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RV restrictions to remain in force

City: New ordinance increases safety and ability to remove snow. Residents' concerns noted but ordinance stands.

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

On Nov. 7, the Newcastle City Council reviewed an ordinance regulating the parking and placement of recreational vehicles and trailers on public property within city limits after members of the public had concerns

and questions about the local law. Passed, adopted and approved on Sept. 19, the ordinance amended Section 16-35.1 of the Newcastle, Wyoming, municipal code. The ordinance makes it unlawful "for any person to park, leave, place or let stand on any public street within the city or town or on any municipal

city parking area, any recreational vehicle or trailer during the months of September 15th through May 15th. Temporary parking shall be allowed for a period not to exceed two (2) hours." Anyone who violates the ordinance is subject to a \$25 fine for the first violation and \$50 for the second vio-

lation in a year. The ordinance notes that each day a violation continues may constitute a separate offense. According to Mayor Pam Gualtieri, some residents have asked about the ordinance. One questioned whether a work trailer was allowed, and another

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Crafty business



There were baked goods and crafts for every season on display at the annual Weston County Manor Bake and Craft Sale on Wednesday, Nov. 16. Manor residents make the crafts throughout the year and help with the assortment of baked items. New this year was a recipe book on sale, and the fresh caramel corn is always a crowd favorite. All proceeds from the sale go to support the residents' activity fund. Stefanie Smith, above, selects a hand-made flag, while Kathleen Kirk and Kelsey Runyan shop the many assorted craft tables.

Photo by Kim Dean/NLJ

New CEO takes over RER

Berg excited to be back in Wyoming

Hannah Gross
NLJ Reporter

After serving as president, chief executive officer and a member of the board of directors for Rare Element Resources Ltd. since December 2011, Randall Scott retired on Oct. 31, and Brent Berg has been appointed the new president and CEO, according to an RER press release from Oct. 18.

According to his biography on the company's

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Feasibility study for Heritage Park complete

Hannah Gross
NLJ Reporter

Tallgrass Landscape Architecture LLC, of Custer, South Dakota, has completed a feasibility study for the proposed Heritage Park near Pinnacle Bank.

Mike Fridell of Tallgrass presented the study, displaying the park design, maintenance, cost estimations and economic impact, to Newcastle City Council at a recent meeting. The cost of the study was \$25,000, mainly funded by a grant from

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FSB to get new name in 2023

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

After 58 years in the community, First State Bank of Newcastle is under new ownership. The bank will continue operations as is until the facility is fully transitioned into First Northern Bank of Wyoming, the oldest bank in the state, in late March of 2023, according to a press release.

Along with the ownership change, a leadership change will also take place with Mike Morrison as the new market president.

Darwin Rabenberg, the bank's president for 10 years, will be retiring with the transfer of the bank.

"It has been my honor to be involved with First State Bank of Newcastle and the commu-

nity the last 10 years.

"The employees at the bank are a great team and go the extra mile in providing service to our customers," Rabenberg said. "I am sure that will continue under the leadership of the bank and the ownership of First Northern Bank. It truly is a merger that will benefit the employees, our customers and the community over the coming years."

Morrison will take the lead at the bank as the new Market President for the First Northern Bank of Wyoming Newcastle branch. An employee of the bank since 1993, Morrison started as a loan officer before advancing to assistant vice president senior lender and vice president senior lender.

"Darwin has a very good relationship with the banks' employees and our community.

I hope to continue, and grow, that relationship and trust with the employees, along with the community," he said.

Based in Buffalo, First Northern has done business in Wyoming since 1885.

"First Northern Bank will be able to offer more services that First State Bank hasn't been able to offer due to our size limitations, including overdraft protection, business remote deposit capture, and trust and investment services," Morrison said. "I think the merger will show an even greater community focus on values and family."

With a focus on the principle that the bank's success is dependent on the success of the customers and community, Morrison said, he and First Northern plan to continue that level of commitment to the

local community.

"I'm excited to help continue First Northern Bank of Wyoming's strong presence in northeast Wyoming. I want to see the bank help the customers succeed in their goals, hopes and dreams," Morrison said.

First State Bank has been a local independent bank in Newcastle since 1924. The Northeast Wyoming Bank Corp., a family group, has owned the bank since 1964.

"Due to retirement and other factors, the time has come to turn over the reins at First State," said John Sullivan, chairman of Northeast Wyoming Corp., in a press release dated Aug. 2. "We are delighted to inform our customers and community that we have been able to choose First Northern as our successor."



Submitted photo

Along with First State Bank's recent ownership change announcement, there will be a leadership change as well. Mike Morrison will take the lead as the new market president for First Northern Bank of Wyoming, Newcastle branch, and Darwin Rabenberg will be retiring with the transfer of the bank.

WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 38, Lo 23



Friday
Sunny
Hi 51, Lo 29



Saturday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 44, Lo 24



Sunday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 40, Lo 24



Monday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 41, Lo 21



Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 32, Lo 12



Wednesday
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Hi 24, Lo 9



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Trailers

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suggested that the city revisit the ordinance to allow for public comment, she said.

“They would like this to come back to the council so that more people can attend for the three readings,” Gualtieri said.

The ordinance was first approved by the council on Aug. 15. The second reading of the ordinance was approved on Sept 6.

Councilman Ty Owens, a former city employee, said that he thought the ordinance was needed and would make snow removal easier.

“I thought it was a positive ordinance to pass. I travel the state for my position, and most people have to pay to store their extra stuff. They are not able, in their towns, to park on the streets and clog up where everyone else has to use,” Owens said. “It is unfortunate. People around here have been spoiled. It takes away access that everyone else has to that street. They are upset they have to have alternative means to store. This is a necessary thing to increase public safety and allow people to be able

to use the street without ice and snow. It is easier for crews to remove. I stand by the ordinance. I knew it would upset people.”

Councilman Don Steveson said that some safety concerns have been addressed by the passage of the ordinance.

“The two I was having issues with, we got moved. ... It is cleared up,” Steveson said, noting that campers and other recreational vehicles can block views and prevent clear line of sight while driving.

“Now that they are moved, access for the garbage truck in the alleyway has improved. Just on Rodeo Street and Clark Street, where I had gotten my complaints from, it has cleaned up a big safety issue,” he said.

When asked if he had seen a difference, public works supervisor Greg Stumpff said that he had not because the city had not had to remove snow yet.

“Campers are definitely an issue,” he said, noting he could answer the question better in a couple of months.

To address the concerns, Owens suggested that the

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— Ty Owens,
Newcastle City
Councilman

council look at a special use permit for work trailer storage. However, Steveson warned that this may open the door for everyone to have work trailers.

Gualtieri suggested that the city compile a list of places where people can store their recreational vehicles or trailers.

The ordinance stands, at least for now.

RER

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website, Berg is an environmental engineer and project management professional with 25 years of experience. He received a bachelor’s degree in regional environmental systems engineering and a master’s degree from the University of Regina (Saskatchewan, Canada).

Berg has experience in the mining and minerals processing industry for Cameco Corp.’s Smith Ranch, Cameco Resources, Excelsior Mining Corp. and Taseko Mines. He moved to Wyoming in 2011 to work in the uranium mining sector until relocating to Arizona in 2019 to work in the copper mining industry.

Gerald Grandey, the RER board chairman, who has previously worked with Berg, said in the release that Berg was selected unanimously as a “proven mining professional.” Berg officially assumed his duties on Nov. 1 and said he is looking forward to the new role.

“The transition has been great. I am so enthusiastic to learn more about rare earths and the rare earth market, as they are truly unique in the resource sector,” Berg said. “I am blessed with a very bright and talented team, who have been very welcoming.”

RER mines and produces rare earth resources for technology, energy and defense applications. Its processing and demonstration plant is located in Upton, “with planned completion of engineering and design by the end of 2022 and construction commencing in the summer of 2023,” the release states.

“This project represents a major step in developing a ‘Made in the USA’ source for these materials, and in Wyoming, a wonderful state that understands the importance of resource development, especially in diversification of its resource base,” Berg said.

As the new CEO, Berg said, he is excited to continue the progress of the Upton plant and feels that RER’s vision aligns with his goals as a project development specialist. He said RER is “setting a new standard” for processing and separating these elements.

“Rare earth minerals have a very bright future being essential for electronics, laser systems, as well as many evolving green technologies like electric and hybrid cars and wind turbines,” Berg said. “We are focused on successful construction and operation of the demonstration plant to prove the operational flow sheet and scalability for

final plant design of a commercial-scale rare earth separation and processing facility.”

Berg said he and his wife are finalizing the purchase of a home in Casper and are looking forward to living in Wyoming again because he will be closer to family.

“My kids live in Wyoming and having more family time together is important to us all,” Berg said.



Brent Berg

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Safety first
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Holiday decorations help make a special time of year even more memorable. Whether you’re hanging mistletoe above a doorway or decking the halls, safety must be a priority when decorating a Be Home for the Holidays.

Accidents can happen no matter what type of holiday decorating you’re doing, but stringing holiday lights around your home may be especially dangerous. This season, keep the following safety tips in mind when stringing lights so this season of celebration starts off safe and sound.

Work with at least one partner. Never go it alone when stringing holiday lights. Make sure someone is there to hold the ladder steady as you climb up and down. Partnering up when stringing holiday lights allows decorators to use both of their hands to climb up ladders instead of using one of their hands to carry lights. Once they reach a point where it’s safe to hang lights, they can then have a helper hand them the lights. If possible, work in groups of three so someone can hold the ladder steady at all times.

Inspect lights before hanging them. Lights are not built to last forever, and over time holiday lights can suffer damage that has the potential to be dangerous. Wires can fray, and sockets can crack or break. Inspect lights and wires before hanging them, replacing any that pose a hazard. When replacing bulbs, be sure to replace them with bulbs of equal wattage.

Use an extension cord of adequate length. Exterior holiday lights are often plugged into extension cords that extend to a shed or garage. Do not connect several extension cords to power holiday lights; instead, use just a single cord that’s lengthy enough to reach the outlet. Connecting extension cords is a fire hazard. In addition, make sure the amperage of the decorations matches the amperage rating of the extension cord, which can be found on the product label or possibly on the manufacturer’s website. Make sure the extension cord is not plugged into the power source while you are hanging the lights.

Make sure lights do not pose a safety hazard inside. Some people string holiday lights indoors as well. Lights might be hung on Christmas trees or along hallways. Such lights and the cords connecting them to power sources should never pose safety hazards, so make sure they are not lying on the floor. Staple lights to the wall and never place them beneath furniture or rugs. Lights can overheat when placed beneath rugs, and lights that are not properly secured to a wall can pose certain dangers, including being potential tripping hazards.

Hang the correct lights. When stringing lights, make sure you hang lights designated as exterior lights on the exterior of your home and those designated as interior lights inside your home. Hanging lights in the wrong places poses a fire hazard and creates additional safety concerns, so adhere to manufacturer instructions when stringing lights.

Safety should reign supreme when stringing holiday lights around the house.

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Our View

Who are you thankful for?

Far too often elections bring out the worst in people and this election seemed to be one for the books locally, statewide and nationally. So, now that the dust has settled, it is refreshing to be able to ask our readers to shift their focus to the best in people in our community and start submitting their nominees for the News Letter Journal's annual Person of the Year recognition.

The NLJ's Person of the Year for 2022 will be revealed in the special first edition of 2023, which will include feature stories on our other nominees in addition to the story of the individual chosen as the person who made the greatest impact on the community in the previous year.

Our past honorees have come from all walks of life, but all of them have shared a desire and will to improve the quality of life in Weston County, and build a brighter future for the people who call this place home.

That makes the first issue of every year one of our favorites, but we also love the fact that it is even more of a community endeavor than our normal weekly publications because the nominees for Person of the Year come from you — the people whose true investment in the community is reflected in their desire to be informed and involved in it through these pages every week.

The News Letter Journal's primary mission is to tell the story of this community, and we couldn't do that without the contributions of our readers.

We enjoy the fact that we get to re-affirm that connection in the first issue of every year by asking you to submit the names of the community members you would like us to feature in that issue. Then join us in celebrating all of the chosen nominees and the contributions they've made to the community when the issue hits the racks on January 5, 2023.

Don't forget to also grab the last edition of 2022 to recap all of the biggest news from across the county as we wrap up another year. We know, we can't believe it is that time already and we are questioning how time can move so fast.

We look forward to starting 2023 off right by honoring those amazing people in our community and we are officially asking for your help in making sure we have a full slate of nominees for this year's Person of the Year.

So please think about the people in our community who truly make a difference here, day-in and day-out. As you visit with your friends and family over the Thanksgiving holiday, make a note of all the people you are thankful for and let the News Letter Journal know.

Submissions can be made by dropping them at our office at 14 W. Main, emailing them to reporter@newsjlj.com or circulation@newsjlj.com, or by mail to PO Box 40, Newcastle, WY 82701.

Thank you for all your support throughout the year and have a blessed Thanksgiving!

POLL of the WEEK

QUESTION: Will you watch the United States play in the World Cup?

- Yes
- No

Go to newsjlj.com to vote! Look for results in next week's News Letter Journal.

RESULTS: When do you start decorating for Christmas?

- In December..... 88% (7 votes)
- Thanksgiving Week..... 13% (1 votes)
- Before Thanksgiving..... 0% (0 votes)

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Seasonably reasonable? Difficult times all around

These rapidly shorter days can cause a man of my vintage to complain about some things that have been a bother for a while.

For example, how does one ever get used to the sun going down at 4:30 p.m.? And soon it will go down even earlier. Three weeks ago, when it was going down at 5 p.m. it was a nuisance but this is something that is hard to get used to.

Football is a big deal to me. My two favorite teams are the Wyoming Cowboys and the Denver Broncos. A couple of weeks ago, we had the crazy experience of seeing the Cowboys game kick off at 10 p.m. in Hawaii. Then we watched the Broncos play at 7:30 a.m. the next morning in London. Was that strange or what?

My friend Sally Ann Shurmur was raising heck on Facebook for the Cowboys having their Homecoming football game starting at almost 8 p.m. She is a long-

time fan but that was too late at night for her. Hard not to agree with her but we do understand that everybody is now in the hands of the TV game scheduler.



Bill Sniffin
My Wyoming

She loves going to homecoming but was not going to go to a game in Laramie that late at night.

UW fans are enjoying the weekly Cowboy State Daily column by Dave Walsh. He is a fountain of knowledge. He talks about old

games that most of us had forgotten about. Kudos to Jimmy Orr for coming up with the idea of getting Dave to contribute these incredible columns. Keep them coming, Dave — you were there! So glad you are sharing these gems.

Sally Ann was also complaining about a crazy bounce pass play that Colorado State did to Wyoming some years ago, helping the Sheep to win the game and spoil a great season by the Cowboys. Now that is a story I would like to hear Dave elaborate on. It involved a "bounce lateral"

play that the CSU players had practiced all week. It worked perfectly and, well, we will have to wait to hear the rest of the story.

Off the subject of football, I have spent my life defending the First Amendment. And that includes being against banning books of any kind.

But whoa. Have you seen the books that are in some of these school libraries? Cowboy State Daily's Clair McFarland wrote a series of amazing stories which included a big disclaimer and depictions of what types of sex acts were featured. Yeah, I'm an old fogey, but this crosses a line.

It was appropriate to see this become a campaign topic for some of the school board elections around the state. These books are out of line.

Speaking of elections, we were hoping for a big red wave. Instead, it ended up a trickle. The country is split down the middle and continues to be so. There are often too few undecided voters to swing an election in these polarized times.

You could see where a voter

would look at a Democrat like John Fetterman in Pennsylvania and say: Who in their right mind would vote for this guy?"

Folks on the other side would look at Georgia's race and say: "Who in their right might would vote for Herschel Walker?"

The answer is that with polarizing as bad as it is, voters would vote for a cabbage if it was portrayed as being on their correct side.

It makes me long for a time when people would vote split tickets.

Some 50 years ago, Wyoming had a Democrat U. S. senator in Gale McGee and a Democrat U. S. representative in Teno Roncalio. Then citizens voted in a Democrat as governor, Ed Herschler, who served for three terms. It was an exciting time in the state and folks had to work across the aisle to get anything done in the Legislature.

Not sure the Democrats from that era would even recognize the crowd waving that banner today. Perhaps the Republicans would not, either.

In the world of money, how does a person lose \$2 billion

in a day? Former famous Wyoming resident Kanye West claims he lost that much in one day after Adidas fired him and cancelled their big shoe deal.

Kanye had made anti-Jewish statements and bragged that he could get away with it — well, he did not. He was also photographed wearing a "White Lives Matter," T-shirt, which probably did not endear him to the African-American community, in the wake of racial tensions.

He still owns most of his properties in the Cody area. Maybe he will retire there and sulk and try to figure out what just happened to him?

Perhaps he will enjoy these shorter days and longer nights as much as the rest of us.

Bill Sniffin is a retired newspaper publisher who has penned a number of books about Wyoming. Check out additional columns written by Bill at 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.

Check out the News Letter Journal at newsjlj.com

Reverend's Reverie - take a look at the whole picture

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. (Mt 16:24, ESV)

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Recently, I was letting my nerd-flag fly and was talking with a couple of people about Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien. They had been watching the new series that Amazon had put out called The Rings of Power. I will go ahead and confess that I have not watched this series myself because due



Rev. Robb Carr
Reverend's Reverie

to Amazon's stances on a variety of issues, we as a family have decided to no longer support them financially by using their services, but I digress. In our conversation, I asked them what they thought of the show. They replied they were quite surprised

to see a variety of choices they had made with actors and other miscellaneous aspects.

Suddenly, the conversation took the turn I was expecting, especially from a show produced by Amazon.

They said, "Did you know Elrond was gay?" For those reading this who are not familiar with Lord of the Rings, Elrond was one of the main elfen characters in Tolkien's fantasy world. They went on to tell me that J.R.R. Tolkien had written into his magnum opus all kinds of underlying LGBTQ-Z themes, and they were

happy to finally see them brought out into the open.

First, they obviously know very little about Tolkien. Tolkien was a devout Christian, and he would be weeping in heaven over the thought that his work was being used in such

a diabolical way. In fact, Tolkien was so well known for his Christianity that even C.S. Lewis, another famous author and contemporary of Tolkien, credits Tolkien for his conversion from atheism to Christianity in his The Most Reluctant Convert. Of one thing, I am sure; Tolkien is innocent of the crime against God and humanity that Amazon is accusing him of in their production of The Rings of Power.

This caused me to reflect on the words of C.S. Lewis when he wrote, "Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance, the only thing it cannot be is moderately important."

These are words that we need to consider very carefully. If we hold that Christianity is true, then the Word of God is of infinite importance. It should be the one thing that has the final say in all aspects of our lives. Yes, allowing God's will to be the will and guide for our lives might

be inconvenient, it might cause us to deny ourselves of things we desire, but as Lewis said, the only thing that the Word of God cannot be is moderately important.

This may cause us to decide not to support a company like Amazon who produces material standing directly against the Word of God; a company who agrees to pay \$4000/year/employee to help fund abortions for their employees. There are many companies that fall in this category. Should we, as Christians, be supporting companies like Amazon, Chobani, Dick's Sporting Goods, Disney, Levi & Straus Co., Netflix, Starbucks, Tesla, etc. Perhaps, we should consider where we spend our resources wisely.

Christ said, "Take up your cross and follow me." Those words are either of no importance or of infinite importance. What I promise they are not, is moderately important.

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Obituaries

GERD GUSTAV ACHENBACH
Oct. 1973–Nov. 10, 2022

Gerd Gustav Achenbach passed away unexpectedly on Nov. 10, 2022, at home in Newcastle, Wyo. He was born October 1973, in Toledo, Ohio, to Ronald and Renate (Reich) Achenbach.

He enjoyed his job and the people he worked with at PAR Pacific in Newcastle.

Gerd spent his summers as a child in Germany on his grandparents' farm. This led to his love of traveling and sharing his childhood with his nieces and nephews.

Gerd was proud to serve his country in the U. S. Marine Corps after high school. He enjoyed a good movie, video games, feisty conversations with his brother and sister, but most of all spending time with his nieces and nephews.



Gerd Achenbach

Gerd is survived by his brother, Donald (Amanda) of Waldron, Mich.; sister, Hollie of Jacksonville, Fla.; nieces and nephews, Arianna, Kayla, Julianna, Stephen, Nevaeh, Maria, Donald, Emory, and Laurell; aunt, Diane (Nick) Fischer; and uncles, Garland (Joan) Achenbach and Dieter Schneider.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents, Gustav and Meta Reich and Clifford and Macel Achenbach.

Services will be held at a later date.

Donations can be given to Gerd Achenbach Memorial Fund at First State Bank of Newcastle. Condolences may be sent to the family in care of Meridian Mortuary, 111 S. Railway Ave., Newcastle, WY 82701 or expressions of sympathy may also be made online at meridianmortuary.com.

PATRICK HENRY BRENNAN III
May 7, 1941–Nov. 7, 2022

Patrick Henry Brennan III, 81, of Newcastle, Wyo., passed away early Monday, Nov. 7, 2022, at Weston County Health Services, after a brief battle with angiosarcoma liver cancer. He spent his final days with his family, eating meals together, watching sports, telling jokes, and recounting family memories.

Patrick was born on May 7, 1941, in Thermopolis, Wyo., the oldest of five children of Patrick Brennan Jr. and Agnes (Pavlus) Brennan. Patrick's family moved

about and even spent time in Alaska before settling down in Newcastle. He graduated from Newcastle High School, Class of 1960, before attending Carroll College, where he studied education. He graduated with his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1964. He taught high school English in eastern Montana for 14 years, where he also refereed for multiple sports.

In 1967 he married Carrol Meschke and they welcomed their son, Patrick IV, in November of 1969. They later divorced.

Later, he went into the field of indus-



Patrick Brennan III

trial construction, working as a journeyman instrument fitter throughout the western United States.

In 2001 he married Lynn Petty. After his retirement, Patrick spent time volunteering at the senior center and delivering meals to seniors around the county. He enjoyed playing cards and cribbage in regular weekly games. Pat was an avid sports fan, particularly of the Minnesota Vikings, the Denver Broncos, and the Utah Jazz.

Family was extremely important to Pat. He doted on his three grandchildren and took an active and supportive role in their college education. He never missed a chance to visit with them, often driving hundreds of miles to attend birthday parties and graduations.

Patrick was preceded in death by his wife, Lynn, who passed away in 2007; and by his brother, Joseph.

He is survived by his brothers, Daniel (Cindy) and Matthew; his sister, Stephanie; his son, Patrick IV; his daughter-in-law, Karen; his grandchildren, Madeleine (Nick), Brian, and Elizabeth (AJ); as well as many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held in the spring at Weston County Senior Services Center. The family suggests memorial donations be sent to Weston County Senior Services, 627 Pine St, Newcastle, WY 82701.

Condolences may be sent to the family in care of Meridian Mortuary, 111 S. Railway Ave., Newcastle, WY 82701 or expressions of sympathy may also be made online at meridianmortuary.com.

JOANN HAWK

Sept. 1, 1945–Nov. 7, 2022

JoAnn was born in Newcastle, Wyo., on Sept. 1, 1945 to Roy and Beulah Cool. She was the youngest of eight children.

JoAnn graduated from Newcastle High School in 1962 and attended Eastern Wyoming College in Torrington, Wyo.

She met and married her first husband, Bill Wrage, during this time. To this union two children were born, a daughter, Willie Jo Wrage on July 23, 1964 and a son, Steven Roy Wrage on Sept. 3, 1966. They divorced in 1972, after which she was accepted into the Mountain Plains Family Training Program in Glasgow, Mont. In completion of the program, she and her family moved to Cheyenne, Wyo., where she went to work at the state capitol as a secretary.

She then accepted a position for the Mountain Plains Program as a secretary. She worked there for five years, then the program ended. While working there, she met her second husband, Vern Hawk, who was lovingly called "Chief" by everyone. They relocated to Lodi, Calif., where she worked at Lodi Grape Festival until 1985. After her son graduated high school, she enrolled in college, achieved her master's degree in sociology and went on to teach at Delta College in Stockton, Calif., and UC Stanislaus in Stanislaus, Calif.

She is survived by her son, Steven Wrage, two sisters, Martha Hokanson and Betty Shults; granddaughters, Tangel Love (John), Shawnee Wrage (Cameron), Christa Hauser, and Chelsie Benson Gray-Grass; grandson, Chad E. Benson (Jenna); great-grandchildren, Ember Rose Love,

Daniel Benson, Moriah Benson, Tracy Benson, Jessie Benson, Jade Benson, Jax Benson, Aaliyah Benson, Matthew Hauser, Elizabeth Hauser, Ryan Hauser, and Karson Hauser; and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

She was preceded in death, by her husband, Vern Hawk; daughter, Willie Jo Hawk Benson; and her first husband, Bill Wrage. She is survived by her beloved champions, Miss Muppett and Macy, her puppies.

She had many, many friends, never met a stranger. Hers was the kindest of hearts. JoAnn was an extraordinary treasure who not only brightened the lives of the ones who knew her, but also made the world a better place. It is noticeably dimmer with her absence. She missed and loved immensely.

ROBERT EDWARD KLEINFELDT
April 5, 1932–Oct. 25, 2022

Robert Edward Kleinfeldt, 90, was a loving husband to Bernadine for 63 years, a caring father to Gary, Susan, Stephen, and Eric. He was proud to have nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Kleinfeldt was born on April 5, 1932, in Bronx, New York, to Otto and Florence

as an only child. He attended primary school in Bronx and Upstate New York. He graduated from high school in Rawlins, Wyo., in 1949.

His first job was at the Union Pacific in Rawlins, and worked as a fireman on a steam locomotive. He served in the U.S. Air Force in Kansas from 1952–1956. He served during the Korean War Conflict and the Cold War. He had an honorable discharge.

He met his beloved wife Bernie in the late 1950s, and they married in 1957 in Tucson, Ariz. Shortly after they moved to Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. Kleinfeldt started his career as a fireman towards the end of the 1950s. He was in the fire department for many years in the city of Gardena and was promoted to engineer. He was encouraged to get a degree in order to be promoted to battalion chief. He received his degree at Long Beach College in 1970 in Fire Science and was promoted to battalion chief. He retired at 56 years old as chief battalion from Compton Fire Department.

A favorite memory was the yearly tradition of the family together on Christmas Eve at Bob and Bernie's house. They would have a wonderful meal that Bernie prepared and then exchange gifts. One year for the white elephant gift exchange Bernie baked her special apple pie. There were a lot of other gifts, but they all fought over who would get the apple pie.

Mr. Kleinfeldt's daughter, Susan, shared that while living in Tucson, Bob worked briefly as a motorcycle police officer. Sue remembers that when she was in elementary school he pulled over her teacher one morning and he was going to give her a

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November 25 Psalm 112	November 29 Isaiah 12:1-6
November 26 Psalm 113	November 30 Jeremiah 10:1-16
November 27 Psalm 24	December 1 Psalm 30
November 28 Isaiah 11:1-16	Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society

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25 Years Ago
Nov. 27, 1997

The Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce celebrated the beginning of the Christmas Season with their annual banquet, featuring U.S. Senator Craig Thomas. The Chamber celebrated Friday's Chamber Coffee with the ground breaking of an estimated \$5 million expansion of the Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp.

The band played while the 150 guests helped boost the auction which raised \$3,000 to help Weston County Queen Kelli Tysdal travel the state of Wyoming. Kelli has been invited by Jeana Welsh, Miss Rodeo Wyoming, to travel with her to Cheyenne Days and to other functions.

At 12:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 21, National and Wyoming Public Radio hit the airwaves over Newcastle. "The lawyers called from Washington, D.C., Thursday," explained Kelly Collini, Wyoming Public Radio (WPR) development director. "The engineers were already on the road and in Sheridan, so they were able to get to Newcastle."

Swimnastics leader Debb Proctor has multiple sclerosis (MS), so she knows firsthand what the program's aerobic-cardiovascular workout does for your health. Proctor has been leading the "aerobics in the pool" sessions for 13 years now. Joyce Grubbs is just one of the many senior citizens who find swimnastics session beneficial — socially and health-wise.

City crew members Leonard Singer and Kenny Duclou prepare the way for Santa's arrival Friday night. More experienced members of the crew chuckled below at the first-timers' efforts to coordi-



nate directions from the ground and conditions in the air.

50 Years Ago
Nov. 23, 1972

Donna Lorenzen of Newcastle will be among eight young ladies competing for the Miss Wyoming Scholarship pageant title Saturday in Cheyenne. Miss Lorenzen, a student at Chadron State College (Neb.), is the reigning Miss Weston County.

Lori Reed of Newcastle is among 35 Wyoming 4-H club members scheduled to leave Saturday for Chicago to attend the National 4-H Club Congress. Approximately 1,600 young people will participate in the congress. They are all state, regional and national winners in 4-H projects and activities.

Two Newcastle football players have been named to the class A first team offense by the Associated Press. Rick Callier was named a guard and Rich Blakeley was named a running back.

Neighbors of Mr. and Mrs.

Ray Berquist on Cambria Street charivariated the couple at their home last Thursday evening. A gift was presented to the couple as well as a wedding cake.

Mrs. Alma Christensen of Cheyenne is spending some time in Newcastle visiting Mr. and Mrs. Nels H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Christensen, and other relatives and friends.

Contrary to the national trend, Catholic Social Services of Wyoming reported recently that the number of infants placed for adoption has increased twenty-five percent over the previous year and services to unmarried mothers have increased nearly fifty percent.

Students at the NHS Advanced Spanish Classes were guests of Mrs. Joan Piana's sixth grade social studies classes last week. Each student represented a Spanish-speaking country or an area of Spain. Each spoke realistically of "his town in" Peru, Mexico, Venezuela, or Spain, of the customs of people, and the industries and points of

interest of each country.

100 Years Ago
Nov. 23, 1922

Last Friday evening a few of the citizens met with the high school teachers at the school building to discuss the general conduct of the high school and the new time schedule in particular. The teachers were disappointed in so few of the parents being present who had expressed dissatisfaction with the conduct of school affairs.

The many friends and acquaintances of Robert Dixon, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Snow Dixon, and of Miss Helen Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carman Fisher, all of the Hampshire country, Wyoming, will be somewhat surprised to learn of the marriage of the young people at Hot Springs, South Dakota, last Friday, November 17, 1922. They both have a large number of friends who one and all wish them much happiness.

The bathtub, hero of a thousand "Saturday night" jokes, isn't such an old institution after all. The first bathtub in the United States was installed in Cincinnati in 1842. It was unveiled under rather ceremonious circumstances by its owner, on Christmas day. The following day the newspapers denounced it as a "vanity," undemocratic and un-American, just as the telephone, electric light and gas were at one time regarded as "luxuries."

In summing up the work done by the state veterinary force in the last two years, Dr. B.F. Davis, state veterinarian, says that more than 44,000 dairy cows have been tested for tuberculosis, of which 404 were found to be diseased and have been destroyed.

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From the vault ...



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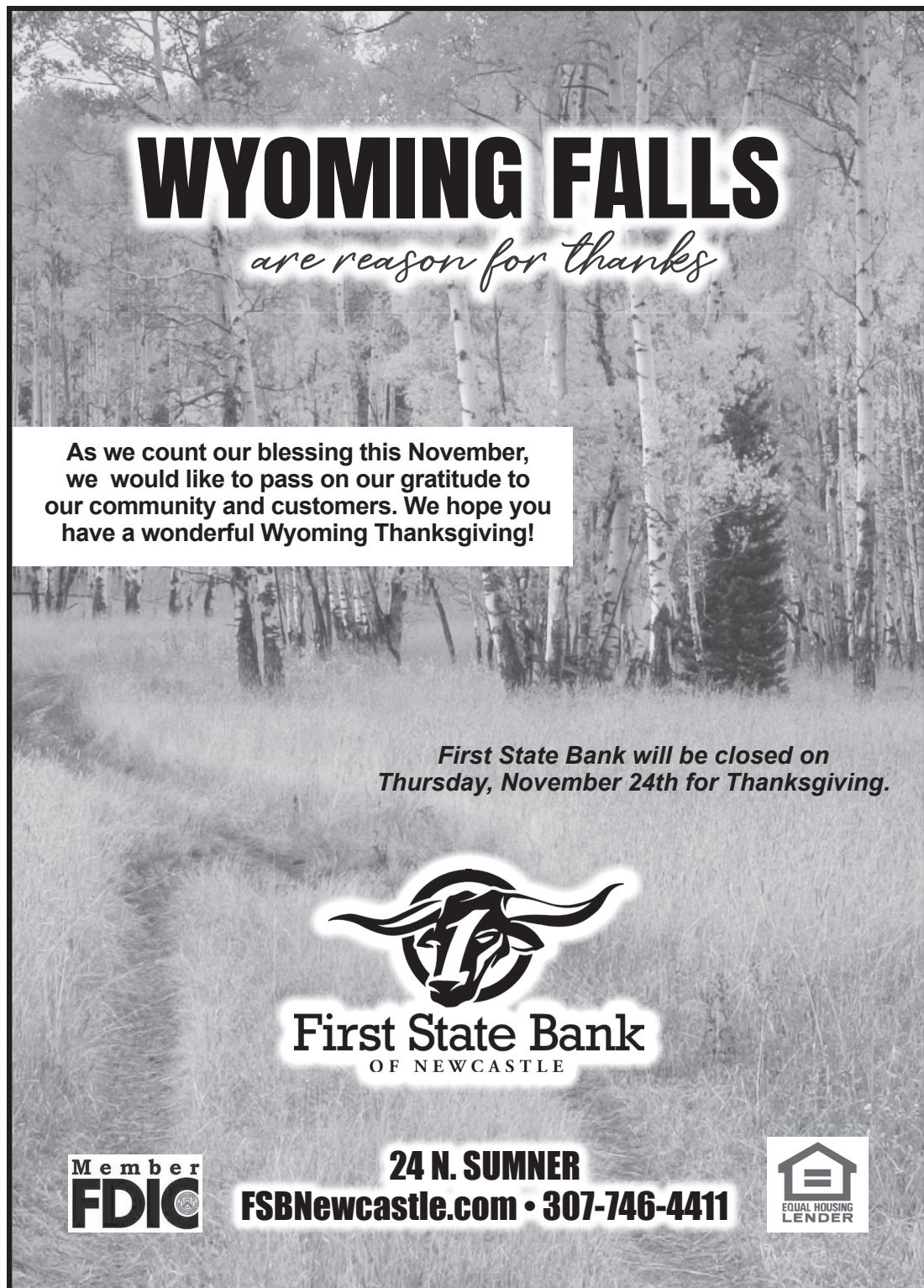
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WHAT'S UP

WESTON COUNTY MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR

Nov. 24-25	Thanksgiving Holidays, Closed	Anna Miller Museum
Thurs. Nov. 24	Happy Thanksgiving	
Fri. Nov. 25	10AM-3PM Rancer's Small Business Event 10AM-3PM Open Holiday Sale 11:30AM W.C. Library System Board Mtg. 5:30PM BINGO	Rancer's Feed & Supply Attic Treasures W.C. Library Meeting Rm. V.F.W. Hall
Mon. Nov. 28	9AM Exercise Class 10AM-3PM Open Holiday Sale 1PM Computer Clinic 7PM Alcoholics Anonymous	W.C. Senior Center Attic Treasures W.C. Senior Center W.C. Senior Center
Tues. Nov. 29	Well Water Testing Day 11AM Story Time 1PM Bridge & Dominoes	W.C. Library W.C. Senior Center
Wed. Nov. 30	6:30-8:30AM Wellness Wednesday 9AM Exercise Class	W.C. Health Services W.C. Senior Center
December		
Thurs. Dec. 1	9AM-1PM Gigi's Closet 4:30PM W.C. Museum District Mtg. 5:30PM Understanding Grief Series 7PM Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30PM Masons #13	First United Methodist Church Anna Miller Museum Meridian Mortuary W.C. Senior Center Masonic Hall






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Christmas comes early



Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ

Cambria Bow Hunters held its annual Christmas Party on Saturday, Nov. 19, in the Cambria Room of the Newcastle Lodge and Convention Center. Along with door prizes and membership votes for member of the year, the members enjoyed a nacho bar dinner. About 40 members participated.

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ticket, but realized she was Sue's teacher. He only gave her a warning and not a ticket.

When Bernie was at the end stages of her life, Bob quickly stepped up and cared for his wife 24 hours a day, seven days a week. He learned to make some simple meals and stayed by her side if she needed anything. He followed the teachings of the Bible as in Ephesians 5:25: Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church, and gave himself for her.

His children shared that Bob and Bernie made a huge impact on the Christian faith for raising their children. They attended church and Sunday school regularly. This verse comes to mind describing the love and guidance that was provided by Bob and Bernie, Proverbs 22:6: Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Mr. Kleinfeldt is survived by four children, Gary Hartmeister, Riverside, Calif., Susan Hawk, Ramona, Calif., Stephen Kleinfeldt, Winter Park, Fla., and Ric Kleinfeldt, Cheyenne, Wyo.; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

RUBY SCHLUP

Oct. 1, 1926–Nov. 14, 2022

Ruby Schlup, 96, of Sundance, Wyo., passed away Monday, Nov. 14, 2022, at Weston County Health Services in Newcastle, Wyo.

Ruby Emeline (Bruner) Schlup, 96, was born Oct. 1, 1926, in Lamar, Neb., the daughter of Silas and Sylvia (Bonger) Bruner. She is a graduate of high school/Colorado State College of Education, Greeley, Colo.



Ruby Schlup

She was united in marriage to a long-time rancher, Virgil Schlup, of Inyan Kara Mountain, south of Sundance, Wyo., on Aug. 6, 1945, at Custer, S.D. The couple made their home at the Schlup homestead where they raised two children.

In 2014, she moved from her beloved family ranch to Primrose Retirement Community, in Gillette, where she embraced making new friends and playing Tri-ominoes every evening.

She took pride in being a member of the Crook County Cowbells and the 4-H leader. She loved her garden, beautiful flowers and smiled as she watched the blue birds. She also enjoyed sewing, baking and cooking for the family and friends on the ranch. Ruby never knew a stranger and loved everyone she met. She will be forever missed.

Grateful for having shared her life are her son, Marlon (Lois) Schlup of Douglas, Wyo.; daughter, Sharon (Bill) Kern, Gillette; five grandchildren, Marci (Trevor) Hall, Amanda Schlup, Ella, Tyler (Michelle) Kern, Travis (Jess) Kern, Colt Kern and Heather Kern; sister, Lola Matoush; and brother, Silas Bruner both of Colorado Springs. She was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil, her parents and one sister.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Tuesday,

Nov. 22, at Walker Funeral Home, 410 S. Medical Arts Court, Gillette, Wyo., with Pastor George Keralis officiating. Visitation was from 4 to 6 p.m., Monday, Nov. 21, at Walker Funeral Home. She was laid to rest with her beloved husband, Virgil Schlup, at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis, S.D., at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The Ruby Schlup Memorial has been established to benefit Wounded Warrior Project. Donations can be sent in care of Walker Funeral Home, 410 S. Medical Arts Court, Gillette, WY 82716. Please visit WalkerFuneralGillette.com to share your memorials and condolences with the family.

NANCY MAE (ROSWADOVSKI) WILLIAMS

Oct. 16, 1938–Nov. 20, 2022

Nancy Mae (Roswadowski) Williams was born in Sheridan, Wyo., on Oct. 16, 1938. She entered Heaven's gates on Nov. 20, 2022.

Nancy was the daughter to Mildred (Mates) and Stanley Roswadowski. She was the youngest of five children. In June 1955, she married the love of her life, Cecil Richard Williams, and to this union they had four children, Rick, Ken, Cindy, and Marcie. In 1977, the couple moved from Rancheater, Wyo., to Newcastle, Wyo., where they called home.

A loving mother and homemaker, Nancy was a remarkable cook and enjoyed preparing meals for her family, most especially over the holidays. For many years leading up to her passing there was never a day that went by when one of her children or grandchildren would stop by and she would insist on making them something to eat. In her younger years, Nancy loved to fish and hunt with her family. You could find Nancy sitting in her chair listening to her

polka tunes when you would show up to visit. Nancy knew no stranger and always loved a good visit either on the phone or stopping in the isle of the grocery store.

Nancy is survived by her children, Rick (Susan), Ken (Marcia), Marcie (Travis) of Newcastle, and Cindy (Larry) of Buffalo, Wyo.; and her eight grandchildren, Amanda, Jared, Barbra, Trisha, Mckenley, Marti, Payton, and Madison. She is also survived by her special great-grandbabies, Kylie, Braden, Jaxton, Wyatt, Lacey, Emberley, Kenzyngtyn and one on the way; and numerous nieces and nephews.


Preceding her in death is her loving husband of 51 years, Cecil; her parents, Mildred and Stanley; siblings, Josephine (Paul) Pawlus, Mary (George) Legerski, Alben (Chris) Schwabauer, and William (Darlene) Roswadowski; and her in-laws, Lillie, and Noah Williams.

Services will be held at First United Methodist Church in Newcastle with Pastor Ron Sample officiating, Friday, Nov. 25. Visitation will be at 10 a.m. with services to follow at 11.

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Looking ahead



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On Tuesday, Nov. 15, a Legislative Update meeting was held at Newcastle Lodge and Convention Center. Present were Allen Slagle, incoming representative, Sen. Cheri Steinmetz, and director Caleb Carter of Weston County Natural Resource District, with Rep. Chip Neiman participating via Zoom. The discussions held a special emphasis on the changing face of the Wyoming State Legislature, and some of the possible effects those changes will have on the upcoming session and committee appointments. Pictured is Slagle, with Neiman, via Zoom, on the screen behind him.

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the Wyoming Business Council. The remaining 20%, or \$5,000, will be matched by the city. The council approved moving ahead with the park project at its meeting.

"We have the full support of the council to pursue this. ...They feel that it is a project worth looking at and going after," said Dave Ehlers, a member of the feasibility study steering committee.

According to the study, the concept plan for the park is estimated at \$3.5 million, excluding the value of the land. The land will be donated by Pinnacle Bank and is estimated to be valued between \$200,000 and \$250,000.

"It's quite a gesture for Pinnacle Bank to be doing that," Ehlers said.

The next step to making Heritage Park a reality is to secure funding. Ehlers said the steering committee will be meeting soon to discuss where to find those funds. At this time, the city has not offered any funding, but Ehlers said it is premature to request money until grants are solidified.

"The City Council has shown their desire to pursue this project, and it is the job of the committee to seek the funds to continue with the development," Ehlers said. "Once funding is secured, we would move into the bidding and awarding phase and then finally the building phase."

Ehlers is frequently asked when the park will be completed, but without funding in place, he said, it is difficult to determine.

Ehlers added that the committee is looking into multiple grant options that would best fit the needs of the park with the "smallest financial burden."

Funding from the state is at a "wait and see" stage, but he is hopeful that various entities will catch the vision and partner up with the project.

"As this thing is moving forward, I have no doubt that we'll get entities involved that we don't even expect," Ehlers said. "We are not turning away anyone that wishes to offer solutions to assist — that is the type of people we are: We stand together when needed."

He said that groups have already offered their support, not only in funding but also in service, including the Weston County Natural Resource District, which offered to provide funding and information regarding some of the plants and trees that will decorate the park.

Duke Ottema, another committee member, who is also on the Newcastle Veterans Committee, set up a 501(c)3 to accept tax-deductible donations from private entities for the Veterans Memorial planned for the park.

The committee is also looking at examples from other areas in the state that have been successful with similar projects to model a plan of action accordingly.

"It has been a desire from the group to create a project plan that has the ability to be replicated for future projects to be developed and to enhance the overall economic development of our area," Ehlers said.

What is Heritage Park?

Heritage Park grew out of a desire to allow community members to take pride in where they're from by telling "our story of who we are," and having a meeting place for friends and families "to show honor" and enjoy, according to Dave Ehlers.

"I feel that taking pride in where one came from and what they now have to offer for their efforts can be a powerful force. Heritage Park was designed with that in mind," Ehlers said. "This area comes from hard-working, common people. That is our heritage, and that should be celebrated and displayed for all to see."

The grassy area, which is about an acre, to the east of Pinnacle Bank, near the intersection of U.S. Highways 16 and 85, has been used as the farmers market location for the past few years. That's when the brainstorming began for how to improve and use the space more effectively as a social gathering place, according to Ehlers.

Heritage Park feasibility study names the following as the proposed recreational facilities that will be available at the park:

- Veterans memorial
- Lawn and sitting areas
- An outdoor stage
- Two shelters/concession stand
- Restrooms
- Information kiosk
- Splash pad

Ehlers also hopes the million-dollar park will attract visitors to tour Newcastle and appreciate the heritage of Newcastle as much as the locals do. He said many visitors blow through town without a second thought.

"We need to shift those visitors' plans by offering a location that is welcoming and unique to our area," Ehlers said.

A full copy of the feasibility study can be requested from the city.

Once the park is completed, the city will be the primary caretaker of the facility, but Ehlers said he is confident that the area will be "self-maintained and looked after by those who visit and those who had a hand in making it a reality."

"Maintenance and operations of Heritage Park will generate approximately \$30,000 in value added each year to the local economy," the study states. "Approximately \$76,000 in new state tax revenue will be generated in the first year due to Heritage Park from construction visitors and maintenance/operations."

Anyone interested in partnering to bring Heritage Park to Newcastle can contact the city to find out how they can contribute. The feasibility study can also be viewed by contacting City Hall.

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The News Letter Journal will close at 1 p.m. on Nov. 23 and be closed on Nov. 24 and Nov. 25, to celebrate Thanksgiving.

We look forward to seeing you on Nov. 28.

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Bart's benefit



Various donated items and baskets lined the tables at the front of the Weston County Events Center at the Weston County Fairgrounds, during the Benefit for Bart Loeb on Nov. 19. Bart, a Newcastle native, was recently approved for a kidney transplant following years of illness. The benefit raised more than \$4,000, and additional donations can be made at Pinnacle Bank in the Bart's donation account. Clockwise from top left: Bart Loeb reads the winner of one of the raffle items while his wife Pennie and friends Shane Ankeney and his twins Dominic and Damian look on; baskets of donated goodies; Jeremy Slaamot volunteers his auctioneer skills; eager bidders keep an eye on the auction; Mary Dixon lines up for some of the food being served during the benefit.



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Wrestling
12/9/22 VJ Lusk Invitational A NOON
12/15/22 VJ Buffalo HS H 6PM
12/16-17/22 VJ Battle in the Big Horn A NOON

Men's Swimming
12/9/22 VJ Powell HS A 4PM
12/10/22 VJ Cody Invite A 10AM
12/16/22 VJ Cheyenne South A 5PM
12/17/22 VJ Cheyenne South A 10AM
12/22/22 VJ Newcastle Triangular H 4PM
12/29/22 VJ Buffalo HS A 11AM

Ladies' Basketball
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Give thanks to feel joy

‘T’is the season to give thanks.

It has been proven that if you give thanks for the blessings in your life consecutively over the course of 21 days, your brain functioning will actually change.

I’ve kept a gratitude journal in the past, and I can’t say for sure if being thankful for three things in my life on the daily actually changed the way my brain worked, but I do know that it made me feel better overall.

This year has had its ups and downs for sure, but there is so much to be thankful for every single day.

I have so much to be grateful for when it comes to my family. My children both seemed to find their calling this year and began careers they are each finding fulfilling, which fills my mama heart with joy.

My extended family has had the joy of welcoming beautiful, healthy babies into the world. Just seeing those faces, and snuggling those babies brings me overwhelming joy.

In addition, the continued health and happiness that abounds within my family and the close-knit ties we have established and maintained will forever be a reason for gratitude in a world where not all families share the love that ours does.

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Sonja Karp
Karpe Dogie

Fall sports post-season honors awarded

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Editor

The fall seasons have ended, but the accolades continue as several Dogies and Lady Dogies caught the eye, and got the nod, from coaches in the 3A East Conference, as well as the state, for their outstanding performance on the court and the field throughout the season.

Players who are awarded All-Conference and All-State honors are recognized by coaches for their contributions to the team, and three Lady Dogie volleyball players received All-Conference honors, one received All-State honors and two were Honorable Mention to the All-Conference team.

Tiernan Stanton, one of the squad’s middle/hitter blockers, was the recipient of both All-Conference and All-State awards. The 6-foot, 2-inch senior finished the season first in the 3A Northeast Conference for blocks, kills and hitting percentage. She was fourth in the state for blocks, fourth in the state for hitting percentage, and 11th in the state for kills.

“Tiernan was a huge part of this team this year. She really made a difference when she was in and was a go-to hitter/blocker for us this year,” stated head coach Mickey Crabtree. “It was awesome to see her skill set change and adapt throughout the entire season, while still being successful when adapting to new changes.”

Hunter McFarland was also a recipient of All-Conference honors. McFarland transitioned this year from a setter/outside hitter to the lone setter in the Lady Dogies’ new 5-1 offense. With the majority of the setting lying firmly in the senior’s hands, she stepped up and adapted easily to her new role, amassing 723 set assists on the season, ranking her third in the 3A East Conference and 12th in the state for 3A.

“Hunter had a great season this year and really stepped into a challenging role,” Crabtree described. “As a setter, I expected a lot from her and she was one of my go-to players when we needed something to change on the court. She continuously worked hard throughout the season and had a great year.”



Photos by Nicole McFarland

Tiernan Stanton really showed off her skills at the net this year and was awarded with All-Conference and All-State honors to show for her efforts.

Jaylen Ostenson was the final volleyball player from Newcastle named to the All-Conference team. She also took on a slightly different role this season as she transitioned from being the team’s second setter, to playing all the way around as an outside hitter/defensive player. Her skills in the back row were just as formidable as those in the front row throughout the season.

“Jaylen’s volleyball skills grew a ton this year as well as her leadership skills,” Crabtree began. “Jaylen is a well-rounded player and really helped the team in many ways this season. She could always be trusted to work hard, give it

her all, as well as be willing to make changes during play to improve her skills.”

Shelby Tidyman was one of two NHS players to receive Honorable Mention to the All-Conference volleyball team. Tidyman really took on a novel role this season as she stepped into the position of libero, or the team’s defensive specialist. Her quickness, athleticism and leadership were just the characteristics Crabtree was looking for to fill that vital role.

“Shelby had a new role than last year, and she stepped into it very well. She was someone who I could trust on the court to relay my information to



Hunter McFarland, above, adjusted quickly to her new role as setter in the Lady Dogies new 5-1 offense this season. Her skill in setting showed as she racked up 723 set assists to finish third in the 3A East Conference and earned her a place on the All-Conference team. Jaylen Ostenson, below, was a workhorse for the Lady Dogies this season as she dominated on the net and was a key defensive player in the back row. Coaches around the conference noticed her presence and voted her onto the 3A East All-Conference team.



others on the court when I could not,” Crabtree said. “Shelby worked hard in every practice and every game, and made a difference with the energy she brought as well as communication.”

Finally, **MacKenzie Conzelman** was also the recipient of Honorable Mention honors. As the team’s

second middle hitter/blocker, Conzelman had a smart touch on the ball, which she used to score points for her team.

“Mackenzie was a delight to have this season. She was a huge uplifter for the team with her continuous smiles and laughter,” Crabtree said.

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Holiday Concerts!

Monday, Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m.
3rd-5th Grade Winter Concert

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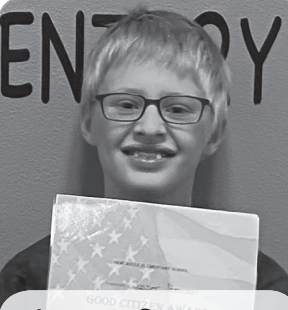
Kateri Prell
3rd, Miss Munoz

November is the month that reminds us to be thankful for all the positive things that bring happiness to our life. As I present this next student, I think everyone in room 139 can all agree she brings happiness into our classroom every day. Through her actions she has shown us repeatedly why she deserves to be the Good Citizen of the month. This student is very positive and always does her work with a smile on her face. She works very hard to be the best student she can be. She sets an example for the rest of her classmates by always following directions and being the first to do the right thing, even when no one is watching. She also lends a helping hand to everyone in the class, which makes her an easygoing and approachable friend to all. In this month of gratitude, I am thankful to have Kateri Prell in my class. Congratulations on winning the Good Citizen award!



Nolan Proffer
4th, Mrs. Giesler

Being honored as a good citizen is special, and several of you sitting here have experienced the proud feeling when your name is called. Over the years, I have observed hopeful students with their fingers crossed, listening for their name to be announced. I know this is a desire of many, and it excites me to witness the enthusiasm in young children. In August, a young fourth-grader walked into my classroom as a quiet, humble, yet curious, 9-year-old, eager to learn. For the past few months, he has grown tremendously in self-confidence, and the belief he can accomplish great things. A fellow classmate stated, "He is wise, he knows what to do and what not what to do, he plays with me at recess, and he is funny!" Another student said, "He is helpful, he is a good friend, and he invites others to play." Truly, this young fourth-grade student has displayed qualities of a good citizen in the classroom and throughout our school. He tries his best and never complains about the workload. With his work ethic and great attitude, he will go far in school and life. It brings great joy to many of us at NES to award the Good Citizen Award to Nolan Proffer! We are very proud of you!



Jasper Steveson
5th, Mrs. Hebbing

November is a time of giving and being thankful for everyday things that make us happy and smile. I, as a teacher, am extremely thankful for my students and how wonderful they are at being kind human beings. Our whole class is fabulous, but room 149 has had the privilege of having a prime example of a good citizen in our midst this year. He is a fun-loving Jokester, that shares his humor and makes me smile. Always gives A+ effort on his work. Super hard-working student every day. He has a Positive attitude that is contagious. He is always Eager to help classmates and teachers. Routinely helps in the classroom, making sure things are where they belong. Thank you for being awesome, Jasper Steveson!

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Holden McConkey (#30) was a key player for the Dogies this season as he led his team to a playoff berth. The senior earned All-Conference and All-State honors for his efforts on the gridiron. Quint Perino (#1) stepped into the pivotal role of quarterback this season and did it well. As a result, Perino was named to the 2A East All-Conference team as well as the 2A All-State team last week.



NLJ file photo

Jacob Prell (#65) was a force for the Dogie defense in his last season at NHS. As a result, the senior was named to both the 2A East All-Conference team and the 2A All-State team.



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All plays began with Heath Henkle (#60), the Dogies' center, this season. Coaches in the 2A East Conference recognized his contribution to the Dogies success this year and named him to the 2A East All-Conference team.



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Just a sophomore, Connor Stolhammer (#7) was a second-year starter for the Dogies in 2022. Offensively and defensively, Stolhammer was a key player for the squad, and his contributions earned him a place on the All-Conference team for the 2A East.

"Mackenzie might not have had the hardest hit, but she was one of the smartest players I have seen in a long time."

Each of the honorees are seniors and Crabtree admitted that they, along with the rest of the seniors, have left behind some pretty big shoes to fill.

"Overall, all of these girls had a great year. They all were coachable, adaptable, and committed to the coaching staff and that is all I could have ever asked for, for my first season," she said. "These girls made a huge impact on the NHS volleyball program and left a great legacy for themselves and they, as well as the rest of the seniors, will be missed next year."

DOGIE FOOTBALL HONOREES

After securing a place in post-season play this season, a plethora of Dogies laid claim to All-Conference and All-State football honors.

Holden McConkey, who played running back and linebacker for the Dogies this season, got the nod for All-Conference and All-State honors in 2A. As running back, McConkey finished the season with 850 yards and was rated sixth in the 2A East Conference. In all-purpose yards, he finished fifth with 1,486 yards, in scoring he was second with 16 touchdowns, in punt returns he was third, and in kick returns he finished sixth with 543 yards — which was the most return yardage in the 2A East Conference. Defensively, McConkey finished in 14th place in tackles with a total of 87.5 this season.

"Holden has been a great role model off-season and in-season for Dogie football," head coach Matt Conzelman reported. "He accumulated over 130 weight room sessions in the off season, and at running back he showed the toughness, at linebacker he brought the aggression, and in special teams he was the spark plug."

Senior **Quint Perino**, who was quarterback and defensive back for the Dogies this season, also received All-Conference and All-State honors. He finished the season with 494 passing yards, 421 rushing yards and six touchdowns. Overall, he racked up 942 all-purpose yards. As safety or linebacker, Perino finished 27th in the conference with tackles on the season.

"Quint showed great leadership at the quarterback position this season," Conzelman said. "I always felt pretty good when he was under center."

The final Dogie to receive both All-Conference and All-State honors was senior **Jacob Prell**, who played on the offensive and defensive line. In the offensive pulling guard position, he helped his team produce 2,045 yards and 25 touchdowns this season, and he led the Dogies with 163 defensive points, which included 16 tackles for loss.

"Jacob was another player with over 100 weight room sessions this off season," Conzelman began. "He was very dominant on the offensive and defensive line this year."

Heath Henkle was named to the 2A East All-Conference team this season. On offense, Henkle was the center and also helped his team produce 2,045 yards and 25 touchdowns this year. On defense, he played nose guard and finished with 72 defensive points.

Sophomore **Connor Stolhammer** also received All-Conference honors. At running back, Stolhammer accumulated 204 yards rushing and 110 yards receiving on the year. He also finished the season ranked third on the team for all-purpose yards with 341. As linebacker on defense, he finished the season with 75 defensive points.

"Heath had a strong finish in his senior season playing offensive line and defensive line," Conzelman said. "As a sophomore, Connor is already a

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NLJ file photo

Colton Vanderpool Mobley (#11) stepped up this season as a contributor offensively and defensively for the Dogies and earned All-Conference honors to show for his efforts. Thomas Prell (#25) really came on for the Dogies this season on offense and defense. The junior caught the eye of 2A East Conference coaches as they named him to the All-Conference team.



two-year starter for the Dogies. On defense, he did a great job at outside linebacker."

Junior **Colton Vanderpool Mobley**, who played wide receiver and defensive back for the Dogies, was named to the 2A East All-Conference team. He finished the season with 94 yards receiving and 31 yards rushing, while he garnered 61 defensive points.

"Colton stepped up this season and continued to get better every week," Conzelman said. "He is a very hard worker off season and in-season, and he finished with over 100 weight room sessions this off season."

Junior **Thomas Prell**, running back and linebacker for the Dogies, was the final player to get the nod for the 2A East All-Conference team. He finished the season with 65 defensive points, which included 15 solo tackles.

"Thomas also stepped up this season and I thought he had a solid year at fullback getting some key blocks for us," Conzelman determined. "Defensively, he got better every week."

Finally, junior **Skyler Cummings** received Honorable Mention to the All-Conference football team. At wide receiver, Cummings finished with 61 yards, and averaged 12.2 yards per catch. Defensively, he finished the season with 44 points.

"Skyler played wide receiver and defensive back for us this year," Conzelman said. "He always has a positive attitude and works hard to reach his goals which is great for him and the team."

Karpe

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I have a strong and amazing group of friends with whom I get the opportunity to spend time each week. I recognize that having a group of girlfriends you spend time with and rely on is a rare gift that not many people get to enjoy, so I know that I am blessed beyond belief to have them in my life.

Though I lost a much-loved fur-child this summer, for whom I still grieve, I still have my grand kitty who is one of the goofiest cats I've ever met and makes me laugh every day. He is the fluffiest and cutest cat ever, but not the most snuggly. However, in the last week, he has chosen to climb into my lap and curl up to sleep on more than one occasion, for which I am grateful. I missed how loving my other cat was, and that kind of filled that void for me.

I am grateful for the slight rebound the weather has taken this week after the bitter cold we experienced last week. However, while the temps were dipping into the negatives, I was very grateful for a warm and cozy home, a car with heated seats, and a winter coat that kept me warm on those cold morning walks into the school.

Also as far as weather is concerned, I am very grateful to my neighbor, Bob Hockett,

for clearing my walk of snow for me on days I didn't get up in time to do it before heading to work.

I am grateful that the election of 2022 is over and that we won't have to be inundated with political propaganda for at least a little while again. I grow so weary of the name calling and derision from the different ends of the political spectrum. In fact, I was in kind of a bad mood up until the election was over because of it.

I am grateful that the limitations that Covid introduced when it came to high school sports have been lifted, and that the 2022-2023 seasons can carry on like they did before the pandemic. Covid isn't gone, but we've learned to live with it, which is all we can ask for, really.

And I am thankful that my favorite sports season gets under way this week. I love me some basketball, and am so excited for what this season may bring.

In this time of Thanksgiving, I realize all that I have to be grateful for, and as I write some of it down and reflect on all the things I didn't write, my heart feels lighter and there is a smile on my face. I challenge everyone to make their own list. I guarantee that it will make you feel better about life.

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The Wyoming Department of Transportation will receive sealed bids in the Office of the Procurement Services Manager, 5300 Bishop Blvd., Building No. 6189, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82009-3340, until 11:00 A.M., Mountain Time on December 22, 2022, at which time they will be publicly opened and read for FURNISHING MAINTENANCE JANITORIAL MAINTENANCE AT THE MULE CREEK REST AREA. A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Inspection will be held at 10:30 A.M., Mountain Time on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at the Mule Creek Rest Area located at U.S. 85 approximately 34 miles south of Newcastle, Wyoming. Only bids received on Wyoming Department of Transportation bid forms will be considered. Bid forms and further information may be obtained, without charge, by going to <http://www.publicpurchase.com>, logging in and clicking on Bid No. 23-044AC. You must be registered with Public Purchase to log in

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BY: NICHOLAS GRONSKI
PROCUREMENT SERVICES ASSISTANT MANAGER

(Publish November 24 and December 1 and 8, 2022)

Public Notice

WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING NOTICE

The Weston County Board of Trustees December 14, 2022 board meeting has been moved to Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

(Publish November 17 and 24, 2022)

Public Notice

FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note (the "Note") dated August 23, 2011, executed and delivered by Randy Lee Hise to Premier Home Mortgage, Inc. and a real estate mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by Randy Lee Hise, a single man (the "Mortgagor"), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Premier Home Mortgage, Inc. and which Mortgage was recorded on August 23, 2011, as Instrument No. 729397, Book 330, Page 0893 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming; and WHEREAS, the mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

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This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 11 day of November, 2022 by Brian G. Sayer as attorney of The Sayer Law Group, P.C.

Shannon Saul
Notary Public

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Bid Notice

WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LEGAL NOTICE INVITATION TO BID

The Wyoming Department of Transportation will receive sealed bids in the Office of the Procurement Services Manager, 5300 Bishop Blvd., Building No. 6189, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82009-3340, until 11:00 A.M., Mountain Time on December 22, 2022, at which time they will be publicly opened and read for FURNISHING MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE MULE CREEK REST AREA CLIVUS MULTRUM COMPOSTING TOILET AND MECHANICAL SYSTEMS. A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Inspection will be held at 11:00 A.M., Mountain Time on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at the Mule Creek Rest Area located

at U.S. 85 approximately 34 miles south of Newcastle, Wyoming. Only bids received on Wyoming Department of Transportation bid forms will be considered. Bid forms and further information may be obtained, without charge, by going to <http://www.publicpurchase.com>, logging in and clicking on Bid No. 23-043AC. You must be registered with Public Purchase to log in and view bids. If you are not registered, click on the "free registration" button and follow the registration instructions. The registration process takes up to 24 hours, so signing up right away is recommended.

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 - Post-Its
 - *Sticks and spools toy set
 - One of the Olsens
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 - Middle-earth creature
 - Bias
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 - Chasing game
 - Chancellor, in Europe
 - Not happening
 - Anomie, alt. sp.
 - Local area network
 - Re-attempt
 - Wyatt Earp's card game
 - Common parakeet, colloquially speaking
 - Snakelike fish
 - Not yet a wife
 - *Like certain toy Cathy
 - Mine deposit
 - Water nymph

- Cassette contents
 - *Illuminated picture maker
 - Waincots
 - Play parts
 - The Fonz: "Sit _____!"
 - Face-to-face exams
 - Not this
 - Brainchild
 - Homey, alt. sp.
 - "Fight for You" singer
 - High rocky hills
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- Editor's mark
 - African antelope
 - Related
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 - Political club, in the olden days
 - Celestial hunter
 - Whirlpool
 - *Sno-Cone, actually (2 words)
 - Opposed to
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 - Retail posting acronym
 - Blood-red
 - Beginning of essay
 - "Dear Diary" bit
 - Hockey legend
 - "The Office" people, e.g.
 - Veranda on Oahu
 - Ancient Greece marketplace

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Legal Notice

LEGAL FOR CURLEY QUE'S LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of November, 2022 the following: Thomas and Rebecca Curley dba Curley Que's, LLC , located at 207 West Main in Newcastle, Wyoming filed a Restaurant Liquor License -Restaurant License #5 .

(Publish November 17 and 24, 2022)

Public Notice

WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD OF TRUSTEE OPEN SEAT

ANNOUNCEMENT
Weston County School District #1 has an opening for a School Board Member. Position runs from December 2022 to November 30, 2024. Deadline is December 2, 2022 at 4 p.m.

(Publish November 17 and 24, 2022)

Cowboy State Look-In

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Newcastle City Council Minutes

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MINUTES MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2022

Mayor Pam Gualtieri called this regular meeting of the Newcastle City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Mayor Gualtieri; Council members Don Steveson, Daren Downs, Lance Miles and Tyrel Owens. Also present were City Attorney Dublin Hughes, Public Works Supervisor Greg Stumpff and City Clerk/Treasurer Stacy Haggerty.

they have received their CDL. Tyrel Owens moved, seconded Don Steveson to approve this request. Request was made to put the water line replacement of S. Summit and Oak Street out to bid. Tyrel Owens moved, seconded Daren Downs to approve this request. Request was then made to raise the Public Works department to 15 employees from 13.

WYDOT releases crosswalk video

CHEYENNE (WNE) — The Wyoming Department of Transportation has produced a new safety video about the proper use of crosswalks.

"It's important for pedestrians and drivers to know how to navigate through crosswalk intersections as safely as possible," WYDOT Director Luke Reiner said. "People on foot should remember that not all crosswalks are the same – some are unmarked, some are just paint on the road, and others have signals that need to be manually activated."

The three-and-a-half-minute video, titled "Crosswalk Safety," can be found on WYDOT's YouTube channel at youtube.com/@WYDOTVIDEOS.

Reiner added that it's important for those on foot to look both ways before crossing, make eye contact with drivers, and never step out into the intersection until vehicles are stopped in all directions.

A link to the video was provided to all schools in the state through the Wyoming Department of Education, according to a Thursday news release.

"For drivers, it's really about slowing down when you're in a crosswalk area, paying attention to the signs and flashing lights, and putting away distractions, such as cellphones," Reiner said.

This story was published on Nov. 18, 2022.

Corporal punishment bill advances

SHERIDAN (WNE) — The Wyoming Legislature's Joint Education Committee earlier this week voted to move forward a bill that could result in school staff members who physically discipline children to face criminal charges, such as battery, or civil lawsuits.

practice harms students. Jones found that while corporal punishment is legal in Wyoming public schools, individual school districts have decided whether it was permitted. Of the 48 school districts in the state, Jones said, 28 strictly prohibited it in policy, 18 didn't mention it at all and one district allowed the practice.

Association, voiced support for the legislation.

"This practice is not appropriate, it's not necessary and it's not used," Decaria said.

The bill, if passed by the full Legislature next year, would repeal a statutory provision that provides civil and criminal immunity for teachers, principals and superintendents who exercise "reasonable corporal discipline of a student."

Jones surveyed school administrators across the state and found 90% of Wyoming public school administrators responded that they either "disagreed" or "strongly disagreed" with the use of corporal punishment in schools.

In the past, bills aimed at banning the practice of corporal punishment failed in the Legislature. When Jones researched why, he was told the practice isn't used in Wyoming public schools and therefore a bill was unnecessary.

"I believe that is a faulty justification for a lack of action," Jones said.

The effort began with Tongue River Middle School Principal Jeff Jones, who began advocating for the change after his doctoral dissertation research led him to overwhelming evidence the

During Tuesday's Joint Education Committee meeting, Ken Decaria, director of government relations for the Wyoming School Boards

Members of the committee opted to leave the bill as is and move it forward to the full Legislature in the 2023 session.

This story was published on Nov. 17, 2022.

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Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, the Commission hereby gives notice of the Application of Black Hills Wyoming Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHWG or the Company) for authority to implement Integrity Rider Rates.

- 1. BHWG is a public utility subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. (Wyo. Stat. §§ 37-1-101(a)(vi)(D), 37-2-112).
2. On October 31, 2022, BHWG filed its Application, together with testimony and exhibits, requesting authority to implement Wyoming Integrity Rider (WIR) Rates. The Company requests authority to implement its proposed WIR Rates, on an interim basis, on January 1, 2023, subject to refund, with final rates to be authorized on or before April 1, 2023. The Company's proposed 2023 WIR Rates are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Customer Class, Proposed 2023 WIR Rate (per therm). Rows include Residential General Service (\$0.0231), Small General Service (\$0.0139), Medium General Service (\$0.0148), Large General Service (\$0.0092), On-system Transportation Service (\$0.0285).

- 3. The WIR is a mechanism designed to recover costs arising between rate review filings, stemming from the Company's investments in integrity programs aimed at improving system data and accelerating the replacement of higher risk pipe, including certain customer-owned yard lines. WIR includes six categories of projects: Data Infrastructure Improvement Program; At-Risk Meter Relocation and Yard Line Replacement Program; Span and Exposed Pipe Replacement Program; Problematic Pipe Replacement Program; Transmission Integrity Projects; and Storage Integrity Projects. The projects included in the 2022 WIR filing are stated to have been necessary integrity projects that improve the safety and reliability of the system for all customers.

- 4. The proposed 2023 WIR Rates include: the costs of qualifying projects completed and in service or expected to be in service between March 1, 2020, and December 31, 2022, which includes historical costs through September 30, 2022 and forecasted costs for October through December 2022; a true-up to actual investment costs and related revenue requirement from the amount in the previous year's WIR rate; and a true-up of the revenue collected from customers to the amount reflecting the prior year's true-up investment. The proposed 2023 WIR Rates will have a monthly impact of \$0.24 on an average residential customer's bill and a \$0.12 impact on the average Small General Service customer's monthly bill.

- 5. This is not a complete description of the Application. BHWG's Application is available for inspection at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, or online at: https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx (enter Record No. 17189).

- 6. Anyone desiring to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must do so, in writing, on or before December 16, 2022. A proposed intervention request for hearing shall set forth the grounds, and the position and interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

- 7. If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing which you will attend and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay by dialing 711. Please mention Docket No. 30026-68-GM-22 in your communications.
Dated: November 18, 2022.

(Publish November 24 and December 1, 2022)

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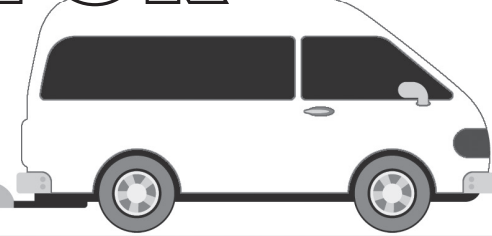
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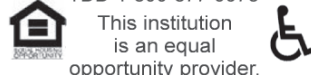


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TRIUMPHANT TEST TAKERS!



Please join us in celebrating the success of these students, whose classes scored in the top quartile (25 percent) of all Wyoming schools on the Wyoming Test of Proficiency and Progress (WY-TOPP) at the end of the last school year.



7th Grade (current 8th-graders) ★ Math 6th in the State ★ Reading 8th in the State

Honorable Mention: Grade levels above the State Average in Achievement
 Science: Grade 4

Math: Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 7, Grade 8 and Grade 9
 Reading: Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 6, Grade 7 and Grade 8

We salute these students and their teachers for the hard work they put in, and the success they enjoyed last year, and hope the community will congratulate them all for a job well done!