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## Sewer lagoon cleanup needed

### Estimated costs for sludge removal: \$500,000

**Alexis Barker**  
NLJ News Editor

City engineer Mike Moore estimates that sludge removal at the city of Newcastle's sewer

lagoon will cost \$500,000, if addressed in the near future, according to information he provided during a sewer committee meeting on Dec. 7. "We could wait, but it will

cost more later. We have to pay for what is removed," Moore said. "I feel like now is a good time to address sludge removal." Upgraded in 1987, with

operation beginning in 1988, the facultative lagoon treats wastewater through a biological process, without mechanical processes, according to Moore's information. The

sewer was upgraded after a 1981 Environmental Protection Agency 201 study, a requirement of the Federal Sewage Works Grant under the Clean Water Act, addressed more stringent regulatory requirements for discharging effluent into Little Oil Creek.

The lagoon consists of four cells, which provide not only additional capacity but also the ability to treat the wastewater more effectively. The excess sewer effluent is managed by a combination of evaporation

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### Clearing the way



Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ

While Tuesday was not the first snow of the year, it was a winter wonderland that the Weston County residents woke up to. With temperatures dropping into the teens it truly feels as if winter has arrived. However, temperatures are expected to rise to the low 40s in the next few days, so this round of snow may be short lived. Above, city crews had most of the snow removal done downtown before Main Street businesses opened in Newcastle.

## Former trustee returns to school board

**Alexis Barker**  
NLJ News Editor

Less than a month after he made a tearful farewell to the Weston County School District No. 1 board of trustees, Tom Wright is back on the board. On Dec. 9, during the school board's regular meeting, trustees appointed Wright to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of longtime trustee Dean Johnson.

Wright, who had lost his bid for reelection, has served on the board for over 50 years and was 123 votes shy of rejoining the board in November.

"I served on the board for quite a while. I wanted to continue that and I had told people that during the election. There was nothing that happened after the election to change my mind," Wright said. "I'm disappointed I didn't win, but I felt that the opportunity to serve two years,

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## Lummis names staff

**Alexis Barker**  
NLJ News Editor

Northeastern Wyoming will be well represented in the Washington office of U.S. Sen.-elect Cynthis Lummis. On Dec. 14 in a press release, Lummis announced her senior staff, which includes outgoing, state Rep. Tyler Lindholm (R-Sundance) and Newcastle native Darrin Munoz.

"Northeastern Wyoming has been particularly hard hit over the last several years, with staggering dips in energy prices and a war on fossil fuels waged by east-coast elites who seem to be clueless about what keeps the lights on," said Lummis in the release. "Having strong representation from this corner of the state in my office was a top priority. Darrin brings decades of experience advocating for Wyoming's energy resources in Washington. He comes from a family of Wyoming mines and understands the very real challenges they and our communities face. Tyler has been a fierce champion for rural economies across the state as well as our ag and ranching community. He will help ensure that policy is driven from the ground up and with significant input

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## Frontier expands holdings, store Carquest changes hands

**Walter Sprague**  
Art and Culture Reporter

"I really appreciate all my people here," said Terry Rich, former owner of Carquest in Newcastle. "They've been good and loyal customers."

That same loyalty moved Rich to transfer ownership of the store the way he did when it was time for him to retire.

He had worked at Carquest for 30 years and owned it for 27 years. When he wanted to retire, talks opened up with Zach Pickle, owner of Frontier Home, Ranch and Hardware, next door to Carquest on South Railroad Avenue, and that went on for a few months.

Then, on Nov. 11, Rich was able to turn over the store to Pickle, as the new owner. He stayed on for a couple of weeks to help Pickle with running the auto parts store, but other help was there as well. The new manager, Ron Isabell, moved from Wheatland to Rozet and plans to move to Newcastle in the future. According to Pickle,

Isabell was a Carquest manager in Wheatland, so the transition has been perfect.

"Ron's been very helpful," Pickle said, "because he knows how to run the Carquest side of the business. It's been very seamless without a huge learning curve. Ron makes it like that. He knows how to run it so well."

Pickle was also very grateful that Rich stayed on for a couple of weeks. He said that Rich was accommodating, educating others on how to run the store well.

"I'm not trying to replace Rich's

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Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ  
Even during the middle of remodeling, Carquest remains open for business. Ron Isabell, the new manager, carries out business. Zach Pickle, owner of Frontier Home, Ranch and Hardware, recently purchased part of the space to expand Frontier.



### WEATHER FORECAST

**Thursday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
Hi 42, Lo 25



**Friday**  
Partly Cloudy  
Hi 33, Lo 18



**Saturday**  
Partly Cloudy  
Hi 40, Lo 23



**Sunday**  
Partly Cloudy  
Hi 46, Lo 29



**Monday**  
Partly Cloudy  
Hi 42, Lo 28



**Tuesday**  
Partly Cloudy  
Hi 46, Lo 19



**Wednesday**  
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## Thursday, December 24

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## Active cases drop

PARK	140	BIG HORN	42	SHERIDAN	114	CAMPBELL	125	CROOK	15
TETON	78	WASHAKIE	90	JOHNSON	37	WESTON	11		
		HOT SPRINGS	19						
		FREMONT	146	NATRONA	352	CONVERSE	50	NOBARRA	4
		SUBLETTA	27						
LINCOLN	72	SWEETWATER	278	CARBON	39	ALBANY	93	PLATTE	21
								GOSHEN	50
UINTA	100							LARAMIE	472

Active cases of COVID-19 dropped to 2,375 statewide, according to this Tuesday, Dec. 15, map provided by the Wyoming News Exchange. Weston County recorded six additional cases. Currently the county has 11 active cases, two confirmed deaths and 361 cases total. Statewide, 34,712 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed and there have been a total of 328 coronavirus-related deaths.

## Wright

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although it was not four, was there and I needed to take it a day at a time.”

Wright said that he was very happy to interview for the position and that the board selected him.

“I’m glad I get to continue. I’ve got a lot of time and effort into where we are today as a school system,” Wright said. “I have some plans and ideas about how we can be better, and I appreciate the chance to talk about these and discuss things further with the board.”

Tina Chick, board chairwoman, said his experience and knowledge were part of the reason Wright was the right choice.

“First and foremost, there are the very typical things — one, he ran for the board, so he wanted to be on the board. He was the next-highest vote-getter, so the community said they supported him,” Chick said. “Also, we felt like he has proven to be invaluable in terms of his past service and his knowledge about how things run. He has been a good fit on the board, and we felt he would be a continued good fit.”

Chick said that his knowledge of school finances, in particular, will make a difference as the board faces budgetary shortfalls.

While Wright was the right fit for the board, according to Chick, she said she had a good

### School Shorts

Notes from the Dec. 9 Weston County School District No. 1 Board of Trustees Meeting

Newcastle High School Principal Tracy Ragland submitted his resignation, effective June 1, 2021 to the Weston County School District No. 1 board of trustees on Dec. 9. The board accepted the resignation with remorse.

According to WCSD No. 1 Superintendent Brad LaCroix, Ragland has worked in the district for 32 years, beginning as a Newcastle Middle School science teacher. During his time in the district, LaCroix said, Ragland coached many sports including girl’s basketball and middle and high school football.

LaCroix could not give reasoning for Ragland’s resignation, although he hinted that part of the decision may be grandpa oriented.

“I’m sure there are multiple things that weighed into his decision. Nevertheless, he has served this school district and community well for several decades,” LaCroix said.

The *News Letter Journal* attempted to reach out to Ragland for comment, however he did not respond by press time.

During the Dec. 9 meeting, after accepting Ragland’s resignation, the school board voted to post his position opening.

candidate pool to choose from. “We truly had four great candidates,” Chick said.

Superintendent Brad LaCroix reported that the board interviewed four candidates in a public forum. The four were Paul Bau, Mary Romine, Sharla Dowding and Tom Wright. Dowding had also unsuccessfully sought a seat on the board in the general election,

“I can tell you that as superintendent, I’m really not a part

of the decision process. But looking at things across the state and nationwide, looking at the number of boards, not just school boards, that don’t have people interested in that type of commitment, we had a strong applicant pool,” LaCroix said. That is pretty satisfying, to know that there are people that would want to do that, that think they can represent themselves and the community well.”

## Sewer

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and irrigation. The primary cell, A, has a surface area of 16 acres, cell A flows into cell B, which covers 28 acres, then into cell C’s 16 acres and, finally, into cell D’s 20 acres.

Currently, flow into cell A is being diverted into cell B, Moore explained, allowing for the built-up sludge to dry for removal. “The sludge or ‘biosolids’ is solids in the sewer that settles or (is) formed from biological processes acting on the organic material that settles. The sludge also has material in it that does not break down such as disposable wipes, rags, grit and other miscellaneous trash,” Moore explained in an email. “Primary constituents we look to improve and reduce through the treatment process are biological oxygen demand (BOD), total suspended solids (TSS) and bacteria (E-Coli/Fecal Coliform). Also, ammonia levels are a concern as well as pH and oil and grease amounts.”

In 2017 and 2018, Moore said, sludge surveys were performed by the U.S. Rural Utilities Service and the estimated amount of sludge was 1 foot in cell A and 7 inches in cell B. Each cell has an operating depth of 5 feet.

“It is not uncommon for properly functioning lagoons to operate for 30 years prior to cleaning the sludge, but it is also common to have more frequent sludge clean out intervals,” Moore said in an email, noting that Newcastle’s lagoon has been operating 32 years. “In theory, the sludge removal could be prolonged but this will not reduce the eventual clean out costs. We would not want to have more than two foot of depth (sludge) as that would result in less than three foot operating depth exceeding DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) guidelines.”

Not only does sludge removal impact the operations of the lagoon system, it will also help control odors. While the cleanout is fairly expensive, estimated by contractors to be \$1 million for cells A and B, Moore said the city has been saving money in an account earmarked for the lagoons.

“The city has an account that money is set aside yearly for maintenance of the lagoon that will be used to help cover the cost,” Moore said. “Budget money is from the sewer enterprise account and not as greatly impacted as general funds, which have projected budget shortfalls.”

The decision on when to move forward with the cleanup project was also influenced by uncontrollable factors, according to Moore.

“A factor in deciding to go forward with the sludge cleanout was the low levels of the lagoon. The low levels is the result of additional irrigation use from an exceptional dry summer this past year,” Moore said.

The focus of the cleanup, cell A, has been drained, and now Moore reports that he will have a topographic survey done to better define the actual volume of sludge. This will also help provide a more accurate cost.

“Sludge cleanout is not planned in cells C and D as the sludge accumulation is anticipated to be minimal. We will, however, be doing further investigation to verify,” Moore said. “On cell B, we may attempt an innovative technique of bio stimulation, where the sludge is stirred to dissipate the volatile components of the sludge mass as a gas.”

No matter what is done for removal, the disposal of the sludge is regulated by the EPA Part 503 biosolids rules.

“The plan will be to primarily dispose of the sludge by land application with non-biodegradable material taken to the landfill. Initial sampling has been done of the sludge, finding it has a low heavy metals, providing a more favorable categorization for land application per EPA 503 requirements,” Moore said. “I hope to put together a bid package for late winter, early spring and target work to begin after July 1 to coincide with the next fiscal year.”

The sewer committee suggested that Moore explore ways to reduce costs, including using city crew time for as much work as possible. Moore noted that most of the cost is trucking the sludge.



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### Guest View

## Gordon passes

The midterm elections marked approximately halfway through Governor Gordon's four year term of office. I am sure the last two years have been far different than what the Governor – or any of us – imagined his time in office would be like. None of us anticipated COVID-19 or its impacts, and while some have been blowing the whistle on Wyoming's impending budget issues, few anticipated that the budget situation would so quickly become so dire. However, part of the job of Governor is to respond to the issues facing the state, whether anticipated or not. With us at the midpoint of Governor Gordon's term, it is a good opportunity to take stock of how things have gone so far.



Khale Lenhart  
Guest Editorial

Let me begin by saying that I was not in the Gordon camp in the 2018 primaries, although I did vote for him in the general election. I have met him several times in passing, but do not know him personally. With those necessary disclaimers, I believe Governor Gordon has done a good job as Governor these past two years.

If there is one area that I believe Governor Gordon deserves particular praise, it is his seriousness with which he is addressing the budget issue. Our budget outlook continues to be a major problem. Governor Gordon has addressed the issue head-on, calling for necessary – but painful – budget cuts to keep our state from running out of money in the immediate future. The long-term solution remains to be seen, but if the legislature adopts Governor Gordon's short-term recommendations, we will at least have the time to try to address the issue before we go off the cliff.

The Governor has also done a good job in leading the state's response to COVID-19. When faced with rising cases nationwide, he took the advice of experts in the field and enacted measures to slow or stop the spread of the virus in Wyoming. As more information became available and we were better able to weigh the risks and impacts of the virus, the Governor adjusted his public health orders to fit the situation. He also erred on the side of avoiding restrictions, trusting (rightly or wrongly) in Wyomingites' sense of responsibility to our fellow citizens for us to take measures to slow the spread. Even though we now find ourselves with virus levels at one of the highest points we have seen, that is the case across much of the Rocky Mountain west and is not the fault of Governor Gordon. He has shown a willingness to listen to expertise, the understanding that the virus needs to be taken seriously, and a tendency to let Wyoming try to solve the problem without government action before stepping in.

On other issues, the Governor has also generally made the right choices. For example, when Wyoming was exploring the purchase of the "checkerboard" lands along Interstate 80, the Governor was right in supporting a bid to explore the purchase. He was also right in walking away when the price was too high. It was an opportunity that would have been a bad idea to ignore, but also a bad idea to pursue once the terms became clear. He also has done a good job with staffing. There is an old political maxim: personnel makes policy. It means that the policies enacted by an administration are largely driven by the appointed leaders, not just the person at the top. In his administration, the Governor has surrounded himself with good, capable people who have generally done good, capable jobs in setting government policy.

As for criticisms, those I have for Governor Gordon are largely the same ones I would have for most politicians: occasionally, politics gets in the way of good policy. Some bills that I thought should have been stopped or vetoed have been signed, I suspect because of a desire not to offend their backers, rather than because they were good policy. This likely happens in every administration, but we all wish it wouldn't. Additionally, while the Governor has had a set of circumstances placed in front of him that would likely have pushed any governor's preexisting agenda to the side, I also would have liked to see a more clearly articulated vision for the Wyoming of the future. Once the COVID-19 pandemic has subsided and our budget issues have been addressed, what are the other priorities that we need to address in Wyoming?

In looking at Governor Gordon's term in office, the good far outweighs the bad. He has taken concrete steps to address Wyoming's most pressing issues, has made good choices and appointed good people to handle the less pressing issues, and the criticisms of him are minor and unsurprising. Let's hope his performance the next two years measures up to the past two.

### Letters to the Editor

#### End the madness

To the Editor:  
This madness has gone on far too long already. I urge the EST to use their big, sane, adult voices to call on our Congressional Delegation to put an end to the utter madness that is being propagated by Trump. This plea has nothing to do with partisan politics. Sanity and the survival of American democracy is seriously endangered.

Whatever political advantage the Republican Party may believe it will gain with another Trump term is far outweighed by submitting to the whims of a madman.

— Jerry Baird



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— Martin Gubbels, Wyoming Cowboy Challenge Academy

#### America first

To the Editor:  
I am not sure where Mr. French has been the past four years, but he certainly has not been in the country I have been living in. To

blithely state that Hillary Clinton accepted the results of the 2016 election is to ignore reality.

Even before Clinton blamed her loss on Russian interference and the FBI's investigation of her missing emails, the resistance to the duly elected President was beginning.

The phony dossier paid for by the Clinton Campaign and the Democrat National Committee was being weaponized by Democrat operatives inside the Administrative State. The DOJ, FBI, and CIA were already implementing what FBI agent Peter Strzok called their "insurance policy." This continued as a three-year investigation into completely unsubstantiated claims that the Trump Campaign had colluded with Russia. There were even claims that President Trump was a Russian agent.

Supported by a partisan corporate media peddling false stories from anonymous sources and selective leaks and lying by Democrat members of the House Intelligence Committee, this investigation sucked the life out of the Trump presidency exactly as it was intended to do and ended ignobly with no fire, nor even any smoke.

But the resistance to the Trump Presidency continued when the House of Representatives decided to impeach the President on the flimsiest of charges, just because they could.

Again, the effort ended in failure, but the Democrats and their allies would continue their resistance into the 2020 election.

Using the cover of COVID-19 they changed election procedures in the few states that Trump had won by small margins in 2016. In order to erase those margins, they relied on dependably corrupt Democrat controlled cities in those states to do their dirty work. Even though there have been numerous documented instances of laws being broken in this process the compliant and incurious partisan media has continually told us to look the other way.

There is no doubt that the Left has won this battle, but the war is far from over. Do not expect us to go quietly into the dark night of collectivism. A new resistance now rises. We will try to be respectful, but we will not be submissive.

We will cooperate, but not in infringements on our God-given rights. I spent 25 years, many of them in foreign lands in defense of America and American values. I have always believed in America and Americans First. All of mankind will have to look somewhere else for salvation.

— LTC. Doug Jorrey, USA (Ret.)

#### Academy saves lives and reinvests in Wyoming

To the Editor:  
WCCA has been in existence since 2005, graduating 1,257 youth. WCCA, saves lives, gives young adults one last chance at academic success, and offers them the courage to change.

The National Youth Challenge model calls for cadets to excel at each of these eight core components: Academic Excellence, Physical Training, Leadership/Followership, Health and Hygiene, Service to Community, Responsible Citizenship, Job Skills, Life Coping Skills.

WCCA is a five-and-a-half-month residential program utilizing quasi military training. WCCA promotes continued success in its graduates. It is less expensive than alternative high schools, Wyoming Boys and Girls School. Some of our cadets come from broken homes, abusive backgrounds, and have experienced substance/alcohol abuse. Others have been expelled or dropped out. WCCA is the last chance for our cadets to receive an education. Studies show people without high school diplomas have a hard time finding work, make less income and are 83% more likely to go to prison. WCCA graduates are tax paying members of Wyoming communities.

National Youth Challenge studies show that for every \$1 spent, \$1.60 is returned. In the last eight years, WCCA's cadets have produced 41,870 hours of community service, reinvesting \$303,557.50.

Wyoming Military Department has slated WCCA for closure. WMD is claiming that closing WCCA will save the state \$9,593,465. The State of Wyoming will save \$2,250,000. WCCA's funding model is 75% federal/25% state funding.

In the WMD's budget narrative, Agency Successes and Efficiencies, "since its establishment in 2005 the program has graduated more than 1,100 at-risk youth providing high school or equivalent degrees. The program continues to grow and support the youth of our state." WMD has slated us for termination, with inflated financial numbers and unfounded claims.

I am a conservative, and understand the need for budget cuts. Please support WCCA. Our graduates reinvest millions of dollars back into Wyoming's economy.

## Take the vaccine for you, your family and friends

For most of us in Wyoming, 2020 brought many challenges. As we head into 2021, we can celebrate a new year with some much-needed encouraging news:

We have multiple effective vaccines for COVID-19.

During the past year, the federal government has focused on Operation Warp Speed. This is a true private-public partnership, involving America's best scientists, business, military and health care leaders. The goal was to create and distribute a safe, potent and effective vaccine for COVID-19. That goal was achieved in record time.

This is a historic achievement. This is the quickest a vaccine has ever been developed. In terms of saving

lives, this vaccine rivals the discovery of insulin or penicillin.

Two vaccines will be available nationwide before the first of the year. We expect several more to be approved next year. Doses are already being distributed across the country. We expect up to 15,000 doses in Wyoming before January 1.

In the Senate, I scrutinized this process closely. I attended briefings, read the scientific reports and spoke directly with medical experts. After reviewing all of the science and results of the medical trials, I can say clearly and without hesitation: These vaccines work.

Don't just take my word

for it. Read the scientific literature yourself. There is plenty of detailed information publicly available.

For example, you will find that the vaccine from Pfizer is 95 percent effective. The clinical trials involved 44,000 volunteers. Half received the vaccine and half received a placebo. The results? Only eight people who received the vaccine contracted COVID-19. Of those eight, only one had a serious case.

The side effects were minor. The most common were injection site reactions, like a sore arm, and fatigue and headache. That's it. These reactions can occur after any type of vaccine.

If you remain skeptical, read the information, speak with your health care provider and come to your own conclusion. As a doctor who took care of patients in Wyoming

for 24 years, I'll make my opinion clear.

My wife Bobbi and I will be taking the vaccine. We will wait our turn. The state of Wyoming has developed a detailed vaccine distribution plan. Health care workers, frontline workers and people with underlying medical conditions will be first. Once we are eligible, Bobbi and I will get the vaccine.

As a medical professional, I recognize that some people cannot take vaccines for legitimate medical reasons. The vast majority of people, can.

There is no federal mandate. People will make their own decisions. This is about personal responsibility. It's about looking out for your spouse, your children, your parents and your grandparents. It's about guarding against a potentially life-threatening

illness.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought death, isolation, suffering and hardship. Folks in nursing homes couldn't see their loved ones. Nurses and doctors worked double shifts caring for gravely ill patients. Small business owners struggled to keep their doors open.

A vaccine is the quickest way we can return to a normal life and fully reopen our economy in Wyoming.

Finally, your COVID-19 vaccine is free. Congress passed legislation to ensure that everybody in America who wants a vaccine will receive one, at no charge, regardless of their insurance situation.

The end of the COVID-19 pandemic is in sight. We can beat this virus once and for all by getting the vaccine. I certainly will.





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**DONNA MAY HOTCHKISS**  
1938–Dec. 8, 2020

Donna May Hotchkiss passed away Dec. 8, 2020, after a prolonged illness. Much to Donna's request she was able to spend most of her final days at home with her son, Clayton Overman, and her much-loved dogs.

Donna was born in 1938 in Lusk, Wyo., to Stanley and Lillian Johnson where she graduated high school. Donna's first marriage resulted in the birth of her three sons, Craig Overman, Clayton Overman, and Clinton Overman.

Donna found her true soulmate in Phillip Hotchkiss and was married in 1972, gaining two daughters, Debbie Morgan and Tere Ross.

Donna led a full life with her pas-

sions shared with Phil and her family. The Black Hills holds a special place in Donna's heart with years passed snow-mobiling and spending time at her cabin.

Known for her love of dogs, Donna had more than her fair share; most will remember Donna with some sort of large and vociferous dog by her side.

In Donna's later years she enjoyed the weekend ritual of spending time perusing through the local garage sales with friends; there was no telling what gems Donna would drag home!


Donna spent much of her life in service with the Campbell County School District including driving school bus as well as various administrative roles while operating "The Yamaha Shop" with her husband Phil.

Donna was preceded in death by her husband, Phil Hotchkiss; her sister, Betty Mayworm; and both of her parents. Donna now enjoys reunion with her husband Phil who passed in 2007, whom she has missed terribly.

Donna is survived by her children, Craig Overman (Suzie); Clayton Overman, Debbie Morgan, Tere Ross, and Clinton Overman (Toni). In addition, Donna is survived by her 13 grandchildren, and multiple great-grandchildren.

Per Donna's request, no services will be held. Memorials and condolences may be sent in care of Gillette Memorial Chapel, 210 West 5th St., Gillette, WY 82716. Condolences may also be expressed at gillettermemorialchapel.com.

**BLAST FROM THE PAST**



Here's a photo from the News Letter Journal's archives. —date and subject unknown.

**Jesus Christ, light of the world**

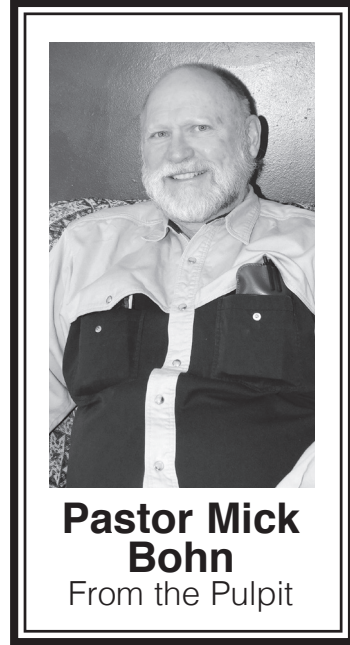
Friends, we are living in a time where darkness continues to grow darker and darker around our nation and the world in many and varied forms. In Is. 60:1-2 the prophet prophesied about what was happening in Israel at the time it was spoken.

But folks, I believe that God wants us to recognize the darkness we are living in today as well. The prophet said this: "1. Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. 2. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you." (ESV)

The question is "what is the light that was to come?"

The answer to that question is found in Is. 9:2 and 6 which says this: "2. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. 6. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (ESV)

Then, in the New Testament this is confirmed in Jn. 1:1-5. "1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2. He was in the beginning with God. 3. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.



and the darkness has now overcome it." (ESV)

Friends, the darkness that Jesus came into the world to overcome is the darkness caused by sin. If our nation needs anything right now, it is another Great Awakening where God will get ahold of the hearts of men and women. Because when a person opens their heart and receives Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, the light of Christ overcomes the darkness, first of the person and then the nation is also touched. Darkness never overcomes light. Light always overcomes darkness.

I pray that this Christmas you will receive Jesus, the light of the world, a baby born in a manger, and be saved.

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Dec. 19 Isaiah 8:1-20 Fourth Sunday of Advent	Dec. 23 Luke 1:57-80
Dec. 20 Isaiah 8:21-9:7	Dec. 24 Luke 2:1-20
Dec. 21 Luke 1:1-25	

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# Recapture

## A PIECE OF HISTORY

**25 Years Ago**  
**December 21, 1995**  
Melanie Dawn Appel and Thomas Alan Sylte will wed on Dec. 29 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Gillette.  
The Lifeline Tree of Life fundraising campaign has been very well received. Personal donations to Lifeline in memory or honor of a loved one totaled 5,076. Each commemorative received a light on the Christmas Tree of Life to shine throughout the holiday season and a list of those being remembered with a donation is to be published in the December 21 local newspapers.  
Donna Eisenhauer was a coffee guest of Pam Rasmussen Wednesday. Fern Burdick and Donna Turney were Thursday dinner guests of Art and Alma

Hagerman.  
Beverly Cossart and Robbie Cossart hauled some cows to the packing plant in Rapid City Thursday. Wednesday the Hank Cimbureks were in Rapid City on business and had lunch with Mary Ann Wheeler.  
Jo Zorn, Julie and Tyler Abbott and Liz Toth were visitors Thursday at the home of Vi Coutant. Tuesday Cindy and Kristi Dysart and Hazel Kuemmerle shopped in Spearfish.  
Saturday Jo Fulton and Bonnie Jo Whitney attended a baby shower in Newcastle for Corina Oyler and baby boy.  
Bill Jenkins shopped in Gillette Monday. Friday night Julie and Shelby Abbott and Vi Coutant had supper at the Dairy Dell.

Members of the Wyoming state FFA agricultural sales team were recently awarded a "Gold" emblem for their sixth place finish in the national event.  
The Newcastle girls basketball team dropped its first game of the year, losing to Gillette 78 to 67.  
**50 Years Ago**  
**December 17, 1970**  
The Dogies won their first wrestling match of the season last Friday over Gillette 31-11. The Dogies lost their season opener to Sheridan 24-22 the week previously.  
Coach Pete Kozisek's Dogie swimmers splashed their way to a 63-31 victory at Glenrock last Friday at the Herders pool. Coach Kozisek said he was

very pleased with the Dogie's performance since the team has already equaled its '69-'70 State Championship times in some events.  
A "Christmas Gift to Newcastle" will be presented in music tonight (Thursday.) The concert, featuring a variety of groups, will start at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.  
Grace Lutheran Church of Newcastle was the scene of the wedding Nov. 28 uniting in marriage Kristine Kathryn Watson and James Allen Toth, both of Newcastle.  
The W.M.C.'s held a bridal shower for Miss Carolyn Rich Monday evening at the Newcastle Assembly of God Church. Hostesses were Lena Gore and Evelyn Sallee.  
An open house honoring Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Michaels on their fiftieth wedding anniversary will be held Sunday, Dec. 27, in the First United Methodist Church lounge, from 2 to 4 in the afternoon.  
Mrs. Herbert Livingston, Mrs. J.J. Klodt and Mrs. Blaine Pleak, all of Newcastle, were dinner guests of Mrs. Anna Townsend Dec. 8. The ladies enjoyed the afternoon working with ceramics.  
Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Peterson and daughter, Jeanette of Sundance were supper guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis.  
Mr. and Mrs. Francis Cowger carried in ice cream and cake for the birthday celebration of his mother, Mrs. Rosa Cowger, who resides at the Purcelli Rest Home in Newcastle, Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Cal Petersen called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Glenn Julius and family Sunday afternoon.



Courtesy of Weston County Historical Society

This is the Old Pidgeon Stone building in Upton.

**100 Years Ago**  
**December 16, 1920**  
Special to the *News-Journal*.  
UPTON, Wyo., Dec. 16 — While picking corn with his father and brother-in-law on the Charles Suthmer place near Upton, Charlie Hoff sustained severe injuries to his hands which necessitated the amputation of five fingers, Friday.  
Hoff, having tired, sat down to rest on the edge of the corn field, examining a 30-30 cartridge. He had loosened and removed the bullet and shaken out most of the powder. A little, however, remained in the shell and taking a match he began scraping the inside of the shell. The friction created ignited the match and the powder exploded tearing the youth's hands badly.  
Glenn Buell and John Rithaller, passing in a car at the time took the injured lad to the Larsen ranch where first aid was administered. He was then taken to Upton where medical advice was the amputation of the members to save the hand.  
"The Lost City," Selig's million-dollar serial thriller being shown at the New Edison theater Monday nights is drawing large houses and is credited with being the best thing that the management of the New Edison has offered.  
Five robberies Tuesday night in which \$40 in cash, a Nash automobile belonging to Raymond Miller, and articles from four stores amounting in value to several hundred dollars were stolen, has again thrown this city into a fever of excitement.  
Several men in the neighborhood took advantage of the nice weather last week to haul wood from the river.  
E.U. Potarf butchered a beef Saturday. The pupils of the school are busily engaged getting ready for their Christmas program.  
Monroe Adkins called at the B-A ranch last Friday. He was looking for some strayed cattle. Miss Goldie King is visiting at her uncle's, T.F. Cummings.

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*December 2020*  
*Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar*

<b>Fri Dec. 18</b>	5:30PM	BINGO	VFH Hall
<b>Sun Dec. 20</b>	2-4PM	Margaret Holmes 80th birthday open house	Upton Sr. Center
<b>Mon Dec. 21</b>	6PM	WC Children's Center Directors Mtg	WCCC
	7PM	Newcastle City Council	City Council Chambers
<b>Tue Dec. 22</b>	3:30PM	Alzheimers/Dementia Support	WCHS
	7-8PM	Alanon Meeting	Senior Center Family Room
	7:30PM	Eastern Star #30	Masonic Hall
<b>Wed Dec. 23</b>	6:30AM	Wellness Wednesday	WCHS

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*Birthdays & Anniversaries*

<b>Dec. 18</b> Bri Brasher Kaylee Gould Frank Kieselhorst Kara Lenardson Darrel Wineteer	<b>Dec. 20</b> Laurel Grandinetti Robert Henry Amanda Mercer Brittany Shields-Hunter 🍷	<b>Dec. 23</b> Bill Anderson Rose Pzinski Phil Thurman
<b>Dec. 19</b> Norman & Betty Brotzman 🍷	<b>Dec. 22</b> John & Robin Riesland 🍷 Ellen Crow	<b>Dec. 24</b> Owen Miller Bob Quick Karen Terhune

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## Follow the bouncing drug stores

  
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 NLJ Correspondent  
 With Leonard Cash

Leonard Cash has been taking us through a walk down memory lane on lot 9 of block 10 of historic downtown Newcastle, which was once home to the Fawkes Drug Store, Elk Drug Store, Sprecher Pharmacy and Newcastle Drug Store. Last week, Cash pulled out his records on the 1927 fire that ripped through Newcastle Drug, and this week he picks up the history in 1928.

The *News Journal* reported on Aug. 2, 1928, that Dan Evander of Gillette became the new pharmacist at Newcastle Drug “during the absence of Herb Fowler who is taking a much needed few weeks vacation.”

Before Newcastle Drug bought out Johnny’s Pharmacy, the establishment was located next to Cashbox Ceramics, but according to an article from Aug. 23, 1928, a new business was already moving in. John’s Place was bringing a line of soft drink “notions,” soda fountain service and light lunches to the town.

The Aug. 30, 1928, paper announced that D.W. Fawkes, former owner of Fawkes Drug Co., and his wife, of Los Angeles, were in the area visiting their son at Sundance Pharmacy.

On Feb. 28, 1929, the *News Journal* reported that Newcastle Drug was repainted. Ora Stitch and his partner Wade Wilson were responsible for the interior decorating, and a building was “no better found this side

of the Missouri River.”

The drug store was sold to Dan Evander and C.C. Kirkpatrick, according to the April 13 and 27, 1933, issues. Evander and Kirkpatrick purchased H.B. Fowlers’ interest, and Kilpatrick, who was associated in the jewelry business with Fowler, “will increase his holding in the company,” while Evander assumed the rest.

An article from Aug. 10, 1933, reported that yet another fire blazed through the store, before it was quenched by the local service station 20 minutes after its initial discovery.

“Fire threatened the heart of Newcastle’s business district early Monday morning when a blaze starting in a shed in the rear of the Newcastle Drug Co. ate its way along a fence from the shed to a rear wooden stairway, up the stairway to a second story frame porch and into the walls of the tin covered frame extension to the building occupied by Paul Keef’s confectionery store,” the article says.

Deposited hot ashes was the source of the fire, and damage was done to the frame extension, which would have to be rebuilt or completely replaced.

According to an article from Dec. 6, 1934, Fawkes passed away in Pasadena, California, on Nov. 24, at the age of 79.

More bad news came six months later in the June 19, 1935, edition of the *News Journal*. A “gay charivari party” thrown by the local firefighters for the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sundstrom turned south abruptly when C.C. Kirkpatrick’s son James was riding the fire truck and slipped “in some underdetermined manner,” falling face first under the back wheel. James was in a semi-conscious condition with jaw fractures, cuts and possible internal injuries.

He was admitted into the Hot Springs hospital, according to the June 27, 1935, issue, but fortunately, he was improving and expected to return home soon.

The “fireman’s compensation fund” (administered by



Photo courtesy of Leonard Cash

A photo of one of the drug stores in Newcastle.

the state treasurer’s office of Wyoming) was helping relieve the financial burden accumulated by the Kirkpatrick family through hospital bills, reported the July 23, 1935, issue, and James was the first man to benefit from the provisions of this new program.

“Kirkpatrick was notified that bills for doctors and hospital will be defrayed and that he qualifies for such future compensation as is provided by regulations,” the article says.

Joyce Ward, former bookkeeper at Gray Refinery, opened a public accounting office above the drug store, announced the Jan. 16, 1941, paper.

Evidently, James recovered from his fatal accident and got along with his life just fine because, according to the Jan. 30, 1941, paper, he was marrying Rosemary Jane, daughter of Inez Russell of Kansas City, Missouri.

According to the title of an article from July 20, 1941, Newcastle Drug Co. had an “interesting window,” dis-

playing Japanese souvenirs sent by Sgt. Mike Koski (who was in New Guinea at the time), including a Japanese flag, money, sword, shells and an American canteen with a rifle or shrapnel puncture. The canteen was “probably obtained in the Hollander invasion.” (The “Hollander invasion” probably refers to the invasion of the Netherlands by German forces on May 10, 1940.)

The store was being remodeled, according to the Jan. 24, 1946, paper. One of the changes, among others, included moving the soda fountain to the back of the store.

An article from Sept. 19, 1946, announced that Evander sold his interest in the store to J. and C. Kirkpatrick. However, Evander was to remain an employee of the company.

After 25 years, Newcastle Drug Store once again moved to a new location, around April 5, 1951, this time to the former Castle Theater building, which is the second building from

the corner on block 10, Cash said. After the store closed for good, “odds and ends shops” occupied the building, and currently, it’s an empty lot.

Because Newcastle Drug Co. moved to the old theater, Wyoming Automotive Co. (headquartered in Casper and having 10 other stores, in addition to the Newcastle branch) moved into the vacated building on lot 9, according to the July 26, 1951, issue. E.R. Shields was manager of the firm and Bryan Clark was his assistant at the time.

Four years later, the March 8, 1955, paper reported that Wyoming Automotive relocated to South Railroad Avenue in a building owned by V.C. Thompson, and Don’s Electric moved in. An article from nearly two years earlier said that D.E. Roby and his wife sold Don’s Electric to Chester Knapp and Cyrus Dopp, former associates in an electrical business in Cody. However, despite the change of ownership, the new owners decided to operate the business under the same format and name.

A news report from May 2, 1957, announced that Wyoming Automotive, which was founded by W.F. Wilkerson, bought a controlling interest in Auto Equipment in Denver. The combining of the two companies was hoped to produce many benefits to customers in both states.

According to an article from Aug. 10, 1961, James Kirkpatrick’s daughter Susan was presented with an amazing educational opportunity. After completing her sophomore year of college at the University of Wyoming “in the college of arts and science,” Susan, along with 100 other American students, entered the “Junior Year in Spain” program through New York University to study abroad at Madrid University for the 1961-62 school year, in Spanish literature, history, philosophy, fine arts and more. Susan also hoped to tour Europe.

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Photos by Walter Sprague/NLJ



## Lummis

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from the people I am so fortunate to represent." Lindholm will work with Lummis from his home in Sundance, serving as her state policy director. According to Lindholm, Lummis had approached him about working with her organization and staff for Wyoming. "We talked about different ideas, as far as what she could accomplish," Lindholm said. "I was fairly blunt with her, and something she understands coming from a state legislator, as a former state treasurer, is that there are a lot of really great ideas to move forward for economic development, but there comes a road block from the federal government." He said that her excitement about what she wants to accomplish while serving in Washington is what did it for him. "It clicked for us. We have a shared passion, and she has the experience to make it happen and the opportunity to deliver the ideas," Lindholm said. "She is going to flip D.C. over on its head

for Wyoming." Lindholm said he is just excited as Lummis. "She is raring and charging to go. She is 100% laser focused on being able to go into that Senate and be one of the 100 and stand out," Lindholm said. Munoz on the other hand will be working with Lummis on the battle front in Washington. According to the press release, Munoz will serve as Lummis' legislative director. "He is a seasoned navigator of the federal legislative process, with particular expertise in energy and environmental policy," the release says. "He joins the senator-elect's office from the private sector where he has advocated for our nation's natural resources and worked closely with federal agencies, including the Department of Interior and the Environmental Protection Agency. Munoz has previously worked on policy for U.S. Senators Mike Enzi and John Barrasso as well as former Congressman Denny Rehberg."

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# Early Christmas star to appear

**Walter Sprague**  
 Art and Culture Reporter

On Monday, Dec. 21, a rare occurrence will take center stage in the sky. According to Upton astronomers Dan and Janet Pullan, the last time this event happened was in the year 1226. When the two planets pass within a half degree of each other, it will be the last time for hundreds of years to come. When planets pass close to each other in our sightline, the event is called a conjunction.

Both planets will be visible to the naked eye if the skies are clear. The conjunction can be seen just after sunset in the Southwestern United States.

To see Saturn's rings or view the moons of both planets, a scope or binoculars that can magnify by 15 times or more is needed.

According to space.com, this conjunction is called "The Great Conjunction." The informal name is due to the event's rarity and because these are the two largest planets in the solar system. There are more visible conjunctions with the other planets, excluding Mercury, than these two gas giants.

The two planets did get this close in 1623. However, the sun was in the sky when that happened for most people on earth, so they did not get to see it until after it occurred. This event will also be happening on the day that winter begins — the winter solstice. Some astronomers call the event an early Christmas Star because of how close it is to Christmas.

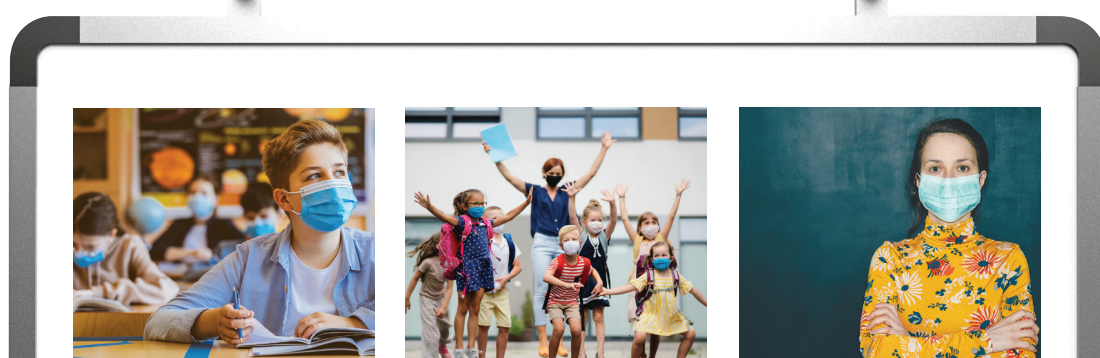
Unfortunately, Dan Pullan said that there are no organized "star parties" that he is aware of in our area because of the pandemic. However, because this view does not require special equipment to observe, he also thinks it could be an excellent opportunity to spark some interest in this field of study. Pullan is also a member of NASA's Night Sky Network, which exists to promote interest in astronomy. He will also teach a beginning astronomy class on March 18 for Eastern Wyoming College at the high school. Anyone interested in starting astronomy can call Kim Conzelman at (307) 746-3603.

Anyone who wants to view



Photo courtesy of Dan Pullan  
**Janet Pullan, and grandson Gerard Pullan, align an 8-inch reflector telescope on an equatorial mount, preparing it for a night of observations.**

this rare conjunction can just look for the two brightest stars in the southwestern sky. Those will be Saturn and Jupiter, and they will be very close together. Jupiter is the brighter of the two, but Saturn will be bright as well. If the skies are clear, this event is not to be missed, especially for those interested in space.



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Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ  
**Zach Pickle paints the newly cleaned and prepared surface of the floor with added paint chips, giving the paint a better look and decreasing the slickness of the surface.**

## Frontier

from Page 1

business," Pickle said. He has great respect for the legacy and customer base that Rich has been able to build, he said, and as such, he is keeping the front of the space a Carquest store.

The expansion for Frontier is to give a complete shopping experience for the residents of Newcastle. Two new doorways will be opened up between the two stores in January. Carquest will still be Carquest. About the only thing that will change is the layout and an expansion of parts available. Pickle will also increase tools, fasteners and other goods that will complement the store's auto parts side. This expansion will allow him to make the Frontier side better as well, he said. Pickle plans to bring in more clothing, especially women's and children's wear. He will also develop footwear and household goods. These changes will allow Frontier to carry more goods in a less-cluttered environment. Pickle is hoping to fill the vacuum created when Newcastle's Shopko went out of business.

"The Carquest side will become more of the tool-oriented side of the business," Pickle said, "The Frontier side will focus on house goods, clothing, and a lot more."

One of the things Pickle was excited about is the opportunity to carry a considerable amount of sporting goods.

Isabell said he is looking forward to all the reconstruction to finish. But he is already pleased to be in Newcastle.

"It's a nice town," he said, "with really good people. This move has been a challenge, but I have really been enjoying it."

Remodeling is taking place even during open hours, but Isabell is handling it all well. Everyone involved is looking forward to the end of construction when both sides of the store will be cleaned up. Pickle said he knows it is a little crazy trying to find everything at the moment, but the store will be organized and will fill a much-needed, all-in-one shopping place for Newcastle.

Pickle said that we send too many people to Gillette or Rapid because we lack many goods here, such as a good selection of clothing and shoes.

"I'm hoping I can do something to help change that," he said. "There shouldn't be any reason to shop somewhere else. This town can supply what we all need. I'm just hoping to do my part."



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**NEWCASTLE:**  
**NMS Girls Basketball**  
 12/18 District Championship @ Sundance 7th A 10AM  
 12/18 District Championship @ Upton 8th H 10AM  
**NHS Boys Basketball**  
 12/17 V9 Sundance HS H 4:15PM  
 12/19 V9 Laramie HS H 1PM  
**NHS Girls Basketball**  
 12/17 VJ Sundance HS H 4PM  
 12/19 V9 Laramie HS H 1PM  
**NHS Wrestling**  
 12/17 VJ Buffalo HS @Upton H 6PM  
 12/18 VJ Battle in the Big Horns A 12:30PM  
**NHS Boys Swimming**  
 12/18 Newcastle Hosts H 4PM  
 12/19 Newcastle Hosts H 10AM  
**UPTON:**  
**UMS Girls Basketball**  
 12/3 MSGBB Twin Spruce 4:30PM  
**UHS Girls Basketball**  
 12/18 JV-V Lead-Deadwood H 4PM  
 12/19 JV-V Belle Fourche H 11AM  
**UHS Boys Basketball**  
 12/18 JV-V Lead-Deadwood H 4:30PM  
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# Sports

News Letter Journal

## Ladies split opening weekend

**Sonja Karp**  
NLJ Sports Reporter

The southeast corner of Wyoming was the stage for the Lady Dogies as they opened their 2020-21 season on Saturday, and the squad was challenged with two talented opponents eager to show off in front of their home crowd.

The first contest of the day was in Pine Bluffs against the Lady Hornets who missed out on the 2A State title last March by only seven points and entered the season ranked No. 5. It was a hard-fought battle from start to finish with each team trading blows, but Newcastle was able to walk away with a 47-41 win. From there they hopped on the bus and scooted down the road to Burns to take on the Lady Broncs. Unfortunately, the Lady Dogies ran out of gas before the 32 minutes were

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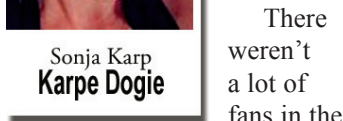


Photo courtesy of Nicole McFarland  
**Jaylen Ostenson picked up where she left off last season as the team's leading scorer in the opening weekend of Lady Dogie hoops last Saturday. The sophomore finished the day scoring 23 against Pine Bluffs and 20 against Burns.**

## And they're off!

Three weeks ago I was feeling a little verklempt. Anyone who knows me knows that basketball is my most very favorite sport, and with the spike in Covid-19 cases, I was afraid that the plug was going to be pulled on letting winter sports happen before they even got started.

I breathed a very long sigh of relief as I spent my Saturday glued to my television as I streamed Dogie and Lady Dogie basketball in my living room.



Sonja Karp  
Karpe Dogie

There weren't a lot of fans in the stands, but I heard every cheer and every groan. And those fans were all wearing masks and seemed to be faring pretty well.

What was really kind of cool was that I could hear the coaches as they coached their teams from the sidelines, and they were doing so behind masks.

— See Karpe, Page 10

## Wrestlers dominate the day

**Sonja Karp**  
NLJ Sports Reporter

The Newcastle/Upton grapplers took Niobrara County by storm and dominated at the Lusk Invitational in their opening weekend, defeating Glenrock 45-21, Wright 42-24 and Lusk 48-21.

"It was a pretty fun weekend, and we didn't do too bad," conceded co-head coach Lee McCoy. "It was good to start out with three wins."

"They were good duals and were

pretty competitive, and we matched up pretty well with all the teams," he continued. "And for being the first event out of the chute the kids did pretty well — but we also discovered we do have a lot to work on of course."

Glenrock was first on the docket for the Dogies/Bobcats, and according to McCoy they came in with a couple of pretty tough kids. Fortunately, his team matched up pretty well. Their top wrestler was competing at 152, two-time state champion Kale Corley's

weight class.

McCoy admitted that he expected it to be a pretty competitive match, however Corley made quick work of his opponent, sticking him just 47 seconds into the second period.

"The kid chose down to start the second which is a mistake when you wrestle Kale," McCoy laughed. "He handled him pretty easily after that."

Corley's second match of the day went 34 seconds into the second period before he pinned his Wright opponent,

who then finished the day with a forfeit win against Lusk.

Blake Durfee (120) had a good match in his debut contest of the season which was over almost before it began. Durfee left no room for debate as he pinned his opponent in just 33 seconds, and the senior would go undefeated on the day, by sticking his Wright and Lusk competitors in 1:46 and 4:09 respectively.

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**Wrestling** from Page 9



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**Cael Holmes (120) opened up his season with a pin over Glenrock only 1:06 into the first period, but went on to drop his next two matches against Wright and Lusk.**

Cael Holmes (120) also had a short go of it, sticking his challenger in just 1:06, but then got caught in a headlock in his match against Wright and lost by a 2-8 decision against Lusk.

“I’m confident Cael would have won against the Wright kid,” McCoy began. “Unfortunately, he just made a little mistake that put him in a bad position.”

Skylar Jenkins also had a good start to his season. Jenkins was expected to wrestle at 170 on Saturday, but he competed at 160 due to Newcastle being awarded two extra pounds on the day. The reason for the two-pound leeway was that Glenrock had contests on Thursday and Friday, and as such were given one bonus pound per day. Because Glenrock was allowed two extra, so was Newcastle.

Jenkins finished off the Herder competitor in 26 seconds, almost before he could break a sweat, and did the same to his Wright Panther opponent just one second shy of the end of the first period. Lusk was open at the 160-pound weight class, so the senior finished the day with a perfect record.

Johnny Carlson went two and one at 132, defeating Glenrock in a 7-5 decision, losing by pin to Wright in the third period and sticking Lusk just 28 seconds into the match.

Josh Womack, in the 195-pound weight class, had a nearly perfect day aside from losing his first match by a close 17-20 decision, winning his second by forfeit and closing out the day with a quick pin in his final contest after only 44 seconds of competition.

“It was a good way to start the season, and it was also good for us and the guys to see what still needs to be done,” McCoy nodded. “They were good team wins, but we have a lot of individual things we need to work on in order to get where we need to be.”

McCoy went on to stress that his team has a pretty full slate of things to improve upon this week as they prepare to host Buffalo in a dual in Upton on Thursday, then travel to Worland on Friday for the annual Battle of the Big Horns.

NHS Wrestling	
Newcastle/Upton @ Lusk	145: Aidan Coberly L by Fall 1:34
Quad 12/12/20	152: Kale Corley W by Fall 2:34
Win v. Glenrock 45-21	160: Skylar Jenkins W by Fall 1:59
106: Double Forfeit	170: Jacob Prell W by Forfeit
113: Double Forfeit	182: Ian Simmons W by Forfeit
120: Blake Durfee W by Fall 1:33	195: Josh Womack W by Forfeit
126: Cael Holmes W by Fall 1:06	220: Double Forfeit
132: Jonathan Morgan W by Decision 7-5	285: Open Forfeit
138: Thomas Prell W by Forfeit	Win v. Lusk 48-21
145: Aidan Coberly W by Forfeit	106: Open Forfeit
152: Kale Corley W by Fall 2:47	113: Double Forfeit
160: Skylar Jenkins W by Fall 2:26	120: Blake Durfee W by Fall 4:09
170: Jacob Prell L by Fall 1:48	126: Cael Holmes L by Decision 2-8
182: Ian Simmons L by Fall 2:10	132: Jonathan Morgan W by Fall 2:28
195: Josh Womack L by Decision 17-20	138: Thomas Prell W by Forfeit
220: Open Forfeit	145: Aidan Coberly W by Fall 1:35
285: Open Forfeit	152: Kale Corley W by Forfeit
Win v. Wright 42-24	160: Skylar Jenkins W by Forfeit
106: Double Forfeit	170: Jacob Prell L by Fall 3:34
113: Double Forfeit	182: Ian Simmons W by Fall 5:29
120: Blake Durfee W by Fall 1:46	195: Josh Womack W by Fall 4:44
126: Cael Holmes L by Fall 1:31	220: Open Forfeit
132: Jonathan Morgan L by Fall 4:39	285: Double Forfeit
138: Thomas Prell W by Forfeit	

There they will see Thermopolis, Powell, Lovell and Worland.

Thursday’s dual will also be the senior recognition for the team since Blake Durfee and Aidan Coberly are each from Upton. They will be recognized again at the Newcastle Invite for the Dogie seniors.

Though school dismisses for Christmas break on Friday, the squad has one more contest before Christmas. On Tuesday, Dec. 22, they will travel to Sheridan for the 3A/4A duals and will go up against Thunder Basin, Sheridan and other 4A teams.

“We have some tough teams coming up so we need to be ready for those,” McCoy concluded. “But it’s great that we will be seeing some quality competition before the break.”



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**Karpe** from Page 9

Our teams faced a huge challenge in their first weekend out, playing two games in one day, but what I saw on the court from every team inspired me beyond words.

Win or lose, there was not a single moment when I saw any player give anything less than their best.

It was as if they were playing their last game of the season.

I feel like there is a good chance that our Dogies will be able to see their seasons to fruition, but I also believe that it’s going to take the cooperation of schools, teams, coaches and fans to make that happen.

The WHSAA has worked with the Wyoming Department of Health, and in spite of the new mask mandate and the tightening of restrictions on business and gatherings, high school sports still have the green light to proceed.

Hopefully all schools will

follow the mandates in order to keep the kids on the court, on the mat and in the pool, because I worry that one rotten apple may spoil the bunch.

Unfortunately as I was looking at WyoPreps and checking out the opening weekend of results, I was a bit perplexed to see that there were results of Wyoming teams playing out-of-state schools. It was my understanding that interstate contests were being cancelled due to COVID restrictions, however, there were results from Wyoming teams playing schools from South Dakota, Idaho and Nebraska last week.

And apparently protocol from one host school to another is also not necessarily consistent. Some places are clearing and cleaning the gym between contests as per required, while some are a bit more relaxed in their procedures.

It’s nearly the end of 2020, the year that has been one for the history books, and we are all getting COVID weary. As I saw on Facebook today, the symptoms of that are trying to decide whether or not licking a public handrail in the hopes of contracting the virus would be a better option than doing everything we personally can to avoid contracting it.

I know I’ve felt like that recently, but I also know that we need to stay the course to allow our kids to participate in the sport(s) they love.

This week, the Lady Dogie and Dogie hoops crew have their home opener on Thursday and the Dogie swimmers host back to back meets on Friday and Saturday, and I know that I will be proudly wearing my mask as I broadcast for the fans watching on the NFHS. I also know that all the Dogie faithful will be doing the same.



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# Dogie men gain experience in opener

Sonja Karp  
NLJ Sports Reporter

Suiting only one returning starter and two limited minute role players from last year's varsity squad meant there was a big question mark as head coach Allen Von Eye's Dogies took the court for their inaugural contest of the 2020-21 season.

In addition to lacking experience, Newcastle is also lacking in size and were going into last Saturday tasked with taking on two teams whose veteran players brought some challenging length to the floor.

"Pine Bluffs is a long, athletic team and though they aren't deep, their top five are pretty solid kids," Von Eye began. "Burns is also a big, long team and has a pretty solid 6-foot, 6-inch big man on the inside, so both teams presented us with some matchup issues."

Concern regarding the size of the Hornets moved Von Eye to start his team in a zone defense against Pine Bluffs, however their opponent quickly saw their advantage and ran a high-low inside game which the Dogies struggled to defend. In addition, the squad found themselves out of position to bring down rebounds which allowed the Hornets several second chance opportunities in the first half.

"We worked on post defense at length last week because we knew

NHS Mens Basketball	
<b>Newcastle @ Pine Bluffs 12/12/20: 38-58</b>	
Zach Purviance: 9 points, 13 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals, 1 charge taken	
Tate Engle: 4 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals	
Landon Engle: 4 points, 2 rebounds	
Aidan Chick: 9 points, 1 rebound, 4 steals	
Avery Chick: 3 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals, 1 block	
Christian Santos: 2 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal	
Quint Perino: 4 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal	
Hayden Overman: 3 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal	
Gavin Gray: 1 rebound	
Hogan Tystad: 1 assist	
<b>Newcastle @ Burns 12/12/20: 30-66</b>	
Zach Purviance: 9 points, 8 rebounds, 5 steals	
Tate Engle: 7 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 2 steals	
Landon Engle: 6 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals	
Aidan Chick: 6 points, 5 rebounds, 4 steals	
Avery Chick: 1 rebound, 2 steals	
Christian Santos: 2 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal	
Hayden Overman: 3 rebounds, 1 steal	
Gunner Ramsey: 1 rebound	
Braden Jenkins: 1 rebound	

it was going to happen, but it's hard to work on defending bigs when we don't have any bigs to practice on," Von Eye sighed. "We did adjust and were able to force them into some tough shots now and again, but when you're guarding 6 foot, 4 inches or 6-foot, 5 inches with 5 foot, 10 inches or 5 foot, 11 inches you're at a serious disadvantage."

Amidst their defensive challenges, Newcastle also struggled to get to the rim and finish their shots on offense, so went into the half down 16-32.

"The first half seemed to be a bunch of inexperienced guys trying to find their footing," Von Eye analyzed. "Hindsight being 20/20, I wish I

would have applied some pressure a little earlier on, because when we slapped on full- and half-court pressure, they didn't handle it very well and they turned it over a whole pile of times."

Unfortunately, the Dogies weren't able to take advantage of those opportunities much in the first half.

The second half appeared to be better and the squad was able to convert those forced turnovers into buckets, and made some runs of their own to cut the lead a little. Unfortunately, when they had to expend the amount of energy required to try to dig themselves out of the hole they were in, it was tough to come out on top.

"I thought we battled the whole game and the guys went hard and fought from start to finish," Von Eye nodded. "I was impressed with some of the things our sophomores did, and junior Aidan Chick also played a really good game along with Zach Purviance, especially on the boards."

The Dogies ended up in a 20-point deficit as they dropped the contest 38-58. In the loss, the squad had eight guys get on the board with pretty even distribution of scoring. Purviance, the lone returning starter, finished with nine points and 13 rebounds, while Aidan Chick also contributed nine points to his team's total. Tate Engle, Landon Engle and Quint Perino each added four points,

Avery Chick and Hayden Overman each contributed three points, and Christian Santos put in two to round out the team's final score.

The Dogies' second contest of the day was just down the road in Burns where they once again faced off against a big, long team but they took the lessons learned against Pine Bluffs and applied them to the Bronc's big inside man, performing a little better with their post defense.

"We got inside more and went right at their big to get him in foul trouble," Von Eye declared. "Tate was really aggressive going at him despite giving up about a foot to the 6-foot, 6-inch junior who is built like a line-backer. I was proud of that, but again we just couldn't buy a bucket."

Once again, the Dogies started to apply some pressure on the Broncs, which resulted in turning them over, and they went on to do a nice job of getting to the glass and finishing so were able to cut Burns' lead to five before the half. Unfortunately, Newcastle gave up an open three at the buzzer so it was a bit of a downer going into the half. However, with only an eight-point deficit, the Dogies had a lot to feel good about at the halfway point.

"One thing I have really, really enjoyed with this crew is their ownership. They understand when they are making mistakes, and they want to fix it — and I absolutely love that," Von

Eye exclaimed. "Despite getting a bit of a butt chewing in the locker room, the guys came out and owned it. If your kids are resilient, good things are going to happen, but again we just couldn't buy buckets."

Though lacking in length, guard play is strong for the Dogies with quick, athletic guys on the perimeter, and the end score of 30-66 certainly did not reflect their effort.

"We battled our tails off and put ourselves in the position to learn a lot of things, and realistically when you've got one starter and only a couple of kids with limited time coming back, there's going to be a pretty steep learning curve," Von Eye nodded. "But again, this crew is great at recognizing and owning their shortcomings and I have no doubt they will do everything they can to improve upon those."

The Dogies are going into another week with some pretty tough competition. First off, they will be challenged with taking on a strong, veteran Sundance team that will come to town on Thursday, and will travel to Laramie to play the Plainsmen on Saturday.

"It'll be a couple of interesting basketball games," Von Eye mused. "It's a good opening stretch to challenge us and give us the opportunity to grow a little bit before opening up conference play after the Christmas break."

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Almost everyone loves an energetic dog, just not one with energetic jaws. Dog bites can cost serious money and can put your homeowners insurance into peril.

According to the Insurance Information Institute, dog bites and liability claims related to dog bites and other dog-related injuries are on the rise. In 2019, dog bites cost homeowners insurers \$797 million. Dog bite claims nationwide rose dramatically with the average cost increasing to \$44,760, a 134% increase from 2003 to 2019 due to increasing numbers of incidents, medical costs, and legal fees.

### Avoid breeds deemed high risk

Insurers are tracking the breeds most associated with attacks and are adjusting premiums and other policy provisions. Every company has its own underwriting criteria, so the breeds of dogs that may affect a policy may also vary by company. While these are typically named breeds, many dogs are anything but purebreds. (The list-topping pit bull is not recognized as an actual breed by the American Kennel Club.)

Many companies will not insure these breeds:

- Pit bulls and Staffordshire Terriers
- Doberman Pinschers
- Chows
- Rottweilers
- Presa Canarios
- German Shepherd

The following breeds are often tagged but are less often excluded:

- Great Danes
- Akitas
- Alaskan Malamutes
- Siberian Huskies
- Wolf hybrids

These groupings are based on characteristics such as broad shoulders and strong jaws, but insurers don't delve into the DNA of a dog breed. Characteristics matter to insurers when determining home coverage for a dog owner.



This is not to suggest you don't select your favorite breed, but you should call your insurance agent or company to find out whether they cover that breed, and if not, what it might cost to switch your homeowners or renters policy to a company that does.

### Choose an insurer that doesn't "dogscriminate"

The good news for canine lovers is there is no one-size-fits-all approach. Some insurers exclude specific breeds while other insurers will cover higher-risk breeds but charge a higher premium. A dog breed is not always a consistent factor in determining how a dog will react to certain situations. Other companies take the position that "dogs are individuals, just like people" and rate accordingly.

However, a serious bite could be

grounds for exclusion in a new policy or policy renewal or even the cancellation of a current policy. An excited dog who accidentally knocks someone over is likely to be viewed more leniently and may not affect insurance.

All insurers reserve the right to terminate coverage or not renew a policy because of an incident resulting in a claim. They can also refuse a new policy based on a specific dog's behavioral history or discovering a past claim, regardless of breed.

### Consider supplementary liability coverage

Homeowners and renters insurance policies typically cover dog bite liability legal expenses, up to a limit — roughly \$100,000 to \$300,000. That limit will suffice for most claims. If a claim exceeds a policy's liability limit, the dog owner is responsible for all damages above that amount.

Some companies will issue you a policy, but only if you sign a liability waiver excluding the dog in your home

coverage. They may do this because the breed is seen as risky or because of past incidents involving that dog.

Some insurers recommend adding a rider for extra home coverage if your dog has been involved in a liability claim. This can significantly increase the maximum payout on your coverage, though it comes with higher premiums.

You can also supplement your financial protection against dog attacks in other ways such as a separate canine owner liability policy. There's also the option of an umbrella policy that extends liability coverage to all aspects of your life, including reducing the risk of exceptional claims to your homeowners and auto insurance policies.

### Train your dog, whatever its breed

While an overwhelming majority of interactions with dogs don't result in injury, most dog bites could be prevented by practicing responsible pet ownership by training and socializing your dog. Certain insurers may offer credits or discounts for completing certified dog training or it might be a mitigating factor for a high-risk breed.

### Tell the truth to insurers

It may be easier to avoid telling insurers about the breed of your dog, or its history of biting. However, experts advise against this, as it can be more costly for you in the long run. Hiding the fact that you own a particular dog breed is risky. If something happens with your dog and you did not tell the agent or company, the insurance company may deny your claim. That could cost you thousands of dollars or cause your insurance to be canceled. Later, you may not be able to get insurance in the standard market.



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**NHS Ladies Basketball**

**Newcastle @ Pine Bluffs 12/12/20: 47-41**  
 Mercedes Voelker: 5 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists  
 Jaylen Ostenson: 23 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist, 9 steals, 1 block  
 Shelby Tidyman: 8 points, 2 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal  
 Hunter McFarland: 3 points, 1 rebound, 3 assists  
 Tiernan Stanton: 6 points, 7 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 block  
 Claire Beaström: 2 rebounds, 4 steals  
 MacKenzie Conzelman: 1 rebound, 1 assist, 2 steals  
 Shawnee Miles: 2 points, 2 steals

**Newcastle @ Burns 12/12/20: 39-44**  
 Mercedes Voelker: 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal  
 Jaylen Ostenson: 20 points, 6 rebounds, 1 steal  
 Shelby Tidyman: 2 points, 4 rebounds, 6 assists, 1 steal  
 Hunter McFarland: 1 rebound, 1 steal  
 Tiernan Stanton: 6 points, 9 rebounds, 1 steal, 3 blocks  
 Claire Beaström: 1 point, 2 rebounds  
 MacKenzie Conzelman: 8 points, 4 rebounds, 1 block  
 Shawnee Miles: 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals

up and they dropped that game 39-44.

"I thought it was a great weekend to get out and get going," head coach Chad Ostenson began. "We got to play two really good teams right off the bat which is great to give us an idea of where we're at."

The Lady Dogies were a little tight as they took possession to start their season against Pine Bluffs, and as such missed quite a few shots they don't characteristically miss.

"We couldn't make anything in that first quarter," Ostenson laughed. "Shoot, I bet Jaylen [Ostenson] could have had 40 points by the end of it if she had shot in the first two quarters like she did at the end of the game."

In the second half, the ladies settled in and the nerves relaxed, which Newcastle used to get into an offensive groove, and defensively the squad was all over the Lady Hornets from start to finish.

Ostenson finished the game as the leading scorer, dropping in 23 points. She was followed by Shelby Tidyman who added eight, Tiernan Stanton put in six, Mercedes Voelker finished with five while Hunter McFarland and Shawnee Miles scored three and two points, respectively.

After a quick 20-minute drive down the road to Burns, the Lady Dogies started strong against the Lady Broncs, blazing out to a 14-4 lead, but went ice cold and were unable to score at all in the second quarter.

At the start of the second half, the squad threw their 1-3-1 half-court trap on Burns which brought back a spark allowing the team to make a good run, but the ladies ran out of time before the final horn blew and they found themselves just six points shy of victory.

"Our legs were shot for Burns, and we were about a half a step behind from the beginning and our shots were just a little short of what they usually are," Ostenson admitted. "But the girls didn't roll over, and they kept after them so they cut into the lead, which I was really glad to see."

Once again, Ostenson was the Lady Dogies' leading scorer finishing with 20 points, MacKenzie Conzelman was next with eight, Stanton again had six points, Tidyman added two and Claire Beaström rounded out the scoring with one point.

The full court defensive pressure the Lady Dogies applied all day gave their opponents fits, and the squad demonstrated their up-tempo style of play as well. Against the Lady Hornets, Newcastle forced 32 turnovers, and against Burns, 20, however the Dogies took care of the ball at the same time committing only 10 and 17, respectively.

In addition, Newcastle held both of their opponents to a little over 40 points which Coach Ostenson believes will bode well for his team through the course of the season.

"I feel pretty good about



Photo courtesy of Nicole McFarland

**Mercedes Voelker is back for her final year as a Lady Dogie, and though she was a little off the mark from three-point land on Saturday, head coach Chad Ostenson is looking to her to be a threat from beyond the arc this season. Shelby Tidyman, below, returns as one of the Lady Dogies front men for their full court pressure defense and played a key role in forcing 32 turnovers against Pine Bluffs on Saturday.**



what I saw and what we did, and also got ideas about what we need to work on. We have some pretty good weapons and I think we're going to be alright," Ostenson nodded. "Overall it was a great first weekend and it was just really great to be able to get on the court and play. I wasn't sure

we'd be able to until we were out of the bus and on the floor because you just never know anymore."

This week the Lady Dogies play their home opener on Thursday as they host the Sundance Lady Bulldogs who are currently ranked second in 2A, then travel to Laramie

on Saturday to take on the 4A Lady Plainsmen.

"We've been wanting to get a 4A school just to see where we stand there," Ostenson nodded. "It'll be a good week for us to take on two more quality teams before the Christmas break, and to give us some prep for Douglas and Rawlins."

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Like many events this year, First State Bank of Newcastle's Annual Customer Appreciation Day was altered due to COVID-19. This year, the bank instead had a Customer Appreciation Week, Dec. 7 through Dec. 11, allowing customers to come in at their leisure to pick up gift bags and sign up for a drawing. At left, FSB employee Denise Griffis shows some of the prizes available in the drawing. Below left, Pat Heberling fills out an entry form for the drawing. Below, displaying the spirit of Christmas and a heart of giving, First State Bank displays a stately big Christmas tree that was decorated by the employees.

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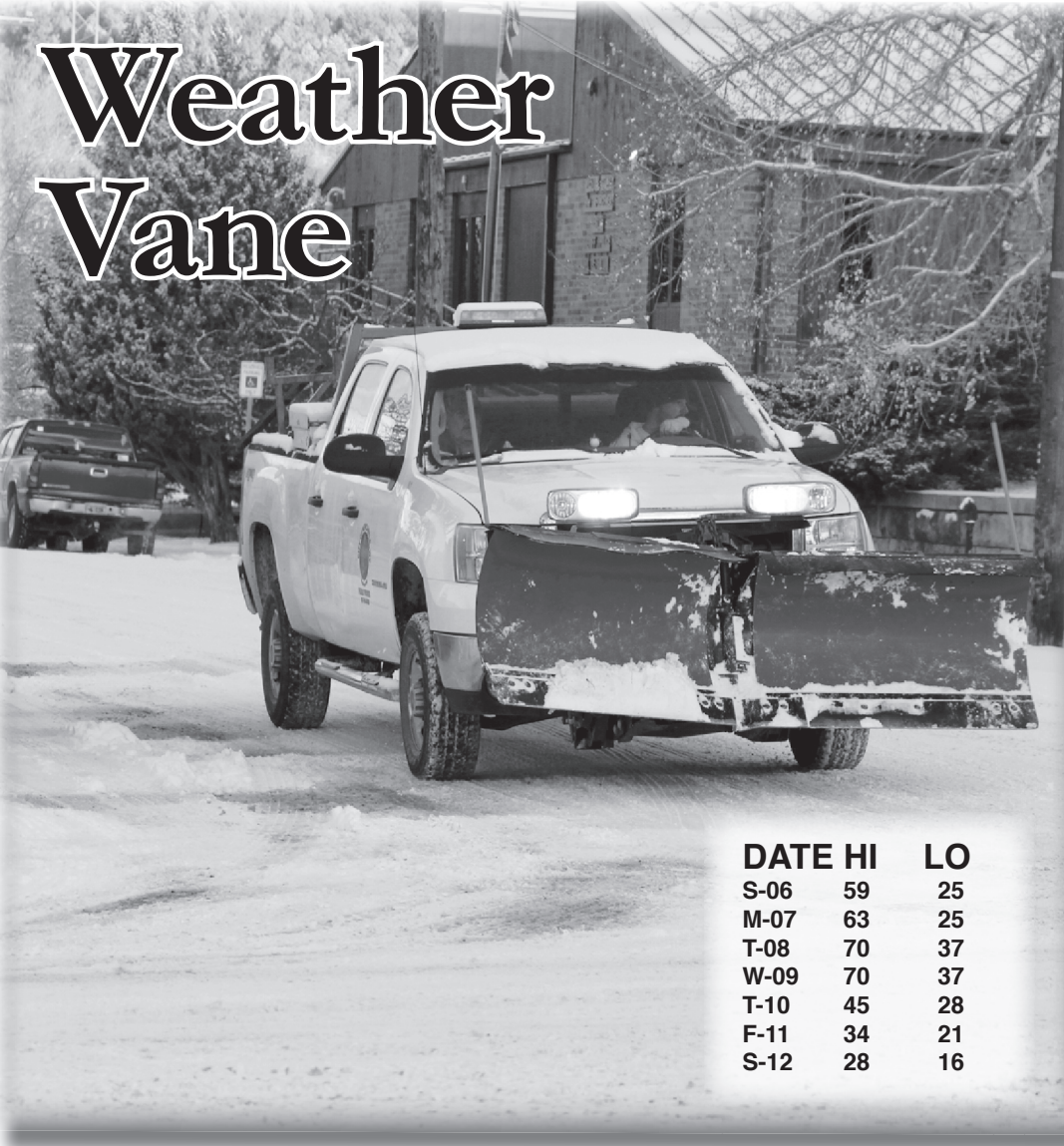
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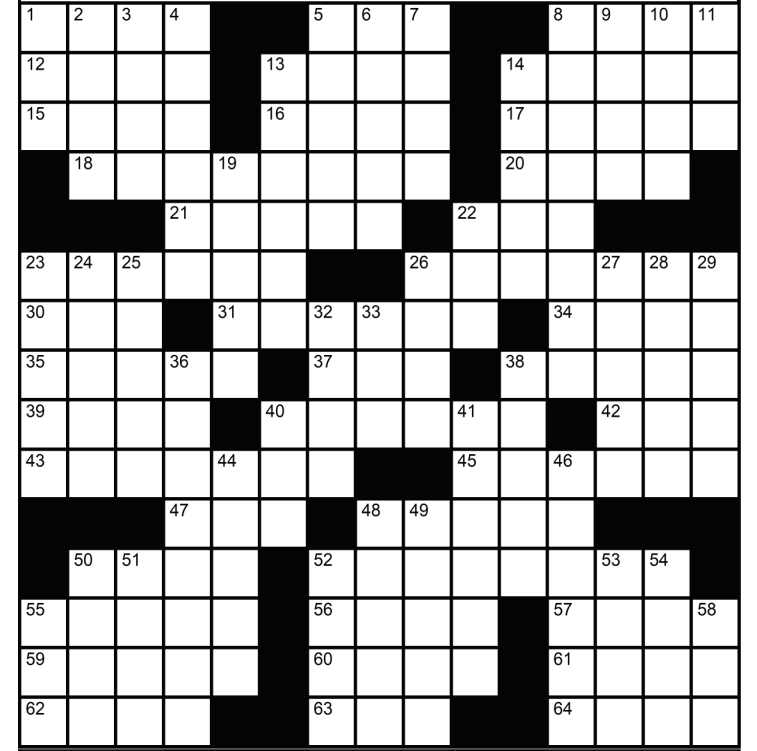
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## Public Notice

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) approved the Application of Black Hills Wyoming Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHWG or the Company) to establish a total purchased gas cost of \$0.3250 per therm, representing an increase of \$0.0604 per therm, effective on and after December 1, 2020. The rate is applicable to all non-Choice Gas customers. The Commission's approval is subject to notice, protest, intervention, refund, change, further investigation, opportunity for hearing and further order of the Commission.

The Company's approximately 69,957 non-Choice Gas retail customers are located in and around Casper, Cheyenne, Cody, Gillette and Torrington. The proposed purchased gas cost would result in a monthly increase of approximately \$7.67 or 9.2% for BHWG residential customers who use a monthly average of 127 therms during the rate-effective period from December 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021.

The revision results in an overall projected dollar-for-dollar increase in the Company's December 2020 through February 2021 revenues of approximately \$2,299,877.

The Commission approved additional routine changes to be effective on and after December 1, 2020. The net effect of all the proposed rate changes provides for an average monthly increase of approximately \$7.56 or 9.1% for residential customers who use a monthly average of 127 therms during the rate effective period.

Commission Rule Chapter 3, Section 26 allows a utility to pass on to its customers known or projected commodity cost increases or decreases on a dollar-for-dollar basis, subject to public notice, opportunity for hearing and refund.

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

Anyone desiring to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must file in writing with the Commission on or before January 7, 2021. A proposed intervention or request for hearing must set forth the grounds under which it is made and the position and interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing that you will attend, or want to make a statement, a protest or a public comment, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications-impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 711. Please mention Docket No. 30026-34-GP-20 (Record No. 15636) in your communications.

Dated: December 7, 2020.

(Publish December 17 and 24, 2020)

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## Legal Notice

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

Civil Action Case No. CV-2053  
In re name change of Vitohl Wit Kent-Loomis (minor child's correct full name)  
Minor Child, By Next Friend, Jonah Web Loomis (Petitioner's full name)

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In accordance with Wyoming Statutes I-25-103, notice is hereby given that a Petition for Name Change of Minor Child, Civil Action No. CV-2053 has been filed in the Wyoming District Court for the Sixth Judicial District, whose address is 1 W. Main Street Newcastle, WY 82701, seeking to change the name of the minor child Vitohl Wit Kent-Loomis to Wit Hruby Loomis.

Unless an Answer or Response to the Petition referenced above is filed within 30 days following the last date of publication of this notice, an order may be entered granting the requested name change.

Dated November 23, 2020  
Tina Cote  
Clerk of District Court  
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## Public Notice

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) has authorized Black Hills Wyoming Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHWG or the Company) to implement a decrease of \$0.0008 per therm in the Company's Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (RAM) rate. The Commission's approval of BHWG's rate change is subject to notice, protest, intervention, refund, change, further investigation, opportunity for hearing and further order of the Commission.

The RAM rate applies to approximately 131,000 customers, including Choice Gas customers. The proposed RAM rate would provide for an average monthly decrease of approximately \$0.08 (-0.1%) for residential customers who use a monthly average of 103 therms during the rate-effective period of December 1, 2020, through May 31, 2021.

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

Anyone desiring to file a public comment, statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must so file with the Commission in writing on or before January 8, 2021. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

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