- Make a connection
- Opposite of tea bag
- Black-tie
- "Watch a season in a week, e.g.
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# Ladies ready to start their season

Sonja Karp  
NJL Sports Reporter

After some early preseason uncertainty, the Lady Dogies Basketball team has settled in and the squad is focused on getting their 2018-2019 season underway.

Former assistant coach Chad Ostenson has moved into the head coach position after the recent resignation of Tyler Bartlett, while Coleton Willard has filled the vacancy left by Ostenson.

Numbers were a little worrisome early on with only 10 girls expressing interest. However, by the time practice began 19 girls had laced up their kicks.

"The girls are working hard and are being very coachable," Ostenson nodded. "They try to take all the information in and get things done. We've worked on a lot, and it's been good, and I've been happy with the effort we're seeing."

The Lady Dogies are adjusting to not only the leadership change, but also to the loss of some key players from last year's squad.

Though only Sarah Henkle was lost to graduation, starting point guard Lauren Lacey and the sixth "man" Carson Quigley each moved away over the course of the summer, while Madi Pearson is recovering from an injury that will have her sidelined all season.

The team is returning seniors Lexus Voelker, Makenzie Wagoner, Kaylee Sweet and Lauren Steveson and they are joined by juniors Grace Coy, Sara Sweet and Avery Alicehouse. Sophomores Mercedes Voelker, Claire Beastron, Isabel Frank and Becky Lorenzen will also be wearing the uniform, as well as freshmen Shawnee Miles, Rachel Sweet, Summer Bonnar, Taylee Dickinson, Batley Benshoof, Jonnaye Rosenau, Nicole Weeg and Calla Butler.

While nearly half of the squad are freshmen, the Lady Dogies will not be playing at that level this season due to the shortage of players in the upper grades. Rather, the team will fill junior varsity and varsity rosters only.

"We will be putting together a mixed team for the JV squad this year, and are working on getting the freshmen up to speed given it's a pretty big jump to go from middle school to junior varsity ball in the 3A conference," Ostenson admitted. "But, they're doing really well so far and it's also really helpful to have Cami



Claire Beastron found her way to the hoop for a bucket several times last Saturday as the Lady Dogies went head-to-head in the annual Meet the Dogies preseason scrimmage. (Photo by Sonja Karp/NJL)

Willyard [former high school assistant coach] coaching them at the middle school and running our offensive sets, so they come to us with the basic principles."

To help with the transition, Ostenson also scheduled the freshmen to go in the morning for the first eight days of practice. By doing so, the newcomers were able to learn the drills at a speed that was comfortable for them, rather than at the older players' speed. When the youngsters joined the rest of the team, they were able to hop right into the drills with the knowledge and skill set necessary to keep practice moving along seamlessly.

The Lady Dogies made their preseason debut last Saturday at the annual Meet the Dogies night, so fans got a sneak peek at the squad. Going into the scrimmage, Ostenson was pleased at the progress the team was making, but admitted there was still work to be done.

"I'm really pretty pleased with where the girls are at and how things are going," he declared. "We definitely have a lot of

things we need to work on, but it's early. We will have what we need by the first game, and hopefully have everything in by Regionals."

According to Ostenson, fans can expect to see the same man-to-man principles from previous years, but the Lady Dogies will probably be playing a little more zone on defense. Offensively, the squad will continue the same system. However, the coach plans to incorporate a few more set plays so that if the team needs to score, they will have something in their wheelhouse in order to make that happen.

"We will also be running as much as we can, because we don't have size," Ostenson stated. "We've really been talking about pushing the ball between the three point lines and then if we have the numbers, go to the rack, but if we don't, we'll set up the play."

The Lady Dogies get their season underway this Friday as they host the Lady Wildcats of Custer with tip-off scheduled for 5:45 p.m.

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