

News Letter Journal

Weston County

July 14, 2022

Newcastle, Wyoming

Year 136 Week 28

FY2023 city budget of \$8.1M approved

KateLynn Slaamot
NLJ Reporter

The city of Newcastle approved a budget of \$8,108,121 at a hearing on June 20, for fiscal year 2023 that runs from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023.

The city also closed the books on the past year and stayed well within

its fiscal 2022 budget of \$7,372,252, as expenditures as of June 30 totaled only \$5,704,206.61.

The new budget is \$735,869 higher than the one set in fiscal 2022, and City Clerk-Treasurer Stacy Haggerty said that sewer lagoon maintenance takes up a large portion of the increase.

“\$730,000 was budgeted for lagoon

maintenance, opposed to \$30,000 for the year prior,” Haggerty explained.

Total general fund requirements amount to \$4,121,421, including the Newcastle Police Department, \$1,511,000; streets and alleys, \$904,000; Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department, \$229,500; and health and welfare, \$170,500, among other items.

Water fund requirements total \$2,289,700, with \$1,347,000 for wells, tanks and pumping equipment and \$637,000 for transmission and distribution as the highest items. Sewer fund requirements total \$1,080,450, including \$1,028,700 for sewer. Garbage fund requirements total \$616,550, including \$404,250

for operating expenses.

Some major projects to be completed include the remodel of the Newcastle Police Department, which is reflected in the budget for that line item, and the lagoon maintenance.

Regular lagoon maintenance entails

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Small businesses break into the top 10

Avery Chick
NLJ Correspondent

Local businesses appear to be getting back on their feet after the pandemic, and Weston County was recently named one of the 10 best places statewide to operate small businesses, according to SmartAsset.

The company released an analysis of the business landscape in Wyoming, and this county ranked ninth out of the state’s 23 counties.

The study measured IRS data on the number

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County has \$600K in unclaimed property

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

The Wyoming State Treasurer’s Office has dished out an unprecedented amount of unclaimed property over the course of the past few years, but the state still has nearly \$100 million it would like to return to its rightful owners, and a significant chunk of that is right here in Weston County.

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Makin’ the rounds



Photo courtesy of Jan Farella

The July 5 gymkhana at Weston County Fairgrounds was moved inside due to the threat of thundering skies, however that didn’t stop youth from participating in the event. Above, Brook Martell rounds a pole in the senior division. See more on Page 16.

Flying full circle

USAF colonel retiring ‘in’ Newcastle

Hannah Gross
NLJ Correspondent

After serving in the United States Air Force for nearly 27 years, Col. Chris Roness decided it was time to fly “full circle” by celebrating his retirement from military life in his hometown of Newcastle.

Submitted photo
Although it took a series of obstacles to get there, United States Air Force Col. Chris Roness achieved his dreams of becoming a helicopter pilot in 2003, 10 years after he enlisted.

“I really wanted to go full circle. That (Newcastle) is really where the dream began,” the helicopter pilot said. “I thought it would be cool to bring it back home.”

Roness finished off his career while stationed in Oahu, Hawaii, for a mission in Special Operations Command Specific as the director of resources and programs. However, due to the economy in Hawaii because of COVID-related issues, Roness said that retiring in Newcastle made more sense economically. He also thought it would be an opportunity for Newcastle to witness an official military ceremony, so he is inviting the

entire community to attend.

“It’s something that people don’t really get to see or know about unless they’ve been a part of the military,” said Stan Dixon, commander the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 2516, adding that it will be a good experience for the community.

The celebration will be held on July 23 at 3 p.m. at the VFW hall. Roness said it will be conducted formally, according to standard military procedure, with retired USAF Col. Darin Driggers of Casper as the presiding official. The

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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 94, Lo 64



Friday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 91, Lo 63



Saturday
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Hi 93, Lo 63



Sunday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 96 Lo 69



Monday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 95, Lo 65



Tuesday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 93, Lo 65



Wednesday
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EQUAL HOUSING LENDER

Property from Page 1

Property in Weston County remaining to be claimed by their rightful owners totals over \$600,000, of which the largest single property is \$26,053. And statewide, the claims total more than \$98 million, according to a press release dated July 6 from the Wyoming State Treasurer's Office Unclaimed Property Division.

"It looks like, for Weston County, we are currently holding on to 8,544 properties with a total value of \$644,714," said Jeff Robertson, the state's administrator of unclaimed property. "Of those properties, 6,820 have a value of at least \$1."

Robertson noted that there are not readily available details on the totals paid out in each individual county during fiscal year 2022 (July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022). Statewide, \$15.25 million was paid out.

"The division set numerous records over the past year, including \$8.072 million in cash paid and another \$7.179 million worth of securities that were returned to their rightful owners," the release says. "At the other end of the spectrum, a record \$12.86 million was reported to the state during the same time-frame."

State Treasurer Curt Meier said in the release that his office has focused on locating owners of large property values before reuniting them with their lost money. The amount paid out last year represents 9% more being paid out than the previous year, he added.

"The largest value in securities was tied to \$6.7 million worth of stocks that were transferred to a former resident of Teton County," the release says. "The largest check for the year totaled \$159,092."

In Weston County, the largest claim totaled \$9,492.

Other highlights from this year include 172 checks with a value of over \$10,000, three of which were \$100,000 or more. In total, 7,032 checks were released from the division compared with 5,487 in fiscal 2021.

Despite the record payouts, the state still has \$98 million in unclaimed property.

"We encourage residents and businesses to check our system every year or two to see if they are owed any money," Meier said in the release. "We received nearly \$13 million in new properties over the last year, so even if you have been paid in the past, there is a decent chance we have more waiting for you."

Unclaimed property, according to the release, is turned over to the state when a business, agency or governmental entity owes money, securities and/or the contents of a safe deposit box, among other items, when the owner can not be located for a specified period of time. This unclaimed property, by law, is held in perpetuity until it is claimed by the rightful owner.

The largest unclaimed properties still held by the state range from \$13,353 in Johnson County to \$1,181,812 in Sweetwater County.

To make a claim, or find more information on unclaimed property, visit mycash.wyo.gov.

Largest Claim Paid in FY2022 by county

- Albany \$67,113
- Big Horn \$78,934
- Campbell \$54,999
- Carbon \$37,799
- Converse \$35,730
- Crook \$27,261
- Fremont \$53,982
- Goshen \$13,747
- Hot Springs \$8,015
- Johnson \$9,257
- Laramie \$159,092
- Lincoln \$117,905
- Natrona \$65,399
- Niobrara \$5,218
- Park \$66,877
- Platte \$62,628
- Sheridan \$43,630
- Sublette \$100,446
- Sweetwater \$13,588
- Teton \$62,682
- Uinta \$6,536
- Washakie \$50,362
- Weston \$9,492
- Unknown \$73,001

Largest remaining property by county

- Albany \$127,099
- Big Horn \$112,285
- Campbell \$91,839
- Carbon \$31,568
- Fremont \$101,918
- Goshen \$21,094
- Hot Springs \$101,900
- Johnson \$13,353
- Laramie \$153,506
- Lincoln \$70,497
- Natrona \$234,195
- Niobrara \$252,698
- Park \$47,745
- Platte \$25,154
- Sheridan \$133,507
- Sublette \$142,881
- Sweetwater \$1,181,812
- Teton \$119,291
- Uinta \$67,108
- Washakie \$36,067
- Weston \$26,053
- Unknown Location \$475,582

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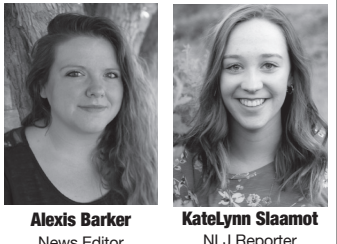
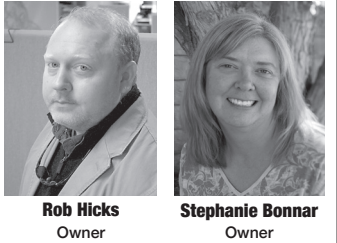
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Let's let freedom ring

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

America and 246 years after the Declaration of Independence was written, we again must look back to the wisdom of Lincoln that "a house divided cannot stand."

Buffalo Bulletin
Guest Editorial
July 6, 2022

Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776

Of course the founders of our country did not wholly agree that all men were created equal. Certainly not Black Americans, or Indigenous people, or even women for that matter.

But the idea that equality was self-evident was a radical idea, and it was the very idea that serves as the cornerstone of our republic. In 1863, Lincoln was forced to remind Americans that "Four score and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

We are more divided now than at any point in our post-Civil War history save maybe during the Vietnam War. Many have placed party over country and demand fealty to party in order to prove loyalty.

Let us look to the founding of our country for inspiration. It is "we the people" who consent to be governed. It is "we the people" who seek to form a more perfect union. We cannot allow foreign entities and even our own politicians to seek to divide us.

And so, while we should seek to ensure that our elections are secure, we should not fall prey to those who, without proof, claim that there is widespread fraud, especially here in Johnson County and Wyoming, where we know and trust all the election judges and elected officials.

This country was born of freedom and equality. As we reflect on our shared history, we should focus on how we can become more unified. It could be as simple as practicing a bit more grace and patience.

POLL of the WEEK

QUESTION: Do you care about the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade?

Yes
No

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

RESULTS: Should Wyoming Game and Fish start selling separate white tail and mule deer licenses, or stick with a "general deer" tag for both?

Separate Tags ...20% (5 votes)
General Tags80% (20 votes)

Al Simpson may be the state's most interesting man

What I used to call THE BIG TENT is now what I call THE BIG TENTACLE," former Sen. Al Simpson told me on a sunny Wyoming afternoon recently.

The retired U.S. Senator, 90, has long been critical of how Wyoming Republican politics has become more exclusive compared to the "Big Tent" plan used by himself and promoted nationally by former president Ronald Reagan.

He was speaking in reference to July 7, when President Joe Biden gave him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor available to an American.

Simpson, who lives in Cody, journeyed to my home town of Lander recently to attend the funeral of a wonderful woman named Eileen Oakley.

Eileen's three daughters, Debbie. Debbie is an outspoken Wyoming political personality, herself, but that is another story.



Bill Sniffin My Wyoming

Big Al (who stands 6'7") continued: "When I go to Washington, I am going to say that simply I am an American who lives in Wyoming. I will not be saying that I am member of the Wyoming Republican Party."

His dismay, over the hard conservative direction the Wyoming Republican Party has taken this century, has been evident for years. Being pro-choice, Simpson has found himself isolated from the majority of members of the state's current GOP for decades.

He likes to single out current state Republican Chairman Frank Eathorne for criticism. "I would like to discuss family values with him some time," he said.

He also has nothing good to say about former President Donald Trump, which does not endear him

to Republicans in a state that voted more overwhelmingly for Trump than any other in both 2016 and 2020 presidential elections.

Simpson retired in 1996 and has long claimed it might be impossible for him to win election in these days. He won three elections to the U.S. Senate, mostly by wide margins.

Another Wyomingite to receive the Medal of Freedom is his friend Dick Cheney, the former Vice President. Cheney was given it in 1991.

At the ceremony President Joe Biden called Simpson "the real deal" and complimented his ability to work in a bipartisan manner in Congress and do what was best, despite outside pressures and political polarization stating that his "conscience was his guide."

"He never allowed his party or state or anything get in the way of the way he felt was right," Biden said. "He believed in forging real relationships even with people on the other side of the aisle and

proving we can do anything when we work together as the United States of America.

"It matters, it matters, it matters," Biden continued. "We need more of your spirit back in the United States Senate on both sides of the aisle."

Simpson and Biden served together for 18 years in the Senate, spending seven years together on the Senate Judiciary Committee. Biden said Simpson was one of the "finest men he's ever worked with."

"He never takes himself too seriously, nor takes me seriously," Biden said.

Some years ago, I ran a statewide contest to identify Wyoming's most interesting person. I used the popular beer ad campaign, as an example, which used as a spokesman the most interesting person in the world. Thus, I sought the most interesting person in Wyoming.

Simpson won because of his amazing record of service to Wyoming, to his country, and also for his wit and amazing life outside of politics. The man is unique. A true Wyoming original.

Here is what I wrote when

Al was overwhelmingly picked for that singular honor:

Picture this: the most interesting man in Wyoming is surrounded by his beautiful wife, his daughter, his pretty daughters in law, and his pretty granddaughters. He raises a glass in a toast and looks into the camera and says:

"I don't normally drink, but when I do, I drink Wyoming Whiskey."

Coincidentally, he had recently been featured at the time in a promotion for the Wyoming Whiskey distillery where he had his own barrel of bourbon made. Big Al carefully and methodically signed and numbered all 216 bottles in his name.

Congratulations to this amazing man and his family.

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.

Letter to the Editor

Keep it up

To the Editor:

I just finished reading Katelynn's e-mail (column) about transparency and found it both informational and informative! Keep up the good work!



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I would also like to agree with Dennis Vik's idea of putting the chicken issue on the ballot. Thank you.

— Norma Lease

Deadline for Letters to the Editor is noon on Friday

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Obituaries

JOSEPH 'JOE' MIGLIA
May 21, 1932–July 3, 2022

Joseph "Joe" Miglia, of Newcastle, Wyo., passed away in Rapid City, S.D., on Sunday, July 3, 2022, after a brief illness. Joe was born on May 21, 1932, in Lead, S.D., to Michelangelo and Theresa (Deiro) Miglia. He was one of six children born to the family. Joe attended school in Lead and graduated in 1950.

In September of 1952, Joe joined the Army and served proudly for two years. After the military, he had a 44-year career as a lineman and line crew foreman for Black Hills Power and Light.

On May 11, 1968, Joe married Naomi Elfstrom, and together they welcomed three children, Barry, Brian, and Angela. When the boys played Little League and Babe Ruth baseball, Joe volunteered as a coach.

Joe was a member of the V.F.W., was an active member of Christ the King Lutheran Church, and volunteered at Weston County Senior Services.

Joe was preceded in death by his brothers, Mario and Modesto; sisters, Annie, Mary, and Shirley; and his parents.

Joe is survived by his wife of 54 years, Naomi; children, Barry (Anna) Miglia of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Brian Miglia of Tucson, Ariz., and Angela Miglia of Cedar Rapids; and grandchildren, Zachary and Lily Miglia of Cedar Rapids, and Angelo Miglia of Tucson.

Services will be held Thursday, July 14, at 2 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Newcastle. Joe will be buried at Black Hills National Cemetery. Memorials can be made to Weston County Senior Services or Christ the King Lutheran Church of Newcastle.

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

MABEL G. SCHAIDT
Feb. 18, 1953–July 2, 2022

Mabel G. Schaidt, of Newcastle, Wyo., passed away Saturday, July 2, 2022. No services will be held at this time.

PAMELA RENEE (MILLS) STEVESON
July 27, 1961–June 19, 2022

Pamela Renee (Mills) Steveson was born in Newcastle, Wyo., on July 27, 1961. She passed away unexpectedly at Plains Regional Hospital on June 19, 2022.

Pam was born to Vernard and Juanita Mills of Newcastle. Pam graduated from Newcastle High School in 1980 and went on to study at Casper College. She met James Steveson and they were married on March 9, 1981. They recently celebrated their 41st anniversary together with their three wonderful children, James Steveson Jr., Zachary "Zac" Steveson, and Amanda (Steveson) Downing.

During their first 19 years of marriage, Pam traveled the world with her husband,

who was enlisted in the U.S. Army and received numerous assignment locations. She really enjoyed her time in Germany visiting the many different towns, and was especially excited when the wine festivals were in season to sample, OctoberFest activities, and VolksMarches. Alaska brought the nice summers to fish for King Salmon and saltwater for halibut. She was not too fond of the winters and short daylight, but the long daylight summers made up for it. Louisiana and Texas brought excitement to go down to the gulf coast to fish for shrimp, red drum, and the blue crabs. This required skill fishing from shore. She would tie a piece of chicken neck to a piece of string, throw it into the water and wait for it to get tight, then slowly drag it in.



Pamela Steveson

Later on in life, after her husband retired from the service, they settled down in Rapid City, S.D., and bought a camper. She loved to just stay in the Black Hills of South Dakota. There was so much to do with family and grandchildren, along with adopted children. Pam loved fishing, and riding ATVs along the Black Hills Trail system during camping outings. Over the years Pam just loved spoiling her seven grandchildren along with many adopted children who called her mom.

Pam enjoyed many different hobbies in her life. Earlier in life she loved crocheting, knitting, and canning that she

learned from her mother. Later in her life she began to get more involved in canning during the summertime. The Thanksgiving and Christmas season was her favorite time for she would do so much baking of goodies that she just had to share with family and friends around her.

Pam is preceded in death by her son Zac, father, mother, sister, grandparents, and father-in-law.

She is survived by her husband, James Steveson; son, James Jr. (Becky) Steveson; daughter, Amanda (Jordan) Downing; mother-in-law, Mary Dean; brothers, Terry (Deb) Mills, Michael (Janell) Mills, Richard Mills, and Clayton (Flo) Mills; brothers-in-law, Donnie (Jennifer) Steveson, Lee (Jeanne) Steveson, David (Karen) Steveson, Norm Steveson, Kelly (Miki), and Gaylon Black; sisters-in-law, Mary (Dennis) Connick, Trish (Steven) Annetts, Lisa Phelps, and Karen (Chris) Grah; along with numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

The family said, "Our family wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Dr. Manuel Macapinlac, his nursing staff, and the entire staff at Plains Regional Medical Hospital. There were so many kind people during this time of need for Pam and the entire family.

A wife, a mother, and grandma, we will always love you."

Ceremony of Life Services will be held July 23 at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church where she was married 41 years ago to the love of her life in her hometown of Newcastle, Wyo.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Here is a photo from the News Letter Journal's archives. Subjects unknown. Email staff@newsjlj.com to share any information about these photos or events.

faith & values

Daily Devotional Reading

July 15 Joshua 24:16-33	July 19 Judges 5:1-31
July 16 Judges 2:1-23	July 20 Judges 6:1-27
July 17 Judges 3:1-31	July 21 Judges 6:28-40
July 18 Judges 4:1-24	<i>Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society</i>

- **ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH:** Rev. Norm Brotzman, 216 S. Seneca, 746-2249. Call to Worship 9:30 am; Children's Church during Call to Worship; Faith Rally Sunday 6 pm
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- **CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH:** Father Doug Wasinger, S. Summit & Winthrop Streets. 746-9684. haydishall@hotmail.com. Service times: Sunday 4 pm
- **CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Pastor Rob Carr, 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9 am
- **CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS:** Bishop Ty Checketts, 120 Ash, 746-4131. Sunday Sacrament Mtg 9:00 am; Sunday School 10:20 am; Relief Society & Priesthood Mtg 11:15 am
- **CHURCH ON THE HILL:** Pastor Wayne Wilson, 301 Delaware, 746-9663. Adult Sunday School 9:30 am; Prayer 10:15 am; Worship 10:45 am; Prayer Service Tuesday 6 PM; Undeafated Youth/children's ministry (3 years old- 12th Grade) Wednesday 6:00 pm
- **CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Brian Hess, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5 pm; Sunday Mass 8 am; Weekday Mass 7 am
- **COUNTRY CHURCH:** Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley and Micah Popma, 746-9712. Worship 10 am
- **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:** Interim Pastor Ben Roberts, 903 S. Summit, 746-2188. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Evening Service 6 pm;

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

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~ Psalm 1:1

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25 Years Ago
July 17, 1997

Kevin Schieffer, president of the Dakota Minnesota and Eastern Railroad told the 75 area residents who attended a public input session that his company will provide 6,500 jobs and pay \$5.2 million in taxes each year during the two year construction phase.

Every time lightning flashes across the sky, Weston County's volunteer firemen hold their

collective breaths because they know chances are good they'll be fighting a fire.

"It's really dry in the southern part of the county, south of Highway 16," reports Steve Macheichok, Weston County's fire warden.

On Thursday, July 10, fires seemed to sprout up everywhere with every unit amiable called out to battle a total of 18 fires.

Several Weston County cow-
girls and cowboys competed at

the 37th Annual Gillette Little Levi Rodeo on July 6. Melissa Murphy was selected as queen with Stacie Kline as second attendant. Other queen contestants were Lacy Sewell and Lori Bair. Princess contestants were Kylee and LaShel Sewell. In the senior division, Zane Marty won the boys' goat tie buckle with a time of 13.0 and finished ninth in pole bending.

The Newcastle Stingrays won their own Summer Sizzler

Invitational held July 11-13 at the Kozisek Aquatic Center. The Stingrays outdistanced the second place Barracudas of Sheridan 2893 points to 2348. Black Hills Gold Swimming of Spearfish was third with the Gators of Gillette fourth. Over 175 swimmers from 11 teams competed in the three day event.

50 Years Ago
July 13, 1972

Miss Gale Ann Vickers, Newcastle, has been selected a finalist in the Miss Wyoming-Teen-Ager Pageant. Miss Vickers, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vickers, Newcastle, is a member of the Annual Staff, Pep Club, National Forensic League, and Drama Club at the high school.

Ted Redmond and Janet Vandine were the Newcastle Country Club ball and chain champions Sunday. The twosome had a 41 followed by Earl Crum and Mary Hayne with a 44 and Florence Williams and Gene Egge with a 45.

Thefts of money from the Newcastle Country Club and the Weston County Co-op in west Newcastle are being investigated by the Weston County Sheriff's office. Sheriff Willis Larson said some \$200 in cash was taken at the Co-op and change from the record machine and \$1 from the cash register were taken at the Country Club.

All friends and relatives of William D. And Katherine Townsend are cordially invited to their 40th wedding anniversary open house celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Petersen of Upton announce the engagement of their daughter, Joni Jo, to Michael Gene Finn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Finn, also of Upton.

Jessie and Kenneth Whitney and Mrs. Martin spent the evening of the 4th at the Clyde Bayne home and watched fireworks.

The John Hutts and the Joe Keanes spent the evening of the 4th at the Paul Gaskill home. Friday the Edgar Whitneys docked lambs. Russell Christensen and three boys helped. In the afternoon they all gathered cattle for Frank Sytsma and branded them at the Mick James ranch.

100 Years Ago
July 13, 1922

A real twister done hundreds of dollars worth of damage to Four Corners and vicinity last Saturday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock. Rain and hail added to the damage and inconvenience to those whose homes were wrecked. Houses, barns, garages and granaries were blown down and wrecked, and one woman was severely injured.

Perhaps few Newcastle people know that last Monday, July 10, was Wyoming's thirtieth birthday. However, such was the case. Many prominent men of the territory or Wyoming worked for years for statehood, and the labors of these men were realized when congress acted at the time mentioned on the resolution adopted and signed by a group of popularly elected delegates from all counties of this territory.

The dance given last Saturday evening at the L.R. Keys ranch on Beaver creek was a success, drawing not only a large crowd from the immediate vicinity, but also from Newcastle. Music for the dancing was ably furnished by the Western Novelty orchestra.

The biggest and best Frontier Days that have ever been pulled off in Newcastle will start tomorrow and continue over Saturday and Sunday. Crowds of the most noted riders, broncho busters, bulldoggers and ropers have been arriving in the city since early in the week and they are still coming.

The outstanding feature of the Osage Oil field this week was the two wells brought in by the Fletcher Oil company. The one on section 25-46-63, which last week's News-Journal mentioned as showing good, was shot Monday, and from reliable authority we learn that it will range in the 100 barrel class.



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WHAT'S UP

July 2022

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location
June 13-July 15		Fall Soccer Registration, see ad pg 5	Online
Thur. July 14	6PM	Gymkhana	W.C. Fairgrounds
Fri. July 15	9AM	Beltone Hearing Aid Clinic	W.C. Senior Center
	9AM	Caramel Rolls	W.C. Senior Center
	1PM	Bridge	W.C. Senior Center
	5:30PM	BINGO	VFW Hall
	6PM	Warm Summer Nights with Wicked Six	Main Street
Sat. July 16		Upton Fun Days	Upton
Mon. July 18	9AM	Exercise Class	W.C. Senior Center
	6PM	W.C. Children's Center Directors Mtg	WCCC
	7PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	W.C. Senior Center
	7PM	Newcastle City Council	Newcastle City Council Chambers
Tues. July 19	9AM	W.C. Commissioners	W.C. Courthouse
	11AM	Story time	W.C. Library
	1PM	Bridge	W.C. Senior Center
	1PM	Dominoes	W.C. Senior Center
	6PM	Helping Hands Foundation Board Mtg	W.C. Senior Center
	6PM	American Legion Riders	Newc Lodge & Conv Ctr
	6PM	Gymkhana	W.C. Fairgrounds
	6PM	W.C. Commissioner Candidate Forum	Newc Lodge & Conv Ctr
Wed. July 20	6:30-8:30AM	Wellness Wednesday	WCHS
	7-9AM	Wellness Wednesday	Upton Medical Clinic
	9AM	WCSS Board Mtg	W.C. Senior Center
	9AM	Exercise Class	W.C. Senior Center
	9AM	Toe Nail Clinic	W.C. Senior Center
	NOON	Lions Club	W.C. Senior Center
Thur. July 21	7AM	TOPS #218	W.C. Senior Center
	1PM	Crafts	W.C. Senior Center
	6PM	Veterans' Memorial Meeting	Four Square Church
	6PM	WCHS Board of Trustees Mtg	WCHS
	7PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	W.C. Senior Center
	7:30PM	Masons #13	Masonic Hall

FALL SOCCER

Early Registration June 13-July 15
*Online only, Link available on Newcastle Soccer League Facebook page

- Players must be born in 2018 or earlier
- U6, U8, U10, U12, U14 depending on registration numbers
- Registration fees:
 - \$55 registration (paid online)
 - \$40 fundraising candy (paid online)
- All U8-U14 players will pay a \$30 jersey deposit each season
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- Practices start the week of 8/29
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Fair Parade

July 23, Downtown Newcastle
Line-up begins at 9 a.m. at Pinnacle Bank.

Theme for 2022 is Ride the Tide to the Luau at the Weston County Fair. Please RSVP your entry to the chamber office at nacoc@rtconnect.net or call Sandy Martin, (307) 321-8357, or Barbie Turner, (610) 547-0888 by July 20.

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July 24, Weston County Fairgrounds
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Roness from Page 1.....

honor guard from Ellsworth Air Force Base will be present, and Newcastle Middle School student Josie Smith will sing the national anthem.

Driggers met Roness while they were attending ROTC at University of Wyoming, and they have been good friends ever since. Driggers said he values the positive energy Roness brings to the table with a drive to achieve the mission — whatever it may be.

Roness and those hosting the retirement party will be dressed formally. He invites veterans to come in their full military attire if they would like, but he wants everyone to be comfortable

and said it will be “come as you are.” After the ceremony, Roness is hosting a reception for the community with free food and beverages.

While economics and experience played a role, they are not the primary reasons for retiring in Newcastle. Roness said that his upbringing had a large impact on who he is today.

“He always looks back at Newcastle with pride,” said Roness’ father, Larry. His mother, Sharon, agreed.

“I really appreciate the support that the community has given him in mentoring him and giving him the opportunity to do what he does,” she said, adding that Roness had many mentors in school, his church and the community who saw something in him and took

“
I’m really grateful for the community of Newcastle and the people who helped raise me. We have a real special gift in Newcastle that we don’t realize we even have.”

— Chris Roness

the time to invest in him and develop his gifts.

Many times, Roness has been asked how he accomplished what he has. He has responded that it was a group effort — all he did was pause to have a conversation, which “is what everyone in my town does.”

“I’m really grateful for the community of Newcastle and the people who helped raise me,” Roness said. “We have a real special gift in Newcastle that we don’t realize we even have.”

He explained that Newcastle has a knack for good conversations, which he sees as a “talent.” Growing up in a rural area causes people coming “miles from nowhere” to take the time to have sit-down conversations. Through those conversations, Roness said, the community learns the needs of their neighbor and rallies around to get the job done.

“We’re always there to help each other,” Roness said. “It’s just how we are.”

Roness began his military journey right after he graduated from Newcastle High School in 1989 by entering the AFROTC program at the UW. He always wanted to become a pilot, he said.

“I knew I wanted to fly airplanes in the Air Force,” Roness said.

However, a series of obstacles prevented him from doing that right away, including his 20/25 vision. Roness added that his whole career is based on people telling him he was incapable because he would always set out to prove to them and himself that he could do it.

“The Air Force taught me above all to never give up,” he said.

Roness enlisted into the Air Force on June 1, 1993, and became a certified aircraft command, control, communications and navigations

equipment journeyman. He also served as an airplane electrician for a unit in Omaha, Neb., and earned two Master of Aerospace Science degrees in aircraft safety/accident investigation and professional aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Roness worked in Civil Search and Rescue and USAF survival school support, as well as Combat Rescue Personnel Recovery, Nuclear Security and Special Operations. He was commissioned as an officer in December 1999 and became a helicopter pilot in 2003.

Roness has been recognized as the 55th Wing Honor Guard Airman of the Year, Team Fairchild Company Grade Officer of the Year and 2010 Outstanding United States Air Force Flight Equipment Officer of the Year. Additionally, Roness was inducted into the 2014 Newcastle Hall of Fame.

“It makes me very proud, of course, and very pleased that people recognized what he had to offer,” Sharon said. “He went in with an attitude that he was going to make a difference in people’s lives, and I think he did that. He really took it as an opportunity to serve.”

Roness said a whole book would be needed to explain many of the life lessons the Air Force taught him, such as self-discipline, selflessness, leadership, teamwork, pride and responsibility. What stands out most to him is how the military not only taught him the words of the principles but the meaning and definitions by living them out.

“Everything I am, I owe to the Air Force,” Roness said. “They taught me how to fly an airplane — that in itself is a lot, but the level of responsibility that comes with that is incredible.”

Roness said he loves the camaraderie of the military and has enjoyed serving in combat alongside others who live under the conviction of “these things we do that others may live.”

“Everyone [was] working together to come together to work for a good cause to defend our constitution ... and be a free nation,” Roness said. “That was great to be a part of that.”

One of his greatest experiences includes leading a formation of combat mission warriors in a HH-60G to save wounded Marines, along with some other duties.

However, Roness decided that he is at a point in his life where he can better serve outside of the military, so he started a business called Chris Roness Enterprises. He took a course and created a MasterMind to help Department of Defense service members and military veterans overcome their struggles and live their lives to the fullest, according to the business website.

Roness said the USAF is looking at employing his busi-



Submitted photo

United States Air Force Col. Chris Roness is retiring after nearly 27 years of service. He is looking forward to spending more time with his wife Sara and four kids, Grace (9), Sophia (6), Evelyn (8) and Mason (2), as well as extended family.



Submitted photo

Col. Chris Roness, U.S.A.F., has made many achievements during his military career, and he credits much of his success to his upbringing in Newcastle. He decided to celebrate his retirement in his hometown and is starting a business called Chris Roness Enterprises to help veterans and military service members overcome struggles.

ness into their system.

“That’s my purpose now,” Roness said. “I learned I could do more to serve at a higher level in retirement than I could as a colonel.”

The message of his business is to “get awesome and stay awesome” by implementing the “You M.A.T.R.” acronym whenever a crisis arises. This “aviation-themed, operational approach” stands for maintain control, analyze the situation, take immediate action, refer to your plan.

“The intent of You M.A.T.R. is a proactive approach to life skills that provides service members and veterans with the ability to build their own personal community of trusted relationships, make better versions of themselves, avoid or mitigate self-inflicted struggles, and helps them be their own hero in that darkest moment when — not if — it comes,” Roness said.

Driggers said that Roness himself has had to face many challenges throughout his career, but he always had the mindset that it is not about “how you fall but how you get back up.”

Everyone is in a struggle, Roness said, coming out of one or going into one, so it is important to stay positive and look for the good in everything. In his own life, Roness said, he has received support from

family and friends and learned to be honest with himself — blooming where he is planted and leaving things better than he found them.

“I admire his dedication to helping people and his ability to connect people who can help each other,” Sharon said.

“Everything he did, his first thought process was to take care of his people. ... If you take care of the people they’re going to take care of you,” Driggers added. “He’s got quite a big support structure.”

Another reason Roness wanted to retire this year was to allow his wife Sara and their four children, ages 2 to 9, to spend more time with their grandparents. Larry and Sharon say they are both looking forward to having Roness and his family close by, and Sharon said she is glad Roness will now have the time to prioritize being a father.

Roness and his family are moving to Spearfish, S.D., which also allows proximity to the Veterans Administration hospital, where he can pursue his passion to serve veterans. Larry added that his son is always looking ahead, so he never knows exactly what to expect.

“He’s always kept me guessing what he is going to do next. ... I’m just waiting to see what’s in the wind,” Larry said. “He’s not slowing down.”

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of small businesses operating in each county, how much income they generate, and the amount they pay in taxes. Weston County ranked in the top 10 for efficiency of small businesses in the state.

Weston County is full of different small businesses ranging from gas stations to historic diners. Though some businesses have been around for a long time, such as WC Sports & Western Wear (formerly The Wedding Closet), owned by Debb Carr, other establishments, such as the Upton Co-Op, while older, have undergone substantial remodels that can be considered a nice addition to the Weston County business landscape.

The COVID-19 virus sent the world into a lockdown spiral a little over two years ago, and business owners around Wyoming have been doing whatever they can to encourage consumers to get off the internet and back into their establishments, according to Carr.

"Small-town business is being destroyed by online shopping," Carr said.

Carr also blames the current administration in Washington, D.C., for many of the challenges her business is facing, and that sentiment was echoed by at least one other local entrepreneur.

"With the current (Biden) administration, the business climate is much worse, inflation is high, and going out to eat is a luxury that people can't afford anymore," said Don Taylor, the owner of Donna's Main Street Diner.

Taylor is still a relatively new owner, and he admitted that purchasing an established diner comes with challenges of its own.

"An advantage of having a small-town business, like most employers would agree, is the fact that our community is so close and knows us so well.



Debb Loebs and Missy Harder make conversation during a low in their workday, Harder has worked for the small business for years.

However, the disadvantage would be the same thing. It's a double-edged sword if you think about it," Taylor said, noting that his employees have helped him make the transition.

"We overcome the challenges we encounter by having really good communication between the employer and the employees," he added.

Other business owners spoke to the strength of having a tight-knit community backing them. In particular, Donna Vigil and Deb Loebs, the owners of a pair of established gas stations in the area, spoke of the importance of having a close relationship with their clientele.

"It's nice knowing your customers and learning what their needs are," said Vigil, who operates the Upton Co-Op.

"Everybody knowing everybody makes it easy to form bonds," agreed Loebs, co-owner of Gas 'N Go.

Both also spoke about how living in the community makes it easier for their clients to trust

them, but admitted that Weston County's isolation from urban markets makes the technical aspects of owning a business more challenging.

"Living so far away from everything definitely makes getting goods a lot harder with shipping times and rates," Loebs said.

Dealing with prices of goods, as well as gas, can often be challenging, she said, but Vigil said she tries to work with what she has available while setting a price for customers that isn't outrageous. Those factors are often out of her control, she said, but Vigil said she is optimistic that the challenges of owning a small-town business can be overcome.

"You have to go on," Vigil said.

Local business owners may feel the business climate is worse than it used to be, but acknowledge there are strengths in the relationships they've formed in a small town that can't be found in studies or spreadsheets.

Budget from Page 1.....



Photo by Katelynn Slaamot/NLJ

The Newcastle Police Department remodel is set to be completed by Sept. 15 of this year, and includes a dispatch office, dispatch room, Chief of Police office, evidence room, break room and more. Pictured is city engineer Mike Moore in the soon-to-be dispatch office.

monitoring water quality and levels, according to city engineer Mike Moore. However, since the lagoon has been in operation for over 30 years, it is past due to clean out the sludge. The lagoon has four cells that water goes through, A, B, C and D, at the end of which the water is usable for irrigation, which is what the excess water is used for. Cell A was cleaned out last year, and Cell B has to be cleaned this year. Moore said that it's a long process to dry out the cells to clean the sludge. The plan is to also stir up the sludge in Cells C and D this year to help break it down.

Moore said they even received a Mineral Royalty Grant from the State Loan and Investment Board of a little over \$600,000, that the city will be matching, to help with the lagoon project.

The police department remodel, Moore said, was awarded to local contractor Whetsell Carpentry, whose awarded bid was \$233,766, and is set to be complete by Sept. 15. With the recent decision to split dispatch for the city and county and the police department needing to move out of the Weston County Law Enforcement Center, the hope was originally to move out of the center by the end of this fiscal year. However, the bidding process can be a long

one, Moore said, because architectural plans need to be drawn before bidding can be opened. Bidding was opened April 26 of this year.

"I think the county has been very generous as far as giving us ample time to make this transition," Moore said.

On the primary (ground) level of the department, which is in the same building as city hall, there will be a dispatch area. Some modifications include new flooring and extensive wiring modifications. Next door to that will be the dispatch office. Also on the same floor will be the police chief's office and a server room. A service window will also be added on that floor.

On the second floor will be the corporal's office, an evidence room, kitchen, squad room and breakroom area. Modifications will be made to the walls and new flooring added.

In addition, all exterior doors will be changed to steel doors, and all windows to security windows, Moore said, for overall security of the facility. The main access to the department will be off the east side of the building, and Moore said the department's address will be 30 N. Summit.

According to Haggerty, the city does not foresee much change in revenue moving forward into the next fiscal year.



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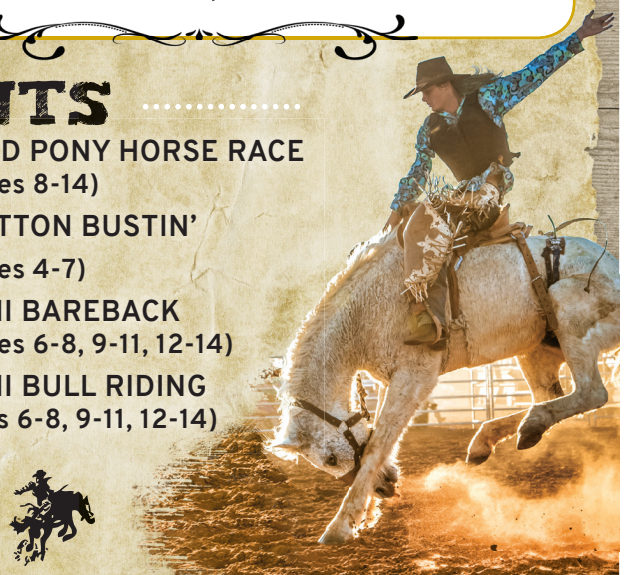
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Jack Nyulassie and Gayle Wempen, both of Newcastle, take advantage of the shade and the nice temperatures early Saturday morning to get in some fishing at the LAK Reservoir east of Newcastle.

Tips for lowering food costs

During these times of high food and fuel prices, you might be asking yourself, "What can I do to save money?" A smart spending plan at the grocery store is one way to make ends meet. It just takes a little time and know-how to put into practice. Here are some specific money-saving ideas to consider to lower your food bill.

Plan Ahead

1. Set a Food Budget: Set a weekly spending limit. Compare money budgeted versus spent. Adjust budget if needed. Limit shopping trips to avoid overspending on extra purchases and save fuel.
2. Plan Meals Weekly: Menu planning is another key to helping cut your monthly food bill. Plan meals using sale flyers. Write out your meals for the week, including breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks. A simpler menu will usually cost less money and will be easier to prepare. Use the food groups to build nutritiously balanced meals. Add beans, grains, pasta, and vegetables to bulk up meals.
3. Make A Shopping List: Build the list around what is on sale. Organize your grocery list by store section or food groups to make shopping quick and easy. List quantity of items needed. Save money by only buying what you need. Avoid impulse buys.
4. Take Inventory: Know what food is in the pantry, fridge, and freezer. You can save money by using these items in the upcoming week's meals. Set a challenge and use up the food stored in the kitchen.
5. Find Savings: Use loyalty programs, rebate apps, and/or coupons. People tend to spend more money when using credit and debit cards. Using cash can help you stick to your monthly grocery budget easier. Don't pay interest on food bought with credit cards because this increases the cost of food even more.

**Vicki Hayman
Extension
Notes**

At The Store

1. Shop With Calculator: Track spending before checking out of the store to make sure you are not going over budget.
2. Compare Prices: Compare unit prices of items on shelf stickers instead of the overall cost. Bulk items often have a lower cost-per-unit price. Items on the upper and lower shelves are often cheaper. Generic or store brands are generally

At Home

1. Properly Store Food: Proper storage of food can increase its lifetime and reduce spoilage. Bring older food to the front of the pantry, fridge, or freezer and use it first.
2. Plan For Leftovers: Plan to use leftover ingredients in another meal. Leftover vegetables can be added to soup, or leftover grilled chicken can be a delicious salad topper. Eat leftovers to avoid food waste.
3. Revive Limp Vegetables: A quick soak in ice water for 5 to 10 minutes is often enough to reinvigorate wilted veggies.
4. Use Older Produce: Make soups, sauces, smoothies, and baked desserts with older fruits and vegetables instead of tossing them.
5. Understand Dates: Food expiration dates refer to quality, not safety, which means eggs, milk, and more are generally good to eat after the date on their packaging. Be a savvy grocery shopper. Making these changes to your shopping habits today can result in tremendous savings!

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Asking for help with Osage

I've been taking the News Letter Journal to the newspaper machine in Osage for a few weeks, and as I drove through the community, I became intrigued with the history of this once booming oil town.

My interests have been peaked by the bits of information I have read and heard from a few people who live or have lived there in the past.

My curiosity began two years ago when Don Thorson took me to meet Dave Paulley. Paulley died at age 89 on Oct. 2, 2020, a few months after I met him, and he was one of the finest artists and most interesting people I have ever met. His realistic oil paintings of World War

II planes with the fantastic cloud formations were eye-opening for me.

You don't have to live in a big city surrounded by fine art galleries and museums to master that craft as well as he did.

But those beautiful paintings seemed to be in stark contrast to the Osage I saw, and that has produced conflicts in my thought processes. I've tried to reconcile my vision of the town I've heard about as it once was with how it stands now, and it hasn't been easy.

I have come across some writings, but there are plenty of gaps. In the book "Weston County, Wyoming - The First Hundred Years" (Weston County Heritage Group and Curtis Media Corp. 1988), scant information is available. While it points to the three townsites, the Nefsy, the Sparks Addition and the Osage townsite in an article written by Mrs. Mark Sheehan in 1932, it leaves many empty spaces. Other stories I've read don't fill those spaces either, and actually leave me even more confused. Welding the present and the past together has never been this hard for me, and because I want to resolve this ambivalence, I am asking for your help.

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Walter Sprague
Walter-Doodles

PIGGIN' AROUND

Story & Photos by Hannah Gross
NLJ Correspondent

Lydia, Jonathan and Isaiah Anderson have been raising pigs — typically a crossed breed of Hampshire and Yorkshire — through 4-H and showing them at the Weston County

Fair for several years. The sibling trio is back at it again this year with high hopes.

"I think they're the best ones that we've had so far," Lydia said. "I think they are going to sell and show pretty good, as long as they make weight."

Their older sister, Emma, started the tradition of raising pigs when she wanted to get involved with the fair. After researching which animals would bring in the most profit, she decided to give pigs a try.

When Lydia

was old enough, she joined her sister and then her brothers followed suit. Even though they live in town, they are able to keep their pigs at the fairgrounds.

"We just really liked it, so we kept doing it," Lydia said. This will be the 18-year-old's 10th year showing pigs.

The Andersons, whose parents are Jon and Barb Anderson, have been able to grow in their knowledge of pigs and showmanship through the experience. They have learned about different types of pigs, where the meat is on a pig and what is important to the judges. Lydia said

that judges look for pigs to be proportionate, with large hams and good shoulders, as well as flat backs and square feet.

"It's a good life skill in a way because it teaches you how to raise animals, and you learn about the pig itself," she said.

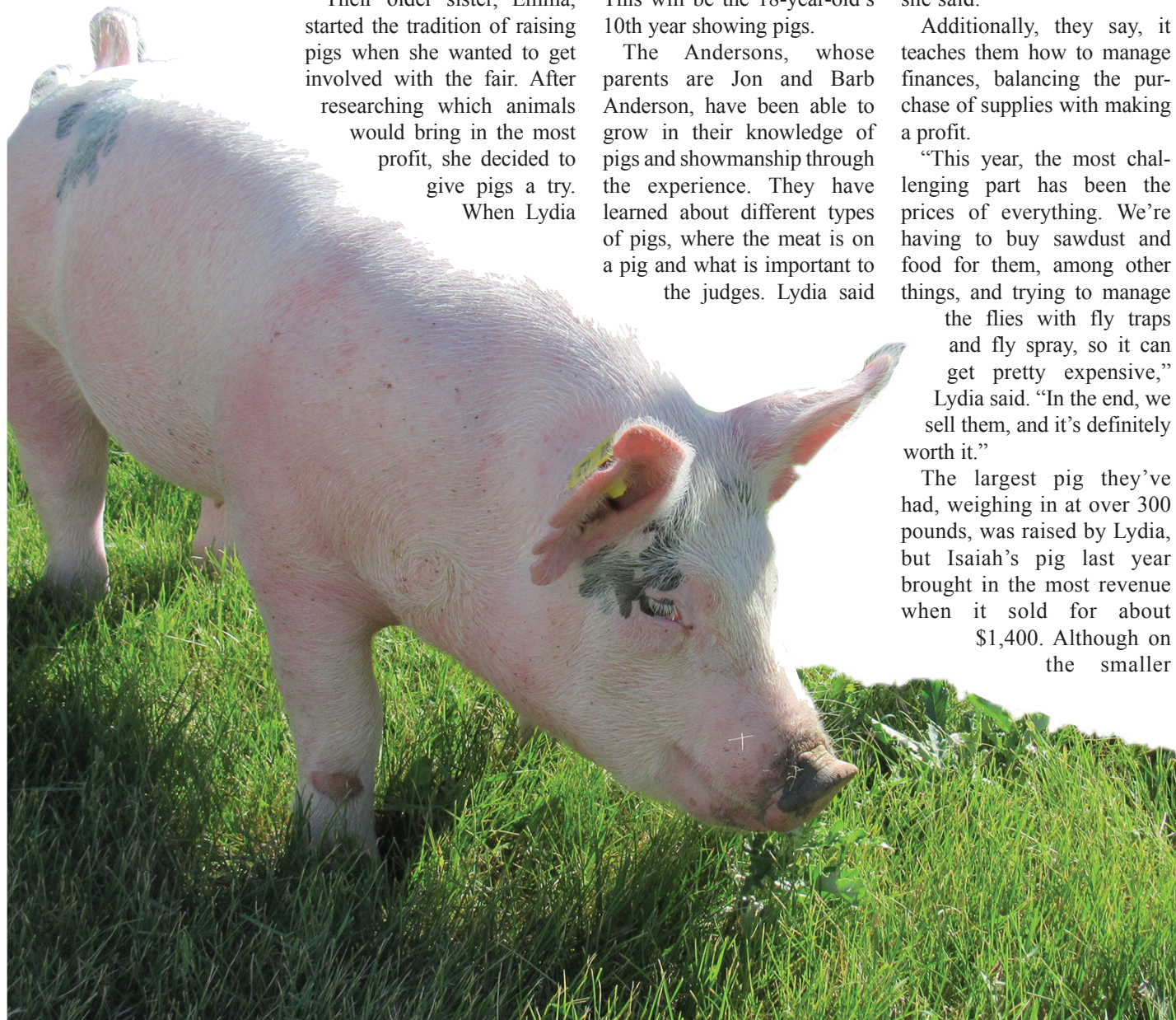
Additionally, they say, it teaches them how to manage finances, balancing the purchase of supplies with making a profit.

"This year, the most challenging part has been the prices of everything. We're having to buy sawdust and food for them, among other things, and trying to manage the flies with fly traps and fly spray, so it can get pretty expensive," Lydia said. "In the end, we sell them, and it's definitely worth it."

The largest pig they've had, weighing in at over 300 pounds, was raised by Lydia, but Isaiah's pig last year brought in the most revenue when it sold for about \$1,400. Although on the smaller

"Gimli fits this pig perfectly because this pig is absolutely hilarious. It fits the character."

— Lydia Anderson



side at 230 pounds, it brought in \$6 per pound. The money is used to pay the expenses, with the remaining profit set aside to purchase pigs the following year.

The Andersons agreed that their favorite part about raising pigs is learning the character of the pigs as they interact with them.

"You pretty much get to know their personalities," Isaiah said.

"They're absolutely hilarious," his sister added.

The Andersons name their pigs every year, and usually they pick a movie theme on which to base the names. A few years ago, Isaiah was the only one raising a pig, so he chose Night at the Museum. The pig was dubbed Octavius P.E.W., which stood for Pig Edward Wiggly.

"That was dad's idea. You can't blame me for that," Isaiah said, with a laugh.

This year, they chose to give their pigs "Lord of the Rings" inspired names to fit with the funny personalities.

"We picked 'Lord of the

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Photo by Hannah Gross/NLJ
Gimli the pig enjoys munching on a thistle before Isaiah Anderson comes to put the kibosh on his snack time.



Wicked Six to rock Newcastle

Walter Sprague
Art and Culture Reporter

Wicked Six took first place after wowing the audience and judges during Weston County Arts Council's 2021 Battle of the Bands.

Audience members crowded in front of the stage at the Newcastle Lodge and Convention Center in the Cambria Room, and as Wicked Six entertained them with their hard-rock stylings the

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NLJ file photo

Tony Sloat, frontman for Wicked Six, belts out a rock anthem at the 2021 Battle of the Bands presented by the Weston County Arts Council, leading the band to take first place for their talent, energy and charisma. Also pictured is lead guitar Derik Albrecht. The band will take the stage on West Main Street Friday night for the Warm Summer Nights Concert, presented by WCAC. The concert starts at 6 p.m.

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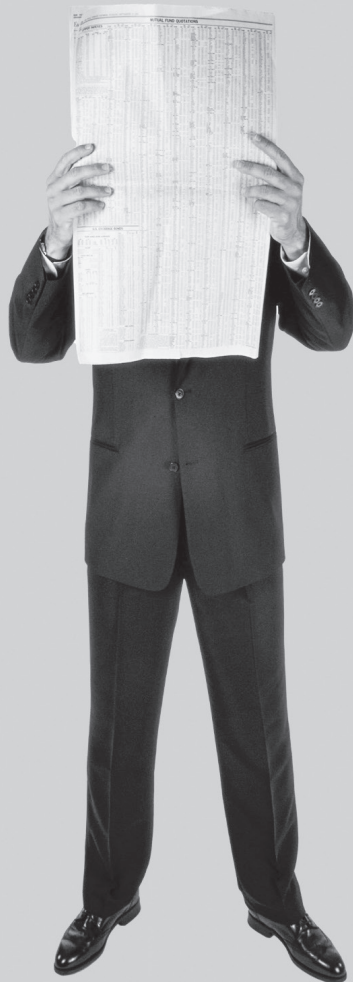


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Aryana Kohlbrand poses for a photo at the local art show with her artwork and her Governor's Choice Award Ribbon.

Kohlbrand's art featured

Avery Chick
NLJ Correspondent

Whether becoming collegiate athletes, attending college on full-ride academic scholarships or sending technology into space, the class of 2022 has done it all. Little do most people know, however, the Newcastle High School class of 2022 has another talent — art. Several graduates who have taken art classes through NHS have also participated in the Expressive Arts League and even competed at the state art competition. One of them is Aryana Kohlbrand, whose work was chosen to be displayed in the governor's mansion.

Kohlbrand attended the 54th Annual Wyoming High School State Art Symposium this year with little ambition regarding awards. She does art, she says, because she simply loves it and cares little for the accolades that come with her talent.

Kohlbrand had been working on several pieces of art and took five of them to the symposium in Casper in April. The piece that was selected for the honor was one that she hadn't originally planned to enter, she said.

"I was very shocked about the Governor's Wife's Choice in my piece because I wasn't even going to submit it before Mrs. Marshall convinced me to," Kohlbrand said.

Brandi (Roetzel) Marshall was Kohlbrand's art teacher at NHS. The school's art department went through significant changes this year after teacher Jimmie Josephson bid farewell to the school at the end of the first semester. Marshall replaced

Josephson, who encouraged students to submit whatever pieces they felt would do well at the state competition.

Kohlbrand's almost-left-behind piece was a watercolor of flowers found across Wyoming.

"Aryana likes painting flora and fauna, and overall just peaceful pieces," Marshall said when asked about Kohlbrand work as a student. "She has such a way with that medium and all of her pieces are intricate and meaningful."

During the selection process, Gov. Mark Gordon's wife, Jennie, walked the aisles of the state art show and wanted to find pieces that depicted Wyoming. She sought to get one from each school district. That artwork now hangs in the governor's mansion for a full year. Art, whether in physical or musical form, gives students an opportunity to express themselves, according to Marshall, who said she has enjoyed getting to know all of her students this year and likes watching their progress in art as well as in life.

"She's very quiet and our relationship really grew through getting to know each other. ... She's great at art, but also a beautiful person inside and out," Marshall said.

Marshall spoke about Kohlbrand's growth in becoming able to believe in herself and her talent.

"I was blown away. I wanted her to see that she is really good at this, and she can do this. ... It's always been in her, but I wanted to get her to realize that."

"Having my piece chosen for this really made me feel validated and that my hard work finally paid off," Kohlbrand said.

Accomplishments

Whitney earns B.S. from Concordia University

Lyle Whitney of Newcastle, Wyo., has earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Concordia University, Neb. He is one of more than 400 graduates awarded undergraduate and graduate degrees on May 7 at Concordia during commencement ceremonies.

At the ceremony, Concordia President Dr. Bernard Bull encouraged graduates to embrace opportunities with a combination of boldness and humility while using their gifts, talents and abilities to serve God and others. He reminded students to heed God's call to learn and lead in the church and in the world, always seeking to serve with wisdom, clarity of conviction and character.

Dr. Kurt Senske, founder and principal of CEO-Board Services and 2022 recipient of a Concordia University doctor of laws degree, presented the commencement address. Senske encouraged graduates to keep Christ at the center of their lives, setting aside prevalent worldly messages and influences often found on social media and elsewhere. He reminded graduates that times of suffering, hardship and

disappointment are God-given opportunities to discover new purpose in life. He also pointed out that how we live each day and not what we do is what truly matters.



"As Christians we are free to embrace the immense power that we receive when we become bold in our faith and actions," said Senske. "I believe in the power of Concordia University. I believe in the power of each of you as graduates. I believe in the power of each one of us. Individually and collectively, beginning today, you, we, I have the God-given opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those we serve via our community, family, and profession."

Concordia University, Nebraska, founded in 1894, is a fully accredited, coeducational university located in Seward, Neb., which currently serves more than 2,500 students. Concordia offers more than 100 undergraduate, graduate and professional programs in an excellent academic and Christ-centered community that equips men and women for lives of learning, service and leadership in the church and world. For more information, visit cune.edu.

Sprague

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As we approach the fall, I hope to do a couple of stories about Osage, but I'm not looking to tell my story because I don't have one other than delivering papers to the machine each week.

So I want your stories. If you have lived in Osage or have pictures of its mag-

nificent past, I would love to hear from you. I'm not looking for specific reasons for the community's demise or anything as heavy as that. Instead, I'm simply looking for your feelings and thoughts about Osage, both as you remember it and how you feel and think about it today.

If any of you are willing, I want to sit down and share a cup of coffee. I really want to talk to you, and would love some old photographs. Please contact me on my cell phone at 210-396-9227, or you can email me with the subject line "Osage" at walterdoodles.art@gmail.com.

Concert

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audience often sang along loudly. Newcastle is getting ready to be rocked again by this charismatic band as the arts council presents the second concert of the 2022 Warm Summer Nights series.

"One of the things I liked with Wicked Six is their energy and talent," said Tom Voss, the council's president and 2021 BOB judge. "I think the people of this area would love to see them. They bring a great amount of quality

to living."

The concert is on Friday, July 15, on Main Street. The stage setup at the corner of West Main and South Summer faces west on West Main, so the view and sound will be great, with plenty of space for seating and street dancing. The street will be closed from South Summer to South Seneca at 4 p.m., and music starts at 6 p.m. Concessions will be available in the First State Bank parking lot.



Photo by Hannah Gross/NLJ

Lydia Anderson wrangles two pigs after letting them out for exercise on a Friday morning. She and her brothers, Jonathan and Isaiah, raise pigs for fair nearly every year and are excited to see how this year's batch performs at the 2022 Weston County Fair, which begins July 22.

Andersons

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Rings' names, and right away I knew I wanted to use the name Pippin," Lydia said. "I chose Pippin because he is really funny, and she (the pig) reminds me of him because she is short and stubby."

Jonathan's pig is named Gimli and Isaiah named his Meridoc.

"Gimli fits this pig perfectly because this pig is absolutely hilarious. It fits the character," Lydia said, adding that he often randomly bursts into a run and does his "prancy dancy thing," spraying sawdust everywhere.

In other years, however, the names have not matched the personalities. Lydia laughed at her recollection when they named their pigs after the "Frozen" characters Elsa, Olaf and Sven.

"I look back at that picture, and she was the ugliest pig alive. No definition whatsoever. She was like a long stick," Lydia said.

As the only male pig in the bunch this year, Meridoc enjoys asserting dominance over the females in the pen, Isaiah said.

"He wouldn't let any of the other ones get feed because he's the only boy.... Gimli got a little fed up with him and started doing the same thing back to him," Isaiah said. "Every pig I've ever had thinks they're boss."

"I learned that if they're being naughty and stubborn and sticking their snout in the air, to be a little firmer," Isaiah said, and Lydia noted that it's important to "show them who's boss." Isaiah said it can be a challenge getting the pig to listen because they can be stubborn, and his sister prefers raising male pigs because the females can get quite "sassy."

Washing the pigs can be an adventure, as the

Andersons sometimes have trouble keeping the pigs clean.

"Gimli (Jonathan's pig) will just find the smallest bit of water," Isaiah said. "He'll lay in it and start rolling around ... in every atom of water that he finds."

They said that they will wash their pigs with soap up to three times on showing day because the judge is looking for cleanliness.

When it is time to be judged, Isaiah explained, it is important to show off the whole pig to the judge, never standing between the judge and the pig. He added that it's always important to maintain eye contact with the judge and smile.

Sometimes, however, flexibility is allowed.

"If the judge stops and talks to you, just let the pig go," Isaiah said, with a laugh, adding that if there is a pig fight, the only thing to do is back away and let the owners of the pigs take care of it.

It has been a learning experience for the Anderson kids. When they first started showing pigs, they admitted, they did not really know what they were doing.

"When I first had my pig, I was hitting my pig way too hard," Isaiah said. "We were bad (at showing pigs) before, and we're good now."

Additionally, Jonathan has been working at Ivan Brovont's ranch, which allowed him to add a steer to his slate at the county fair this year. The Andersons are grateful for the opportunity to learn more about raising animals, and they look forward to showing their pigs at the 2022 Weston County Fair, they said.

"Raise pigs at fair — it's fun!" Lydia said.

“Every pig I've ever had thinks they're boss.”

— Isaiah Anderson



Photo by Hannah Gross/NLJ

Isaiah Anderson stands by to keep the pigs in line while they enjoy getting some fresh air away from their pens.

Cowboy State Look-In

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Suicide lifeline expanded

CHEYENNE (WNE) – The state's suicide lifeline services have been expanded and improved to offer full-time, Wyoming-based coverage 24 hours a day, every day, Gov. Mark Gordon announced Monday.

"Wyoming citizens experiencing a mental health crisis and potentially suicidal thoughts can now be confident that on the other end of the line, they're talking to someone who – as a fellow state resident – is familiar with our state and cares about our people," Gordon said in a statement.

While the U.S. National Suicide Prevention Lifeline has been available via phone (1-800-273-TALK) for many years, calls from state residents before 2020 were answered by people outside the state.

Wyoming-based services hours were limited due to funding availability. Full-time, all-day,

every-day Wyoming-based coverage began last week.

The governor asked the Legislature to fund the service and expand its availability during the 2022 legislative session and said now he appreciates their support for this initiative.

"We are confident that the personal connection and the ability to make localized referrals for help will be improved when Wyoming folks can speak to an understanding person in their own state," Gordon added. "This critical and free service for those who need it is something I have emphasized for quite some time."

Stefan Johansson, Wyoming Department of Health director, encouraged people in distress and concerned about suicidal thoughts they may be having to call the lifeline for help.

This story was published on July 12.

DOH: State saw 98 abortions in '21

CODY (WNE) — Nearly 100 women were reported as having received abortions in Wyoming in 2021, according to a recently released report by the Wyoming Department of Health.

The 2021 Wyoming Abortion Report was released soon after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, triggering a bill sponsored by a Cody representative to ban nearly all abortions in the state.

The report is required to be released by June 30. It records that the Wyoming Department of Health Vital Statistics Services received 98 reports from physicians licensed to

practice in Wyoming. That was seven more procedures than had been performed in the state in 2020.

All of the procedures were done as medical abortions as opposed to surgical abortions, with 67 of the women residents and 31 nonresidents.

For 2021, 49% of the patients requesting the procedure were between the ages of 25-34 years, and 74% percent of the women reported the procedure as their first.

The majority of procedures were done when the woman was six weeks or less pregnant, and no abortions were per-

formed on women more than 11 weeks pregnant.

For most of the women, it was their first abortion, while 19 had reported one previous procedure, five two and one three or more.

Most of the women had not given birth when they had the procedure, although 16 had already had one birth and 20 had had two or more prior to getting an abortion.

No patient complications were noted on any of the reports for 2021.

This story was published on July 12.

West Nile detected in Teton mosquitos

JACKSON (WNE) — The Teton County Weed and Pest District detected West Nile virus in mosquitoes — the first such detection in 2022 — during routine surveillance on Friday.

West Nile virus is the leading cause of mosquito-borne disease in the continental United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The endemic disease shows up each year as mosquito populations bloom across Wyoming. But an early July detection is sooner than usual, Teton County Weed and Pest said.

"We're not seeing it on a wide scale, yet, we're just kind of seeing a little blip," said Weed and Pest entomologist Mikenna Smith.

The Wyoming Health Department shared tips earlier this year on how to avoid bug encounters that can lead to serious disease. The "5 Ds" of mosquito-bite prevention are:

1) DAWN and 2) DUSK — Mosquitoes prefer to feed at dawn or dusk, so avoid going outside during these times.

3) DRESS — Wear shoes, socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt outdoors. Clothing should be light-colored and made of tightly woven materials.

4) DRAIN — Mosquitoes breed in shallow, stagnant water. Reduce the amount of standing water by draining or removing it. Empty pet water bowls, kiddie pools and troughs, for example.

5) DEET — Use an insect repellent containing DEET (N, N-diethyl-meta-toluamide). Picaridin (KBR 3023) or oil of lemon eucalyptus also can be effective.

Human cases of West Nile virus are rare and typically mild. West Nile virus numbers for humans have been relatively low the last few years in Wyoming, the Health Department said Friday.

Most people infected with the virus don't have symptoms. Among those who become ill, symptoms include fever, headache, body aches, skin rash and swollen lymph nodes.

This story was published on July 11.

Monkeypox detected in surrounding states

SUNDANCE (WNE) — Several surrounding states have now joined the list of locations where the 2022 outbreak of monkeypox has been detected, including Nebraska, Colorado and Utah.

While Wyoming still remains free of the disease, the Centers for Disease Control wants to raise awareness of the situation as the outbreak continues to spread.

Multiple cases of monkeypox have now been reported globally in countries that don't usually report the disease.

Early data suggests that a high number of the known cases have occurred among gay and bisexual men; however, it is not clear how the known cases were exposed to monkeypox and anyone who has been in close contact with an infected person is at risk.

Last week, the CDC activated its emergency operations center to monitor and coordinate the response and mobilize additional personnel and resources.

The known cases since May, according to the CDC, have been identified in 18 states

and territories among people returning from international travel and their close contacts. Globally, over 1,600 cases have now been reported in more than 30 countries.

Symptoms of monkeypox include fever, headache, muscle aches, swollen lymph nodes, chills, exhaustion and a rash that can look like pimples or blisters. The illness typically lasts between two and four weeks and is rarely fatal.

This story was published on July 7.



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Powder River Energy Corp	\$7,350.45	Prairie Farms	\$1,454.78
Megan Stith	\$994.73	Sysco Montana Inc	\$7,857.00
Team Laboratory Chemical LLC	\$3,093.50	Weston County School Dist	\$5,165.15
Universal Athletic	\$2,334.23	Weston County School Dist	\$7,882.96
WCSD-Rec	\$11,226.12	Checking Account Total	\$22,359.89
Ann Wehri	\$505.44	Arete Design Group	\$13,809.15
Weston County Health Services	\$1,250.00	Long Building Technologies, Inc.	\$2,975.34
Wyoming Activities Association	\$5,765.00	Checking Account Total	\$16,784.49
Zaner Blosser INC	\$853.88	Weston County School Dist	\$10,058.06
Best Western Ramkota Hotel	\$1,800.00	Weston County School Dist	\$6,329.14
		Checking Account Total	\$16,387.20
		Grand Total	\$589,264.00

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WCSD#1 Warrants

**WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
FEDERAL FUND WARRANTS OVER \$500
JUNE 2022**

Amazon Capital Services	\$1,699.86	Mastercard	\$820.19
Amazon Capital Services	\$1,386.71	Mastercard	\$3,624.21
Amazon Capital Services	\$3,005.57	Mid-American Research Chemical	\$4,991.35
Behavior Advantage LLC	\$2,500.00	Norco, INC	\$7,437.54
Growing Leaders	\$2,334.77	Otvest LLC	\$560.78
Institute for Multi-Sensory	\$1,275.00	Pine Cove Consulting, LLC \$	3,559.12
Little Bit of Guidance	\$1,365.00	School Specialty	\$2,615.40
Marco Technologies, LLC.	\$391,334.37	WCSD#1 General Fund	\$17,233.11
Realityworks	\$6,890.95	WCSD#1 General Fund	\$4,395.75
Dr Carol Tolman	\$1,000.00	WCSD#1 General Fund	\$5,081.65
The Transformative Reading	\$575.00	WCSD#1 General Fund	\$44,834.12
WCSD#1 General Fund	\$4,611.24	WCSD#1 General Fund	\$5,291.02
WCSD#1 General Fund	\$4,611.24	WCSD#1 General Fund	\$7,777.09
WCSD#1 General Fund	\$4,501.48	WCSD#1 General Fund	\$1,505.59
WCSD#1 General Fund	\$26,435.85	WCSD#1 General Fund	\$774.78
WCSD#1 General Fund	\$26,435.85	WCSD#1 General Fund	\$2,231.37
WCSD#1 General Fund	\$26,435.85	WCSD#1 General Fund	\$2,448.43
WCSD#1 General Fund	\$26,435.91	WCSD#1 General Fund	\$6,929.44
Wood Works Supply INC	\$15,621.11	WCSD#1 General Fund	\$3,881.79
Amazon Capital Services	\$1,236.45	Checking Account Total	\$653,538.05
CDWG	\$1,188.96	Grand Total	\$653,538.05
Illuminate Education, INC	\$3,100.00		

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1	5	2	6	3	7	8	4	9
8	6	4	2	5	9	7	3	1
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- ANNUAL TRADITIONS**
- ACROSS**
- Verdant
 - Vietnamese neighbor
 - "Before" prefix
 - Curved molding
 - *It rings at midnight on Christmas Eve at church
 - Yarn store unit
 - Relating to armpit
 - Criminal's surprise
 - Nephew's sister
 - *4th of July spectacle
 - 1952 Olympics host
 - 1,000 kilograms
 - Meat sauce
 - Vacation location
 - French painter of "La Danse" fame
 - Menu words (2 words)
 - Lean
 - Wine valley
 - Impertinent
 - *Annual Assumption tradition blesses it
 - #2 Down, pl.
 - Highest volcano in Europe
 - Puppies
 - Bit of binary code
 - Dean's official residence
 - Small stream
 - Wine quality
- DOWN**
- Bakery serving
 - Tangelo
 - Scorch
 - Regarding this point
 - "Live and ____"
 - Description for twins
 - Auto pioneer
 - Banana remnant
 - Puerto ____
 - Compass bearing
 - "Jane Eyre" author
 - Pig part
 - *Action under mistletoe
 - Like a damaged apple, possibly
 - Jam container
 - Torn down
 - Fill with optimism
25. Sweating room
26. *Thanksgiving's main event?
27. Beauty parlor
28. Chiropractor's concern
29. Painting holder
30. Light gray
31. "Wow!"
32. *Birthday cake decorations
33. Seize the throne
34. Kind of humor
35. Ready
36. Deteriorate
37. Just about
38. Jumped aside
39. Lacked
40. Type of cotton
41. Female gamete
42. *Valentine's Day tradition
43. *New Year's resolution weight or savings target
44. One in a roster
45. Red-encased cheese
46. *Graduation flyer

Gwamma by JaNel M. Farnsworth

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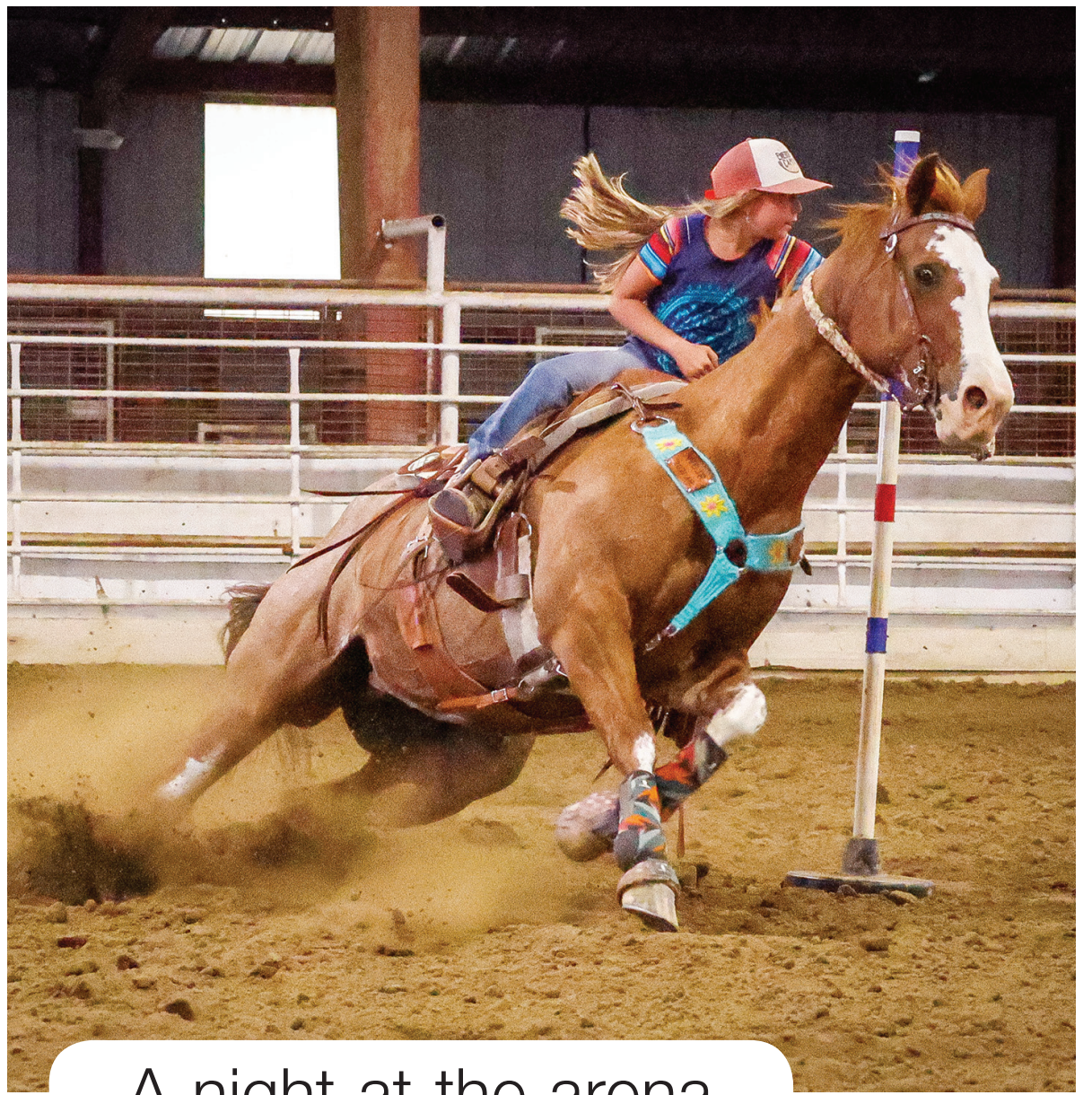
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A night at the arena

Photos by Kim Dean/NLJ and Courtesy of Jan Farella



Top, Kaylee Lambert took first place in the Junior Poles. Above, Orrin Kelly waits his turn to showcase his cowboy skills in the Pee Wee competition. At left, Grayson Sudbrink maneuvers his horse around a barrel in the Leadline class. Below, Kaylee Lambert and Chaisley Hayman pass the time waiting for their names to be called.



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