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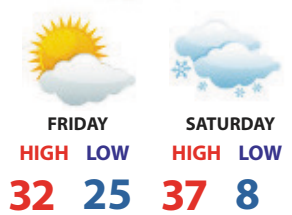
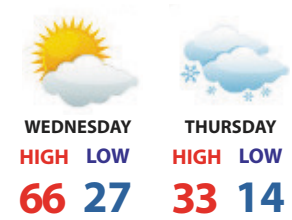
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WEATHER



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Oct. 22
10 a.m. - Exercise at Senior Center
3:35 p.m. - Afterschool program grades 3-6 at the library

Friday, Oct. 23
9 a.m. - 4-H Friday Edible Food Science
9 a.m. - Rolls and Coffee at Senior Center
10 a.m. - Middle School Girls Basketball South Quad at Glenrock
10 a.m. - Bingo at Senior Center
1 p.m. - High School Volleyball vs Saratoga
1 p.m. - Movie at the library "Cats & Dogs 3"
5 p.m. - High School Football vs Saratoga at Lusk

Saturday, Oct. 24
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - First Annual Pie-esta Festival at Fairgrounds
1 p.m. - High School Volleyball at Lingle
5 p.m. - NRA Banquet

Monday, Oct. 26
11 a.m. - Blood Pressure Check at Senior Center
1 p.m. - Pinochle at Senior Center
6 p.m. - Dinner & Movie at the library "Catch Me If You Can"
7 p.m. - BINGO at Senior Center, Open to the public

Tuesday, Oct. 27
10 a.m. - Exercise at Senior Center
10 a.m. - Story Hour at the library
1 p.m. - Fast Track at Senior Center
1 p.m. - Cribbage at Senior Center
3:35 p.m. - Afterschool Program grades K - 2 at the library
4:30 p.m. - Middle School Girls Basketball vs Guernsey at Lusk

Wednesday, Oct. 28
5 p.m. - Larid Johnson Book Signing at the library

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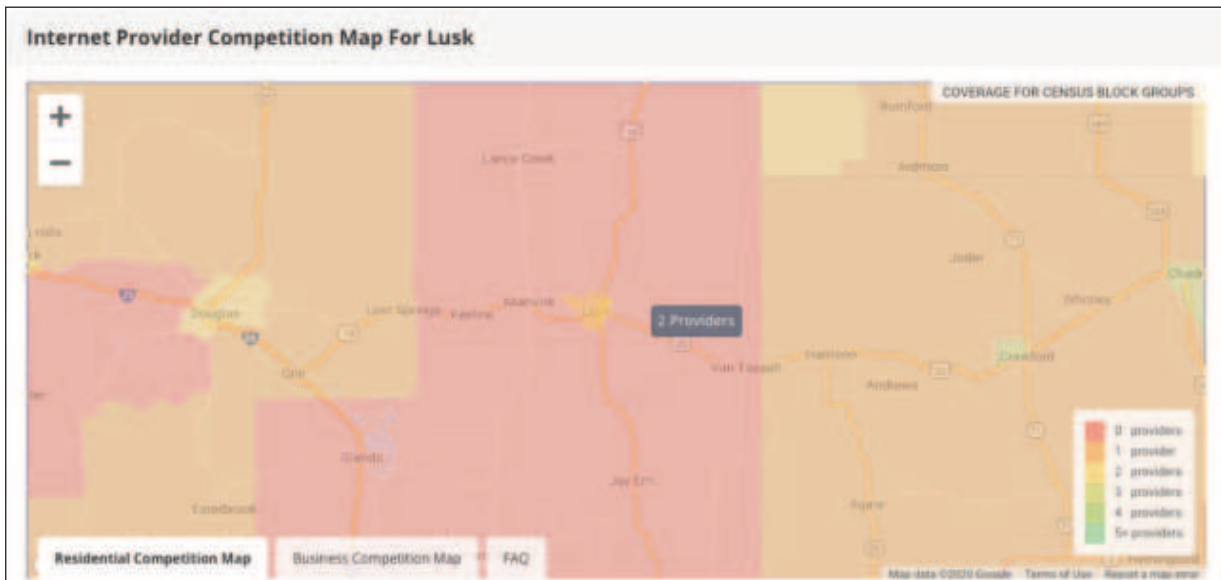


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Rural Niobrara County still looking to receive broadband services

BY ALEX HARGRAVE
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NIOBARARA COUNTY – Rural broadband is a talking point for politicians at the state and national levels, but the situation has yet to be rectified in Niobrara County.

Parts of Niobrara County, including Manville, lack access to any broadband internet providers, according to BroadbandNow, a database of providers whose mission is to help consumers access broadband service.

Niobrara County Commission Chairman Pat Wade has been working for over five years to give rural residents access to high-speed internet and phone service. He is one of these eastern Wyoming residents not able to access this service in his home, instead using lower speed satellite service. Niobrara County lacks a redundant internet connection, which is a link to the internet that activates when your main internet connection fails.

“For our county to have any sort of good broadband, we need to have a redundant fiber feed into the town of Lusk,” Wade said.

The internet is becoming an increasingly necessary part of everyday life in 2020. The need for connectivity is exacerbated by the pandemic, as spring left students and employees at home working via the internet, whether they had access or not.

Internet access isn’t the only issue, as both Wade and State Representative Hans Hunt (R-Niobrara County) pointed out. Hunt said there is a great need for access in rural unserved and underserved areas in the county.

“It’s not just an issue of internet service, it’s an issue of communications and cell phone service and everything else that goes with it,” Hunt said. “Frankly it’s a safety issue when it comes to someone who would have a medical emergency and also of course during fire season and inhibitions to being able to communicate with neighbors.”

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing more than \$1.7 million to provide broadband service in rural areas in southwestern South Dakota and eastern Wyoming, including Niobrara County, according to a Sept. 29 USDA press release.

According to the release, Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. will use a \$1.7 million grant to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to connect 218 people, five businesses, 65 farms and one essential community facility to high-speed broadband internet in Fall River and Custer counties in South Dakota and Niobrara and Weston counties in Wyoming.

The USDA’s grant is part of the ReConnect program funded by Congress, which allocated \$550 million to the second round of the program.

Wade said Golden West is planning to run a fiber optic line west from Edgemoor, S.D., to Mule

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WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Niobrara County local businesses no longer under COVID-19 restrictions

BY ALEX HARGRAVE
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NIOBARARA COUNTY – The Wyoming Department of Health approved a county-wide variance allowing local businesses and gymnasiums to operate without COVID-19 restrictions submitted by Joleen Falkenberg, M.D., Niobrara County health officer, effective Oct. 16.

In a post on the Niobrara County Hospital District Facebook, Falkenberg said she has been asked by Niobrara County Commissioners, the Niobrara County School District No. 1 school board and other residents to apply for

the variance.

“I was in support of this as I feel that local control is optimal; because we understand our needs and risks more than those at the state level,” Falkenberg wrote in the Facebook post announcing the variance.

The order does not apply to the school district who will continue to be required to wear face coverings and maintain six feet of social distance as K-12 public schools cannot be exempt from public health orders, but there will no longer be restrictions within the gymnasiums for extracurricular activities.

According to the variance, mask-wearing and good hygiene are

still “encouraged.”

“Although I know that some people believe in widespread-county and federal-standards; and those people will be against the variance; I believe that individualized preparation, action, and local expedited response are critical,” Falkenberg said.

Niobrara County currently has one active case of COVID-19, its third confirmed positive case total. Falkenberg said the case did not have any contact with the school.

“If we do have a documented outbreak, the variance will cease and new standards/restrictions will be put into place,” Falkenberg said.

4-H

Halloween Carnival

FOR THE HERALD

LUSK – The 38th annual Niobrara County 4-H Halloween Carnival will be held on Halloween evening, Oct. 31 from 5-8 p.m. at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds. The evening will feature supper consisting of a variety of homemade soups, nachos, hot dogs, delicious homemade pies and many other delicious treats. Various fun game booths will be featured including the all-time favorite Cake Walk, the Corn Box, a Duck Pond, a Fishing Pond, Pick Frankenstein’s Nose and many more fun new games to play.

The Haunted House will not be returning this year due to unforeseen circumstances. The cost of the carnival tickets are 25 cents each or four for a dollar. There will also be a Jack-o-lantern decorating contest, so bring your Jack-o-lantern creation to the carnival and vie for various prizes. Just be sure to put your name on the bottom of the pumpkin.

Due to Covid-19, the carnival will happen with just a few health precautions in place. If you are feeling ill, please stay home. Masks will not be required, but proper social distancing, proper hand-washing and hand sanitizing will be encouraged. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the carnival venue. Please be advised that all plans for the carnival are subject to change, if there is a spike in Covid-19 cases in Niobrara County the week of the carnival. Please check the 4-H Facebook page for any last minute changes in plans.

The carnival is the main money making event of the 4-H council and helps to support the many educational and fun events for 4-H members throughout the year. So after your little spooks and goblins have gone trick-or-treating, plan to spend the rest of the evening at the fairgrounds and celebrate Halloween inside where it is nice and warm. The carnival promises to be spooky fun for the entire family.



RECORDS

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Dee Himes
Oct. 6, 2020

The gathering in memory of Dee Himes, scheduled for Oct. 24, 2020, has been postponed to a later date. She passed away Oct. 6, 2020.

HOMEMAKER CLUB

FOR THE HERALD

LUSK – The Roadrunners Homemaker Club has held seven meetings so far this year. In the least populated county in the state Covid-19 has not stifled us too much. We were vigilant about social distancing by missing two meetings but staying connected through emails and our Facebook page.

Members were involved in 4-H Fridays before Covid-19 shut it down. Connecting with the youth of our community has been most rewarding while learning many, many aspects of living. Our club donated sturdy stepstools to the program so the younger attendees could safely reach the counters and stirring at the stove.

While distanced, members sewed for our “Quilts of Many Colors” project. These items go to four local entities in Lusk. Members also sewed face masks, pillowcases, hand-made fabric Christmas Star Ornaments and are now sewing articles at the senior center which will be on sale at their Christmas Bazaar.

The county fair went on as planned with some obvious changes in place. Our club took its turn in the fair kitchen by preparing the noon meal which included enchilada casserole, ham and cheese sliders plus cheeseburger sliders and of course our homemade pies which sold out.

Our activities this fall include a “Community Kindness Project” of donating coats to our local re-homing store, the Cramped Closet. We will be having our annual Christmas Party in November to accommodate our favorite snowbird. The highlight of the party is the revealing of our secret pals which includes much laughter and banter. We are looking forward to 2021 and welcome anyone who would like to join us. Please contact the extension office at 334-3534 for more information or check out our *Facebook* page.



News and Views

BY PHYLLIS HAHN

Terry and Dana Williams traveled to Douglas on Oct. 4 to join others at the Douglas Country Club for a dinner celebration of Dana’s birthday.

Those meeting them there were their son Jeff and his wife Kari Williams and grandchildren, Noah, Jakob and Leo.

October has been declared Breast Cancer Month, which was observed on Monday, Oct. 12 at the Niobrara Senior Center by the diners encouraged to wear pink. Several of the diners entered a competition for a free lunch with en-

thusiasm. One dining table with ladies adorned with many shades of pink were declared all winners along with Steve Haworth, who arrived with pink hair, pink shoes, pink beard and a very pink parasol. His participation was very appropriate since men as well as women are urged to be aware of potential signs to share with one’s medical provider in order to be cancer survivors.

Light snow and bitter weather didn’t keep folks from attending a splendid afternoon concert on Sunday, Oct. 18, sponsored by the Niobrara County Library. Music lovers thoroughly enjoyed the fine baritone voice of Rupert Wates, a native of England and most recently of

New York, who sang original music, accompanying himself on guitar. Quite a few years ago, a tourist from the East, asked me, “But, what do you do?” as she looked about and saw only a few cars, houses, etc. and simply couldn’t imagine existing in a small community. How does one explain how wonderful it is to drive a few blocks or still only a few miles to hear first class entertainment, all the while inhaling clean unpolluted air, etc. It is a great joy and privilege to have such exceptional events sponsored by our fine library, thanks to librarian Debby Sturman and her dedicated staff, in addition to all the other activities for all ages.

This Day in History: Oct. 22, 1934

FBI agents kill fugitive “Pretty Boy” Floyd

Charles “Pretty Boy” Floyd is shot by FBI agents in a cornfield in East Liverpool, Ohio. Floyd, who had been a hotly pursued fugitive for four years, used his last breath to deny his involvement in the infamous Kansas City Massacre, in which four officers were shot to death at a train station. He died shortly thereafter.

Charles Floyd grew up in a small town in Oklahoma. When it became impossible to operate a small farm in the drought conditions of the late 1920s, Floyd tried his hand at bank robbery. He soon found himself in a Missouri prison for robbing a St. Louis payroll delivery. After being paroled in 1929, he learned that Jim Mills had shot his father to death. Since Mills, who had been acquitted of the charges, was never heard from or seen again, Floyd was believed to have

killed him.

Moving on to Kansas City, Floyd got mixed up with the city’s burgeoning criminal community. A local prostitute gave Floyd the nickname “Pretty Boy,” which he hated. Along with a couple of friends he had met in prison, he robbed several banks in Missouri and Ohio, but was eventually caught in Ohio and sentenced to 12-15 years. On the way to prison, Floyd kicked out a window and jumped from the speeding train. He made it to Toledo, where he hooked up with Bill “The Killer” Miller.

The two went on a crime spree across several states until Miller was killed in a spectacular firefight in Bowling Green, Ohio, in 1931. Once he was back in Kansas City, Floyd killed a federal agent during a raid and became a nationally known criminal figure. This time he escaped to the backwoods of Oklahoma. The locals there, reeling from the Depression, were not about to turn in an

Oklahoma native for robbing banks. Floyd became a Robin Hood-type figure, staying one step ahead of the law. Even the Joads, characters in John Steinbeck’s *The Grapes of Wrath*, spoke well of Floyd.

However, not everyone was so enamored with “Pretty Boy.” Oklahoma’s governor put out a \$6,000 bounty on his head. On June 17, 1933, when law enforcement officials were ambushed by a machine-gun attack in a Kansas City train station while transporting criminal Frank Nash to prison, Floyd’s notoriety grew even more. Although it was not clear whether or not Floyd was responsible, both the FBI and the nation’s press pegged the crime on him nevertheless. Subsequently, pressure was stepped up to capture the illustrious fugitive, and the FBI finally got their man in October 1934.

From the Authors/Editors at History.com

Rawhide FFA elects new officers

FOR THE HERALD

NIOBRARA COUNTY – The Rawhide FFA chapter is off to a great start this year. We are busy helping in the school and community. During Homecoming we held a game night and had tons of fun with our student body. We elected new officers this fall because we were unable to last spring due to COVID.

Rawhide FFA has five new officers they are proud to recognize.

President - Ryan Brugger, Vice President - Riley Graham, Secretary - Jaden Stauffer, Sentinel - Aiden

Applegarth, and Reporter - Larkin Williams. We are planning on having some of our chapter officers go to the CPC Conference in November at Camp Guernsey. As far as community service goes we just helped the Senior Center change their lights out so that they could get new LED’s. We are planning to serve at the NRA banquet on the Oct. 24.

Classes in the Ag room are almost back to normal. We still have to wear masks or social distance in the shop, in addition to the classroom. We are working on shop projects, auction

items, a shed for LEMS, and in the classroom we are starting our seeds. We have a lot of hard-working kids in the shop everyday preparing auction items for our banquet in November. As soon as we have an official date set we get it out there. We have a little bit

of everything this year, already including a picnic table, bar, panel trailer, cutting boards, dog house, and tables. If you have any questions be sure to reach out to myself, the officer team, or Mr. Hubbard and we will try to help you out the best we can.

Red Bird Weather

MONDAY 10/12/2020	71	27	
TUESDAY 10/13/2020	70	29	
WEDNESDAY 10/14/2020	69	38	.08
THURSDAY 10/15/2020	48	31	
FRIDAY 10/16/2020	60	21	
SATURDAY 10/17/2020	51	33	.15
SUNDAY 10/18/2020	35	26	T

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M E N U

Niobrara Senior Center
Please call 334-2561 before 9 a.m. if you would like a home delivered meal.

Thursday, Oct. 22
Pork Chops, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Russian Salad, Apple Cake, Cranberry Juice

Friday, Oct. 23
Pot Roast & Gravy, Potatoes/Carrots/Celery, Garden Salad, Peach Cobbler

Monday, Oct. 26
Baked Ham Steaks, Macaroni & Cheese, Peas, Garden Salad, Apricots, Sugar Cookies

Tuesday, Oct. 27
Beef & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Garden Salad, Green Beans, Banana Pudding

Wednesday, Oct. 28
Baked Potato Bar, Ham/Broccoli/Cheese, Garden Salad, Pears, Cinnamon Rolls

Niobrara County School District No. 1

Breakfast Monday
Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage Link, Hash Brown, Cold Cereal

Tuesday
French Toast, Sausage Link, Hash Brown, Cold Cereal

Wednesday
Breakfast Pizza, Hash Brown, Cold Cereal

Thursday
Pancakes, Sausage Links, Hash Brown, Cold Cereal

Friday (Oct. 23)
No School

Lunch Thursday, Oct. 22
Cheeseburger Mac, Dinner Roll, Salad

Friday, Oct. 23
No School

Monday, Oct. 26
Corn Dogs, French Fries, Salad

Tuesday, Oct. 27
Nachos, Churros, Salad

Wednesday, Oct. 28
Chicken & Noodles on Potatoes, Salad

COMMUNITY

Rural:

FROM PAGE A1

Creek Junction, Wyo., roughly 45 miles north of Lusk. Golden West provides the landline phone service for the northeast corner of Niobrara County, but he said he is not certain if they intend to extend fiber to their existing customers in that area.

Wyoming's Republican candidate for U.S. Senate and former Rep. Cynthia Lummis discussed the issue with voters at an event on Sept. 25 in Lusk. She told *The Herald* redundancy is one of the issues residents seemed most concerned with.

If elected, she said she would like to serve on the Senate Committee on Commerce, which has jurisdiction over rural broadband, something that greatly affects

Wyomingites.

"(Residents are) a little concerned that if the one fiber goes down, it would cause a real hardship," Lummis said.

Still, despite talk of improving Niobrara County's connection, solutions have yet to surface. Wade said Niobrara County attempted to form a Tri-County Joint Powers Board with Goshen and Platte counties.

He said the three county attorneys involved could not find an agreement, and thus it has yet to come to fruition. COVID-19 has also put efforts on hold, he said.

"That Tri-County Joint Powers board would have been a better situation for us to go out and start looking for grants, whether they are federal or state," Wade

said. "The state has some money that has been set aside that flows through the Wyoming Business Council (WBC) for broadband."

The state legislature signed a law in 2018 providing \$10 million to establish a broadband infrastructure grant fund and \$350,000 to establish a broadband coordinator position at the WBC and a Broadband Advisory Council, according to the WBC.

WBC Broadband Manager Ryan Kudera said ACT Communications was offered CARES Act grant money to install broadband that would reach Niobrara County, but there is a restriction on CARES funding that requires beneficiaries to complete their projects by Dec. 30, 2020, which was

deemed impossible given the size of the project.

"We were really excited about that, we thought our problems were solved," Wade said.

"We have not given up on this project, continuing to examine how to make this happen," Kudera wrote in an email to *The Herald*.

For now, residents can visit the Niobrara County Library to use internet connection inside and outside of the building. Library Director Debbie Sturman said people use it every day.

If you have a story about how lack of internet access has affected you, call *The Herald* office or email ahargrave@luskherald.com

Wyoming residents eligible for free COVID-19 tests

BY ALEX HARGRAVE
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CHEYENNE – Governor Mark Gordon announced Oct. 14 he would use CARES Act funds to obtain free at-home COVID-19 testing for Wyoming residents.

According to a press release from the governor's office, the state has purchased 75,000 tests and can purchase more if needed from Vault Health. Residents can order this free saliva test at <https://www.vaulthealth.com/covid>. The listed \$150 testing fee will be waived for kits shipped to a Wyoming ad-

dress and shipping is prepaid, according to the release.

"This at-home, non-invasive testing option is another tool to help Wyoming slow the spread of this virus," Gordon said in a statement. "It's one more way we can help protect our vulnerable populations, keep businesses open, and make sure our hospital beds are available to those who need them."

In an email to *The Herald*, Niobrara County Public Health Emergency Response Coordinator Heather Saul described the at-home, non-invasive test as another good tool in protecting vulnerable populations and keep-

ing local businesses up and running.

"The saliva is collected during a supervised, online telehealth visit with a Vault test supervisor," Saul said. "Most results will be reported within 48 hours of when the sample arrives at the lab."

Niobrara County has one active case, three total as of press time Tuesday. Statewide, 7,924 cases.

The Governor and the DOH continue to "strongly recommend" the use of face coverings in public settings where social distancing is not possible as well as staying home when feeling ill, the press release said.

Wyoming state health orders have been extended through the end of the month without changes.

Saul said with the cold months approaching and more people congregating indoors, individuals will be at higher risk of COVID-19 exposure.

"With the predicted increase of positive cases, I believe that by expanding our testing capabilities and giving individuals this option to test at home will be both beneficial and convenient for everyone of all age groups, including our local businesses, medical clinics, and hospital," Saul said.

Niobrara County 4-H hosting shoot Nov. 1

Competition will test new scoring system

BY LOGAN DAILEY
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LUSK – Niobrara County 4-H will be hosting its 31st annual 4-H Shooting Sports Challenge Shoot at the Shooting Sports Building at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds in Lusk on Sunday, Nov. 1.

According to event organizer Kenny Jensen, this event is open to anyone and everyone. The cost to compete is \$10 per every four-person team.

Competition divisions will include youth boys, youth girls, youth mixed, men, women and mixed family. The competition will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude after all teams have had an opportunity to shoot, typically around 3 p.m. Awards will be given out at 4 p.m. Door prizes will also be given out throughout the event.

Competitors will be provided with an air rifle and air pistol to shoot one rifle target and two pistol targets. Niobrara County 4-H will also be

using a brand-new scoring system to judge the match.

Everything will be provided, and all equipment will be sanitized between uses. Hand sanitizer will be available, and participants and spectators may bring a mask if they desire.

Competitors and spectators are both welcome. Breakfast and lunch will be provided, with concessions available throughout the day. Jensen told *The Herald*, "Mrs. Goddard will be making her famous homemade beef and noodles."

Jensen explained this event is usually held in the springtime but was thwarted due to the emergence of COVID-19. Given the change, the event will kick off the 2020 Niobrara County 4-H week.

All proceeds from this event will go to the Niobrara County 4-H Shooting Sports program. Sign-up for the competition will take place on the morning of the competition. Call the Niobrara County 4-H Extension Office at (307) 334-3534 with any questions.

Court News

On Oct. 15, in the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial District of and for Niobrara County before Judge Dennis C. Meier, Brian C. Peterson, of Newcastle, Wyoming, appeared remotely for an Initial Appearance on two domestic battery

Information Charges. The first was a felony, and the second a misdemeanor. Judge Meier followed the recommendation of County Attorney Anne Wasserburger's suggestion that due to the nature of the allegation and the severity of the violent felony

charge, Peterson's bond be set at 10% of 10,000. He is also to have no contact with the victim, submit to random alcohol testing, appear and preform as directed by the court. A Preliminary Hearing was set for Oct. 29 at 10 a.m.



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OPINION

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Residents of Lusk, I read the articles regarding Proposition No. 1 that we vote on in a few days in last week's edition of the newspaper. It sounds like this proposition has a fairly decent chance of being accepted on election day.

I strongly believe the general public needs to closely examine this before committing to an enormous amount of money. I had spent some time trying to recall when the current infrastructure failed to the degree the community was without services. Other than a rare water break in bitterly cold weather, there have been none.

I do agree the infrastructure is old. This is the same infrastructure that exists in communities

throughout the country, and they manage to sustain utilities. Other named projects include resurface streets, drainage concerns, sidewalk repair, fiber optic cable; these are worthy projects, but why can't we wait until we are in a better position economically? What happened to determine these projects need immediate attention?

All of us have watched utility rates increase at an alarming rate. Now we are told we must do this or the rates will increase enormously. Regardless of the changes, the rates will continue to rise. There is no promise the costs will never increase for the time period of the bond.

The consensus from a few is that we are doing this one way or another.

I suspect not many if any, communities in this state or across America are attempting to undertake this kind of project at such an unsettled time.

We have experienced very comfortable economic conditions over the last few years. The consumer had extra income, and the business was thriving.

Today that has changed. We are in the most unpredictable and tumultuous time in American history. The pandemic is far from over with, and this state is experiencing record levels of infection. The shutdown of local businesses is still a possibility.

Is this the time to ask the consumer to dig very deep into an already thin pocket? Most people live on a fixed income in small

communities. It can only buy so much.

In the last few months, prices have risen on most everything we need to buy. The fixed income does not rise along with the market price.

This proposition spends vital resources for many years upon years. When real emergencies arise, where will we seek more money? Critical needs have been paid for by this revenue stream. The hospital, town projects, and county sought assistance when the money was low. Somehow these unexpected items will be paid for by the citizens or won't be met.

An entire generation of dollars will be poured into this project. People that have minimal means to find more income will bear the

burden. This is not wise.

With this said, once again, where is the evidence that defines we are on the precipice of an infrastructure nightmare? I feel the proposition falls under one category of two.

We all have things we want or need. I think this falls into the want category. It is the perfect definition of local government overreach. This overreach rarely benefits the average citizen.

So on election day, it is important to vote on all of the issues we face. When considering this proposition, vote with your mind and pocketbook and determine if this will impact you favorably or not.

Peter W Pier
Lusk, Wyoming

A love letter to fall

It's halfway through October and fall is finally upon us.

Last Wednesday, I stepped outside into the early morning and finally felt the crisp air I've been waiting for. Many people long for warmth, but I'm happiest in a jacket and boots. Finally, my sandals are retired for the year.

There is a lot to love about autumn—first, the smells. Roaming through stores sniffing fall scented candles is a form of therapy for me. Currently, my own place al-



Alex Hargrave
Staff Writer

ternates between an apple scented candle sent by my godmother, a pumpkin candle from an indulgent Target excursion and an old applewood and amber Woodwick candle whose sounds are just as good as its scent.

Baked goods are acceptable any time of year, but during the cold months they take on a new importance. The only rival to a good fall candle is the smell of chocolate chip banana bread, honey granola, pumpkin chocolate chip cookies or

apple pie baking in the oven.

Whether you like pumpkin-flavored lattes or not, there's no denying the drink tastes like a liquid version of the fall season. I drink black coffee daily, but I love a pumpkin-flavored latte and I purchase pumpkin spice flavored creamer between October and November.

There are pumpkin patches, corn mazes, hot chocolate and haunted houses.

Though there's nothing quite as scary as the year 2020, Halloween still provides a respite from real life. Something especially needed this year. I'm not a lover of scary movies, but

I do enjoy a classic badly made scary movie from the 1980s like the Halloween franchise or the old Carrie. The holiday always makes me think of my first scary movie in third grade, I know what you did last summer. I watched it with my classmate, Megan, who I still call a good friend today. We flipped back and forth between the movie and Dallas Cowboy football, the team of both of our dads, to provide some relief. Football and spooky movies are two fall necessities.

I don't frequent NFL Sunday football as much as I did living with my superfan dad

or going to school in Philadelphia Eagle country, but I turn a game on once in awhile to channel that feeling of eating buffalo chicken wing dip with family or friends, wearing a jersey for a team whether they lose 12 games or win 16.

I think of the years I spent playing soccer throughout the fall, from age five to 17. When I could feel it coming to an end as the air turned so cold I could see my breath, signaling the approach of winter.

Wyoming doesn't grow as many trees as my hometown in Pennsylvania does, but there is still nothing

like seeing the leaves finally change from green to shades of red, orange and yellow. The crunch of dead leaves on the ground is a sound like no other.

This year has been tough on everyone in some way. Fall signals a few things: one, 2020 is almost over; two, Thanksgiving and Christmas are on the horizon. For me, this means I'll soon be reunited with my family and friends living on the other side of the country.

Despite the craziness of this year, one thing has been consistent: the smells, sounds and feelings of glorious fall.

AROUND OUR TOWN

BY JULIE GUSTAFSON

Today's Obscure Holiday: National Apple Day

4-H Friday's - from 9 a.m. till noon, each Friday in Oct.. \$5 per child. Please register by noon on the Wednesday prior to the event by calling 334-3534. This is open to all school age students ages 5 – 18. The theme for Oct. 23 will be – Edible Food Science and the 30th will be Halloween painting with Carla Stroh.

First Annual Pie-Esta Festival – pie baking/sampling contest. Saturday, Oct. 24 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Niobrara County Fairground Beef Barn. Activities for all ages; Corn Hole Tournament \$20 entry fee, two 5x7 photos by Crown & Cross for \$5, Caramel Apples \$5, and of course the Pie-Tasting. Free kids activities and free lunch. Taste up to 24 samples with the purchase of one \$6 ticket available at Bloomers and Lickety Stitch. Sponsored by Lusk Farmers Market and Lusk ROCS. If you want to enter a pie, sign up at Bloomers. Plan to go and enjoy a good time and great pie.

It's a Mystery Dinner & Movie Series continues at the library on Monday, Oct. 26 at 6 p.m. with the movie "Catch Me If You Can". A light meal is available at each of the films and Deane

Tucker returns to lead the series. Library programs are free and open to the public.

Local author Larid Johnson will be at the library for a book signing on Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 5 p.m. Larid will have copies of his books available for purchase, including a new edition of "Yellow Dog Eight," and two new books "The Thinking Rock" and "The Tiger and the Strawberry Queen". Plan to attend for a nice evening and new books.

Puppet Show at the library. "The Hallows Eve Pumpkin Thief" presented by ventriloquist Meghan Casey & Rocky Mountain Puppets on Friday, Oct. 30 at 1 p.m. The show is suitable for all ages, make sure to attend for an afternoon of fun.

Halloween Activities are Happening in Lusk. Downtown Trick or Treat will be from 3:45 – 5 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 29. And the Niobrara County 4-H Carnival will be Saturday, Oct. 31 from 5 – 8 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. There will be games, cake walk, haunted house, and homemade soup and pie. They ask that if you are feeling ill please stay home. Masks are not required.

31st Annual 4-H Shooting Sports Challenge will be Sunday, November 1 at the Niobrara County Shooting Sports Building. Shoot anytime between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., awards will be at 4 p.m. You can shoot on multiple teams; the cost

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is \$10 per 4 person team. Concessions will be available. Contact the Extension office at 307-334-3534 if you have any questions.

Meetings – Oct. 26 – School Board Meeting 6 p.m., Oct. 27 – Hospital Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.

Birthday Club – Oct. 22-Jasper Lashmett, Bill Dockery, Carol Kupke, Oct. 23-Dolores Mitchell, Ellen Colby, Terry Branceaco, Tommy Walker, Oct.

24-Gary Mitchell, Ken Wright, Oct. 25-Verna Soester, Fred Thomas, Oct. 26-Roxanne Pavone, Sam Blaney, Gene Bartow, Oct.27-Aaron Christianson, Erin Applegarth, Oct. 28-Gail Graham, Norma Bruegger

If you would like to give a Birthday shout-out, or let everyone know what's happening, send your info to jgustafson@luskherald.com or call at (307)-334-2867

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Peeks at the Past

“What is past is prologue.”
Since 1886, The Lusk Herald has recorded the story of Niobrara County. Following are bits of that story. (All misprints and typos in this section are in keeping with the original printing.)

100 YEARS AGO – Oct. 22, 1920
CITY BRIEFS – Phone your news items to the Lusk Standard. Phone 22.
C. C. Carlson returned Friday from a business trip to Denver.
Mrs. A.W. Crossman is critically ill at her home with asthma.
Mrs. Thurman Godfrey is enjoying a visit with relatives in Nebraska.
Mrs. Frank Downer is spending the week visiting friends and shopping in Casper.
A very serious fire started on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in which 500 tons of hay and seven or eight miles of grass was burned off. Four men were badly burned who were on their way to assist in putting the fire out. The men burned were employees of Albert Rochelle of Lusk, one of them being treated here now.

75 YEARS AGO – Oct. 18, 1945
NEWS OF LANCE CREEK SCHOOLS
– Norman and Luther Penfield sold their 4-H Club steers at a very good

price last week.
Guy and Darlene Munsinger celebrated their birthdays at school last week. Their mother, Mrs. Bill Munsinger, brought favors for all the children.
Livestock is again moving over the Chicago & Northwestern line in this area, after a stock car shortage lasting some three weeks. The Lusk agent, E.M. Criss, said he expected all of the backlog of car orders to be cleaned up by the end of this week. The Lusk Sales Pavilion, which has suffered most from the shortage, reported it has adequate cars for shipment of stock from yesterday’s sale.
Mrs. Cora Bridge of Manville received a telephone call from her son, Kenneth S. McAllister, on Oct. 12, from New York City. He had arrived that day, coming from Germany and has been overseas a year and a half. It is three years since he joined the service and he is due for a discharge and plans on returning to Wyoming as soon as he can.

50 YEARS AGO – Oct. 22, 1970
Stan Carstens, N.C.H.S., sophomore, received a fractured vertebrae in Junior Varsity Lusk vs. Douglas game September 25. Not realizing how serious the injury was he completed the game, and the next week played in the Lusk

vs. Buffalo game. Stan is now wearing a neck brace, and is likely it will be six months before it can be removed. He is the son of Marvel and Larry Casterns both of Lusk.
Official Niobrara County population for 1970 is 2,924 persons, 105 more than preliminary figures showed in May according to The Bureau of Census, U.S. Department of Commerce. And Mr. Average Niobrara is a white rural resident, married, has several children and lives in a moders home with a mediam value of \$8,300 or rents for \$53 a month.
George Earl Peet, 86, former mayor of Lusk for 10 years, county coroner and mortician-proprior of Peet Mortuary since 1928, died Oct. 14 at the home of a son Don at Auburn, Wash. Besides serving in public office, he had been a faithful and ardent member of the Republican party through the years. But he was much more, a loyla citizen of Lusk and the county above all else He was a devout man as reflected in the manner in which he conducted his profession.

25 YEARS AGO – Oct. 18, 1995
Lusk to host 1996 Does Convention. Reading letters of support from Lusk Elks Lodge, Mayor Don Whiteaker and the Lusk Chamber of Commerce at the state convenion in Worland, Jacqueline

Nagel, president of Lusk Drove #64 accepted the invitaion to host the 1996 convention. Lusk Does attended the Opening, Memorial and Flag Ceremonies Friday evening and praticipated in ritual workshops on Saturday, performing the Closing Ceremony. Attending from Lusk were Jackie Nagel, Theresa Modine, Clara Haworth, Elaine Kuhn, Beth Sides, Barb Crofutt, Pat Fowler and Elaine Graves.
Each year the Niobrara Conservation District offers a scholarship for NCHS College Sophomores majoring in Agriculture. They must maintain a 2.5 GPA and submit an application in the fall. This year we had five applicants. The District has named the award winners for 1995. Stephanie Cummings, daughter of Steve and Linda Cummings was awarded the \$500 scholarship. She is studying Ag/Business at the University of Wyoming and is in her sophomore year. Bailey Rap and Justin Kremers were each awarded \$250. Bailey is the son of Ed and Barb Rapp. He is studying pre-vet at Casper College. He is a junior. Justin is the son of Jim and Rose Kremers. He is completing his studies in horse management at Laramie County Community College.
“If you don’t see it in The Herald it didn’t happen.”

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wyoming to offer premium relief to members

BY TOM COULTER
Wyoming Tribune Eagle Via Wyoming News Exchange

CHEYENNE — Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wyoming announced Thursday that it will offer a total of \$15 million in premium relief to employers and individuals due to the economic hardships brought on by COVID-19.
The health insurance provider, which is the only one in Wyoming, will first offer premium credits to large and small group employers equal to 50% of each group’s premiums billed for the month of November.
For those who receive coverage through the individual market, rather than through their employer, rebates totaling approximately \$8 mil-

lion will be avail- able to them in early 2021.
Wendy Curran, vice president for care delivery and provider affairs at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wyoming, said the initiative was the first of its kind for the company that she could recall.
“Our goal is to always try to help our members and businesses minimize their health care costs,” Curran said. “The COVID-19 pandemic has been a unique circumstance for all of us, and as we started into the early days of the pandemic, we didn’t know what the impacts would be on us as a health insurer.”
Eventually, the company realized the premium credits would be a viable option for members.
The decision came after Blue Cross

Blue Shield of Wyoming had already waived out-of-pocket costs for COVID-19 treatment for its members.
“Some people’s health care costs are expanding, and this just seemed to be the best way for us in terms of how we would do our part to address COVID,” Curran said. “We’ve tried to be a good neighbor to everybody, and I hope this is helpful.”
Denise Burke, a senior policy and planning analyst at the Wyoming Insurance Department, said the announcement was fairly unprecedented for a health insurance provider.
“In terms of health care, I’ve never seen it before,” Burke said of the credits.
Meanwhile, some auto insurance companies have also offered premium relief and extended grace periods

amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Burke said.
“This is slightly different,” Burke said. “But it’s similar in that the way rates are set for insurers is based on anticipation of what claims will be and rating factors and risk.”
Diane Gore, president of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wyoming, said in a prepared statement that the company is recognizing the economic pressures that many of its members continue to face during the COVID-19 pandemic.
“The challenges presented by this pandemic are unprecedented in the history of our company,” Gore said. “However, I know that if we, as Wyoming citizens and employers, work together, we will come out stronger in the end.”



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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE WYOMING CONSTITUTION TO BE VOTED ON AT THE GENERAL ELECTION NOV. 3, 2020

Underlined words would be added to existing law. Words stricken through will be removed.

A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming Constitution to remove the specific limit on the amount of debt a municipality can incur for a sewer project and to allow the legislature to prescribe by law the debt limit for municipal sewer projects; and to provide a ballot statement.

Section 1. The following proposal to amend Wyoming Constitution, Article 16, Section 5 is proposed for submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the next general election for approval or rejection to become valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a majority of the electors at the election:

Article 16, Section 5. Limitation on municipal, county or school district debt.

No city or town shall in any manner create any indebtedness exceeding four per cent (4%) of the assessed value of the taxable property therein, except that ~~an additional indebtedness of four per cent (4%) of the assessed value of the taxable property therein~~ may be created for sewage disposal systems as the legislature may by law prescribe. Indebtedness created for supplying water to cities or towns is excepted from the limitation herein.

No county shall in any manner create any indebtedness exceeding two per cent (2%) of the taxable property therein.

No school district shall in any manner create any indebtedness exceeding ten per cent (10%) on the assessed value of the taxable property therein for the purpose of acquiring land, erection, enlarging and equipping of school buildings.

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Diamonds
on the Prairie
with Peg

by
Peg DesEnfants



It happens to me all the time. I will be going down one of our gravel roads, and just off to the side of the road will be an antelope. It didn't take me long to figure out that they often don't think very well. You can try to go slowly around them, and they fuzz up and come right toward you. They will get ahead of you and try every fence only to give up and come running back to you at top speed. I have finally learned my lesson to just stop and give them a minute to get their act together. We actually build antelope time into our schedule.

Some time ago, three buck antelope were going right down the center of the gravel road. Knowing what I know, I stopped to let them get life figured out. They tried fence after fence with two of them finally doing the limbo and getting under that bottom wire. The third who was somewhat larger than the others got hung up a bit and was struggling. I didn't move a muscle or utter a sound as he was very near the car. Then something happened that I had never witnessed before, one of the others came back and came almost nose to nose with him as if to encourage him to get out of that fence. The struggle lasted a few more moments, antelope vs. fence, and finally he was able to get his horns untangled to join the others.

I wonder how many times in my life I have been "hung up" and someone has come along side, nose to nose if you will to encourage me. Whether it is just the day to day adventures of life, raising kids, being married or single, dealing with death or life that has gotten us down, we all need encouragement.

It was so easy to cheer our kids on as they stood on wobbly legs and took those first steps. How about cheering on those who are taking their wobbly first steps into college, marriage, parenthood, and even the golden years.

Encouragement can look like a text, a casserole, a phone call or an unexpected visit. It can be wrapped in a hug with no words uttered. Take a step, just do it.

I Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Library News

BY MAY ELLEN SMITH & DEBBIE STURMAN

We are pleased to host local author Larid Johnson for a book signing on Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 5 p.m. Larid will have copies of his books available for purchase, including a new edition of "Yellow Dog Eight," which is a record of his memories of more than thirty-years with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Larid has recently completed "The Thinking Rock" and "The Tiger and the Strawberry Queen" as well. Plan now to stop by. Meghan Casey and Rocky Mountain Puppets return on Friday, Oct. 30 at 1 p.m. with "The Hallows Eve Pumpkin Thief." The show is suitable for all ages and you won't want your children to miss this talented ventriloquist.

The Dinner & Movie series continues on Monday, Oct. 26 with "Catch Me if You Can" at 6 p.m. A light meal will be available and Deane Tucker

facilitates the discussion.

Christine Baker Kline, author of "The Orphan Train" has a new novel entitled "The Exiles" and it is based on true events. England has been rapidly pouring its prisoners (mostly men, but an increasing number of women) into Australia. Promised land they will never receive; this growing population of former convicts begins to create a society of their own. Into this setting, come three women who form the unbreakable bonds of friendship. This book is also available on CD and through the CloudLibrary.

Other new fiction books are "Playing Nice" by J. P. Delaney, "Thick as Thieves" by Sandra Brown, "Assassin's Strike" by Ward Larsen, "The Memory of Souls" by Jenn Lyons, "No Name: the Story of a Ghost Town" by Richard S. Wheeler, "The

Vanished Queen" by Lisbeth Campbell, "Dead Man Dancing" by John Galligan and "Whirlwind" by Janet Daily. A new young adult title is "Fractured Tide" by Leslie Karen Lutz.

"The End of Everything (Astrophysically) Speaking" by Katie Mack joins "World War II POW Camps of Wyoming" by Cheryl O'Brien and "Delay, Don't Deny: Living an Intermittent Fasting Life" by Gin Stephens among new non-fiction books.

The *Lennea Lewis Slagle Children's Library* has these new junior titles, "Our Friend Hedgehog" by Lauren Castillo, "Bio-Pirate" by Michele Martin Bossley, and "The Case of the Missing Auntie" by Michael Hutchinson. Newer easy books are "The Princess and the Pizza" by Mary Jane Auch, "Eating Ketchup from a Tub" by Natasha Fotakis, "Sky and His

Wooden Spoon" by Abram Barrett and "A Cooked-up Fairy Tale" by Penny Parker Klostermann.

"Halloween Party!" is the theme for Storyhour on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2020. Storyhour is held from 10 to 11 a.m. every Tuesday for children age 3 through kindergarten. Call 307-334-3274 anytime to hear a recorded story. Dial-A-Story is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Browse the library's online catalog, "WyldCat" by going to <https://niobrara-countylibrary.org> and clicking on WyldCat. You can also browse the library collections throughout the state and initiate interlibrary loans using your library card number and PIN.

Library hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Wednesday 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.

EWC voices opposition to Gillette college during hearing

BY JONATHAN GALLARDO

Gillette News Record Via Wyoming News Exchange

GILLETTE — The effort to create a new college district in Campbell County officially has opposition from an existing college district.

The Eastern Wyoming College Board of Trustees approved a resolution opposing the formation of the district this week, said chairman Bob Baumgartner.

During a public hearing Wednesday night, Baumgartner said Gillette College's application does nothing to show that it will offer any unique programs or services that aren't already offered at other community colleges in the state.

And with Campbell County's assessed valuation expected to con-

tinue to drop, Baumgartner said he expects Gillette College to rely even more on state funding, "diminishing the share on an already inadequate source of funding."

According to the Western Interstate Commission of Higher Education, which is conducting a needs assessment survey, the number of high school graduates, both in Wyoming and nationwide, is projected to drop in 2026 due to the slowdown in birth rate during the Great Recession.

"The need for an additional community college is decreasing, not increasing," Baumgartner said.

The Eastern Wyoming College board "definitely opposes" the formation of the district, he said, adding that if it goes through, it will "further weaken every existing community college" in Wyoming.

Baumgartner made the comments over Zoom during a public hearing at Central Wyoming College in Riverton on Wednesday night.

It was the second of two public hearings held by the Wyoming Community College Commission, which has 90 days from Sept. 1 to decide whether to approve Campbell County's application to create a new community college district.

The first public hearing, held Saturday at the Gillette College Pronghorn Center, saw many people come forward in support of the new district. A number of those same people made the trip to Riverton on Wednesday to speak again.

This time around, there were a few more naysayers.

Lesley Travers, president of Eastern Wyoming College, questioned the timing of Campbell County's ef-

forts to form its own district. With the state making deep budget cuts, including eliminating services for the disabled and elderly, "this is the wrong time for Campbell County to pursue a new district," she said.

"We hope the commission does not support it at this time," she said.

If the commission does approve Campbell County's application, it will then go before the state Legislature. If it clears that hurdle, then it will go before the voters of Campbell County, who will decide whether they want to tax themselves to give the college a sustainable source of funding.

State Rep.-elect Bill Fortner, R-Gillette, reminded the commission that Campbell County's health is a barometer for the entire state.

"When Campbell County does good, the state of Wyoming does good," he said. "If you pass 4 mills on industry, Campbell County's not going to do very good anymore."

The Gillette College Foundation has raised millions of dollars for the school. Dave Horning, the organization's president, said the foundation's success is an indication that Gillette College does have the community's support.

It shouldn't be up to the commission to decide whether Campbell County's voters are knowledgeable enough on whether they want to support the college, he added.

"Campbell County has earned the right to make the decision whether it should become its own district," he said.

Fortner said that when the people

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Church Worship Schedule

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Pastor Tom Strock
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

Lusk Alliance Church
Meets at Blish Fellowship Hall,
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Pastor Joel Richardson
Worship Celebration 10 a.m.

St. George's Episcopal Church
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TIGER FOOTBALL



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The Niobrara County Tigers and the Southeast Cyclones battled for the right to earn the No. 1 seed from the 9-Man East Conference Friday in Yoder. The top-ranked Cyclones defeated the Tigers, 35-16. A recap of the ballgame can be read on page B-1.



ANDREW TOWNE/TORRINGTON TELEGRAM

Niobrara County senior Drake Lamp is tackled by a pair of Southeast Cyclones during Friday's 35-16 loss in Yoder. A recap of the ballgame can be read on page B-1.



ANDREW TOWNE/TORRINGTON TELEGRAM

Niobrara County senior Drake Lamp out runs Southeast senior Sawyer Anderson during Friday's 35-16 loss to the Cyclones in Yoder. A recap of the ballgame can be read on page B-1.

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ELECTION 2020



Name: Katie Kruse
Occupation: Self Employed
Town of residence: Lance Creek
Office running for:
NCSchool No. 1 School Trustee

Why did you decide to run for this office?
My husband and I are both Niobrara County graduates. We live on our family ranch, north of Lance Creek. We have two children that attend the Lance Creek School, a second grader and a kindergartner. I decided to run for reelection because I care about the kids and staff in our district. I realize that we are very fortunate to live in Niobrara County, and I would like to continue to give back to our community.
What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?
I am fortunate to have served on the NCSD#1 Board for the past 4 years, and I have been Vice-chair for 3 of those years. As Vice Chair on our local board, I have assisted in setting the agenda, was acting Chair at multiple meetings when the Board Chair was unavailable, and I have served on different committees. Being on the board for the last 4 years has given me opportunities to learn from other boards, attend conferences, and I earned a certified school board member certificate. Through continued education opportunities, I have learned about state and national issues, how the state sets our local budget, and school law.

What do you see as the most important issue needing to be addressed during your term in office and how do you plan to address it?
In the next year I see budget cuts being a major issue in our district. Being such a small district, we cannot afford the cuts or absorb some of the costs that larger districts can. I served on the recalibration committee this fall, and while listening to people around the state, I realized that we are going to have to advocate for our kids more because the State of Wyoming economic status is ever changing. We are going to have to make adjustments to our school that don't lower the high education standards in our district.

Name: Cheryl Lund
Occupation: Rancher
Town of residence: Lusk
Office running for: School Board

Why did you decide to run for this office? I have been proud to serve Niobrara County on the School Board for many years. I decided to run again be-



Name: Jeremy Nelson
Occupation: Engineer
Town of residence: Manville
Office running for:
NCSchool No. 1 School Board

Why did you decide to run for this office? I have two young children in elementary school, and I would like to help shape the educational experience of the young people of our county. I understand the value of a sound educational foundation.
What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office? I received the beginning of my formal education in Niobrara County, having attended Lance Creek Elementary, Lusk Elementary/Middle School and graduating from Niobrara County High School in 2001. I then continued my educational experience at the University of Wyoming graduating with a BS in Civil Engineering in 2005. In my profession, I deal with many government regulations as well as manage budgets created by myself as well as others. I understand the importance of adhering to both.
What do you see as the most important issue needing to be addressed during your term in office and how do you plan to address it? I plan to address the issues facing our district as they arise. One of the most pressing issues we will be facing is continuing to offer students the most beneficial experience possible while managing the inevitable budget cuts being passed down from the state.

Name: Loren Heth
Occupation: Public Accountant
Town of residence:
Office running for:
Niobrara County School Board

Why did you decide to run for this office?
It is especially important to me that the students of Niobrara County District succeed in any endeavor they would be willing to undertake and if we provide them the best educational opportunities and support possible, they will succeed. I also believe with my fiscal responsibilities and knowledge and support of our fine staff, who also deserve recognition for all their hard work



Name: Jeff Miller
Occupation: Rancher / Pipeline Supervisor
Town of residence: Lance Creek
Office running for: NCSchool No. 1 School Board

Why did you decide to run for this office?
My wife Janae and I have two daughters in the school system and a son who will be there in the future. It is important to me to protect small town values, ability for parents to have a say in their child's education and to give all kids the opportunity to win at either career (business, IT, shop, ag, mechanics, etc.) or college preparation. I want our schools to improve and rank high against comparable schools in the state so our students remain competitive.
What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?
I take pride in growing up in Niobrara County and will represent the

voters. I attended both a Wyoming college and university, studying both general education and auto mechanics; I know the value of career and technical education along with college preparedness. In my career, I currently work in a leadership role for a successful company. As a dad to children in the schools, and as the husband of an educator, I have perspectives that will benefit both Niobrara County School District students and staff.

What do you see as the most important issue needing to be addressed during your term in office and how do you plan to address it?
The most important issue is voter representation. It is important for residents to have a voice. If someone wants to speak to me, they can and I will do my best to make sure their needs are addressed. No one person must have full authority or be allowed to monopolize a district - it is a community effort to take care of kids.

and dedication, we will be able to provide these students with the support they need to be successful in life.
What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?
I am a past graduate of Niobrara County School District, my grandchildren are students, my wife and children graduated from Niobrara County School District, we all have earned college degrees, and have experienced many successful life events, including myself becoming the President of Wyoming School Board Association representing all the districts in the State of Wyoming at the National School Board Association.

What do you see as the most important issue needing to be addressed during your term in office and how do you plan to address it?
The most important issues needing addressed includes: Issues with the State of Wyoming Congressional cuts, which are affecting Niobrara County School District funding, we must have the ability to provide a same quality education for Niobrara County students compared with other Wyoming students but with adequate funding. My main concern is to provide the best education, with the least adequate funding, but still improve staff and student performance to not only succeed in school but in life.

cause I feel that there are many important decisions to be made that are going to affect our students and the school district as a whole in the next four years.
What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office? I believe that being on the board previously will help me make the best decisions for our students during these difficult times.
What do you see as the most important issue need-

ing to be addressed during your term in office and how do you plan to address it? The most important issue in the next 4 years is going to be our budget and the state-imposed cuts we are going to have to make. It is going to take a lot of hard work by the board and the administration, as well as input from the community to make these cuts. This issue will entail difficult discussions and decisions.

**Editor's note:
Responses for Patricia Goodwin were not delivered as of press time.*

EWC:

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of Campbell County are educated on the issue, they will oppose the mill levy.
"All we've got to do is educate them, and I'm pretty good at that," he said.
Gillette College Advisory Board Chairman Robert Palmer agreed that education will be key.
"We have to educate our community, let them know how important our college is," he said.
There hasn't been a new college district formed in Wyoming since 1968. Things have changed since then, said state Sen. Jeff Wasserburger, R-Gillette.
"Fifty-two years ago, Gillette had 1,500 people. It's a town of 30,000 now," he said. "Things have changed. We have to change as a result of that."
Gillette resident Sue Knesel said Sheridan County

and Campbell County are two very different communities, and therefore their colleges need to be governed by different boards.
Responding to Baumgartner's comment that Gillette College doesn't offer anything new, Knesel said that is because the school is not in its own district. If it were, it would be better able to make decisions for its community and add programs as industries evolve.
Adrian Gerrits, a member of the Campbell County Health Board of Trustees, said the hospital works closely with Gillette College, especially with its nursing program. More than half of CCH's nursing staff is from the college, he said, and the retention rate for those nurses are much higher than those recruited from out of town.

As health care evolves and a nursing shortage continues, it's vital that Gillette College adds programs to keep up. Gerrits said there have been talks about future programs, including one for medical billing and coding.
Gillette already has a college campus that rivals almost all other campuses in the state, he said, but "what we're truly lacking is the ability to raise our own funds."
"Stop looking at it from your view," Wasserburger told the commission. "Stop looking at it by how it's going to impact my college and look at it from the viewpoint of, is Gillette College ready to be its own separate community college district?"
"When you look at all the facts, I think there's only one answer, and that answer is it is."

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ELECTION 2020

Dr. Merav Ben-David
Professor, University of Wyoming
Laramie
U.S. Senate

Why did you decide to run in this election?

Every year, talented young people leave Wyoming because they can't find good work here. Every year, we see more and more layoffs in oil fields, coal mines, and other industries, leaving workers and their families out in the cold.

Economists have warned us for decades that we'd suffer brain drain and job loss if we didn't get serious about diversifying our economy, but we now find ourselves facing the same old challenges. Why? Because politicians have been putting ideology over evidence.

Scientists like me are trained to tackle issues differently. We solve problems by asking hard questions, gathering all the relevant data, and drawing evidence-based conclusions. The need for such a perspective is clearer than ever as we struggle with economic hardship and loss of life due to the pandemic.

I never imagined I would be interested in politics. But scientists are problem solvers, and the problems Wyoming and the country face today call for a bold vision, one informed by facts, one with a long-term view, and one that a scientist - like me - is uniquely poised to lead.

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?

First, I will be able to draw on my scientific training and experience. And I want to be clear on something: this isn't just about the coronavirus, or about climate change - two areas where the value of scientific expertise is obvious - it's about our entire political system. Partisanship has poisoned our politics to the point where, no matter who's in power, very little gets done. The perspective of a scientist - my perspective - is the perfect antidote to this: I don't care where good ideas come from, so long as they're good ideas. I'm a Democrat, but science has no political party.

Second, I've lived in Wyoming for 20 years and have studied some of the pressing environmental issues the state is facing, making me deeply familiar with the problems and potential solutions for Wyoming.



Third, I grew up on a farm, and I love hiking, skiing, hunting and horseback riding. I know what it means to 'Keep Wyoming Wyoming,' because that's exactly what I want for myself.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?

Reality has shown us that we can't treat issues in silos; most of the problems we face today are intertwined. Just consider the COVID-19 pandemic: international relations, scientific evidence, economic trajectory, societal upheaval all linked together influencing each other.

COVID-19 and the resulting economic recession have left millions of Americans unemployed and uninsured. Medical costs are the main cause of bankruptcies, homelessness and hunger in the US. Leaving Americans without the ability to feed their families, keep their homes, and access healthcare in the middle of a pandemic is unconscionable. Even before COVID19 hit, however, the long-term decline in the demand for coal and oil left thousands of Wyomingites jobless. As the global demand for fossil fuels declines, so could more than 50 percent of Wyoming's economy. We've already lost significant portions of our revenue, triggering additional budget cuts that will cost more jobs across industries and the state government.

To solve these current

problems, we'll need to follow three steps: Rescue, Reimagine, and Rebuild.

Rescue: As long as the pandemic still rages, we must ensure that every Wyomingite and every American can keep a roof over their head and can feed their family. That means we must pass the HEROES Act and make sure Americans get another stimulus.

Reimagine: We need to think of Wyoming as more than just an energy producing state. We have so much more to offer! We should develop a federal jobs guarantee program that will hire people to install solar panels, plug up abandoned wells, repair roads, clean our parks, and lay broadband cables, and we can also attract new innovative industries (biotechnology, artificial intelligence, robotics, and renewable energy) that provide high paying, stable jobs with good benefits. But we can't be good for business if we aren't good for workers too. Companies won't want to come to Wyoming if they don't think they'll be able to bring talent with them. And people won't want to move to Wyoming if they're worried about their child's schooling, their spouse's job prospects, or access to a good doctor.

Rebuild: We should use FDR's New Deal as a blueprint to rebuild our state and our country by investing in education, healthcare, infrastructure and job retraining programs, all while protecting our environment and our shared values.

Cynthia Lummis
Rancher and lawyer
Cheyenne
U.S. Senate

Why did you decide to run in this election?

As our country deals with the impacts of COVID-19 over the months and years to come, it will be more important than ever for Wyoming to have proven, effective leadership in the U.S. Senate. To have a fierce advocate for small businesses and free enterprise, an unwavering defender of the Constitution and the civil liberties it protects and a committed, seasoned conservative who will put Wyoming and its people first. I am running for the U.S. Senate to be that voice for Wyoming.

During my eight years in the U.S. House of Representatives, I worked day-in and day-out to defend and advance the conservative values we hold dear. I'm ready to roll up my sleeves, head back to Washington and stand shoulder-to-shoulder with President Trump to get our economy booming again and hold China accountable for the devastation their irresponsible actions have caused to American families, business and communities.

What experiences, skills or education makes you qualified for the office?

I'm a fourth generation Wyoming native and lifelong rancher. I was born and raised in Cheyenne and am a three-time graduate of the University of Wyoming. From 2008 to 2016, I served as Wyoming's lone Congressman in Washington where I helped cofound the Freedom Caucus, championed Wyoming's mineral and energy resources and fought to rein in spending. I earned an A+ rating from the NRA and have a 100% voting record with Right to Life. I signed and delivered on the 'No New Tax Pledge' and opposed President Obama's radical agenda more often than any other member of Con-



gress. Prior to serving in Congress, I spent eight years as Wyoming State Treasurer and 14 years as a member of the Wyoming State Legislature.

In the race for U.S. Senate, I'm proud to be endorsed by U.S. Senators Mike Enzi and John Barrasso, the National Rifle Association, the American Conservative Union, and over 100 community leaders from all 23 Wyoming counties, among many others.

If elected, what do you see as the most important issue impacting your office during your term?

In the wake of COVID-19, it is more important than ever that we enact President Trump's 'America First' agenda. This means bringing the development and manufacturing of essential products back to the United States and to Wyoming, expanding domestic energy production and tackling our national debt once and for all.

While our economy has been rattled by the COVID-19 pandemic, I believe the 'Great American Comeback' is just around the corner. We must reduce overly burdensome regulations on

business, bring manufacturing and production of critical goods and services back to the United States from China (including critical medical supplies and rare earth minerals) and continue pro-growth tax policies that enable the private sector, and the critical jobs and revenues they provide, to thrive.

At the same time, we must expand domestic energy production by implementing recommendations of the President's Nuclear Fuel Working Group to revitalize domestic uranium mining; advancing the research and promotion of carbon capture technologies; enabling the export of Powder River Basin coal through western ports; and ensuring a fair and transparent regulatory framework.

While we can build a strong economy, none of it will matter for the long-term if we fail to tackle our national debt once and for all. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I stood up to the moderate leadership of my own party to push back against overspending. I'll do the same in the U.S. Senate.

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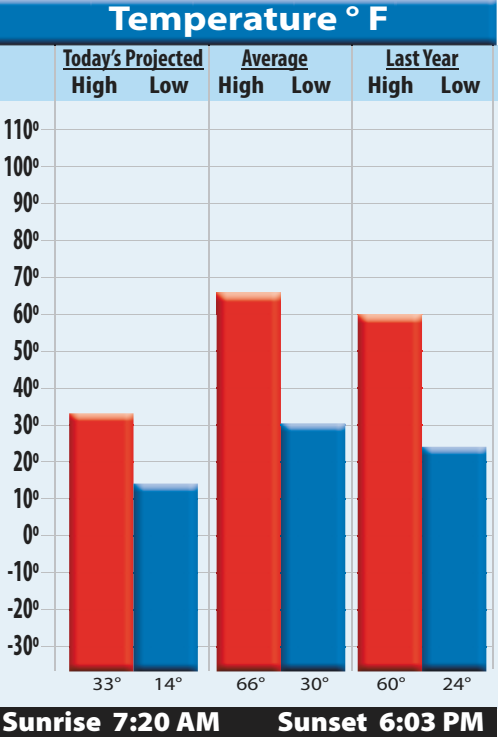
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33°Hi Real Feel 19° Mainly cloudy, windy and much colder; a snow shower in the afternoon	32°Hi Real Feel 24° Cold with intervals of clouds and sunshine	37°Hi Real Feel 29° Cloudy and cold; a little snow at times in the afternoon	25°Hi Real Feel 23° Cloudy and cold	25°Hi Real Feel 17° Sunny and cold
Precipitation: 64% Evening 14°Lo Real Feel 7° Colder with areas of low clouds; hypothermia likely without protective clothing	Precipitation: 10% Evening 25°Lo Real Feel 11° Intermittent snow,	Precipitation: 54% Evening 14°Lo Real Feel 7° Frigid with periods of snow; limited outdoor activity recommended	Precipitation: 25% Evening 5°Lo Real Feel -7° Partly cloudy and frigid	Precipitation: 9% Evening 8°Lo Real Feel -9° Cold with increasing cloudiness; a bit of snow late
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FROM WYOMING NEWS EXCHANGE NEWSPAPERS

States put travel restrictions on Wyoming residents

CASPER (WNE) — A handful of states, plus the District of Columbia, have put strict restrictions on travelers coming from areas with COVID-19 surges, which now includes Wyoming.

Wyomingites hoping to travel to Connecticut, Kentucky, Maine, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island or Washington D.C. will be asked to quarantine for 14 days upon their arrival, according to the most recent data from The New York Times.

Five other states have situational quarantine protocols. In Kansas, visitors who recently attended a 500-person event without masks or social distancing will be required to quarantine upon arrival. Travelers to Vermont are permitted to do their 14 days before they leave for the trip, provided they travel by car and make only necessary stops— while masked—on their journey.

Wyoming currently has no travel restrictions in place for out-of-state visitors.

Wyoming’s inclusion in the list of surging states is relatively new. A month ago, the state was reporting fewer than 500 confirmed active cases of COVID-19. As of Friday, there were 1,741.

Four times in the month of October, the state has set new records for new COVID-19 cases, most recently Friday, with 290 new cases added in a single day. Hospitalizations have also skyrocketed from where they were a month ago. There were 16 people hospitalized because of the virus on Sept. 15. As of Oct. 15, 51 people were hospitalized statewide.

Idaho man killed in crash near Rawlins

ROCK SPRINGS (WNE) — An Idaho man died in a crash east of Rawlins early Wednesday, Oct. 14 after driving the wrong way on Interstate 80.

The fatal crash occurred around milepost 221 on Interstate 80 east of Rawlins. Wyoming Highway Patrol troopers were notified of a motor vehicle collision at 6:33 a.m.

Wednesday.

The driver of a 2006 Toyota Corolla entered the eastbound lanes of I-80 traveling the wrong direction, according to a press release. As the Toyota driver drove westbound in the eastbound lanes, a collision occurred with a 2018 Dodge Ram 5500 pulling a trailer.

The driver of the Toyota has been identified as 60-year-old Jerome, Idaho resident Richard L. Shook. Shook was wearing a seatbelt and died of his injuries at the scene of the crash.

The driver of the Dodge has been identified as 61-year-old Eaton, Colorado resident Donald R. Patterson. Patterson was wearing a seatbelt and was not injured in the crash.

Driver inattention is being investigated on the part of Shook as a possible contributing factor.

This is the 105th fatality on Wyoming’s roadways in 2020 compared to 128 in 2019, 93 in 2018, and 113 in 2017 to date.

30 years added to child porn sentence for abuse conviction

RIVERTON (WNE) — A Kinnear man sentenced to 40 months in prison in 2017 for possession of child pornography was sentenced this week to another 30 years – for aggravated sexual abuse of a child.

Charles Patrick Jeffery Jr, 42, was investigated by the FBI for having what court documents call a “knowing sexual act with a child under the age of 12” between Nov. 18, 2015, and July 1, 2016, on the Wind River Indian Reservation.

United States Attorney Mark Klaassen remarked after the sentencing that his office views “this responsibility as seriously as any other enforcement priority because of the vulnerability of these victims and the life-long impacts of abuse.

“We simply have to do everything we can to identify and stop this criminal behavior.”

The minor child did not disclose the acts until 2018, when Jefferey was behind bars for possession of child pornography.

“This prosecution would not have been possible without the victim's courage in bringing forward these allegations and allowing the law enforcement community to pursue justice on their behalf,” said Denver FBI special agent Michael Schneider.

There were originally four counts against Jeffery, including oral sex and the touching of genitalia.

When interviewed by an FBI child and adolescent forensic interviewer, the child stated that Jeffery had committed these abuses in multiple towns, over a few years, up until Jeffery’s arrest on July 1, 2016.

He had roughly 13 months remaining on his sentence when the indictment for aggravated sexual abuse of a child was filed.

Schools in Laramie, Cheyenne named ‘blue ribbon’ schools

LARAMIE (WNE) — An Albany County school is one of two in the state to be honored by the U.S. Department of Education as a 2020 Blue Ribbon School.

Slade Elementary School in Laramie was declared an “Exemplary High Performing” school for its WY-TOPP scores, student growth and commitment to equity. Poder Academy in Cheyenne was also named a Blue Ribbon School this year.

“For all of us here, it helps us feel acknowledged and that we’re moving in the right direction,” Slade Principal Heather Moro said. “This year, in particular, it was a nice bright spot of celebration when we got the call.”

The award considers gaps between socioeconomic, gender or other subgroups within the school. Slade was noted for its commitment to equity.

“About maybe seven or eight years ago, we made a commitment as a staff that we believed in all children — and ‘all’ really meant all children,” Moro said. “So how are we going to work together to make sure all kids have access to grade-level instruction? And that they have opportunities to get grade-level instruction in multiple ways?”

The Blue Ribbon designation also takes into account overall test scores, and student growth over the years.

“As instructors, we’ve worked really hard on being clear about what we want kids to learn and being able to identify the steps or skills they would need to learn that,” Moro said. “We are able to communicate those learning goals, or those steps, to kids so they can identify where they are in that process.”



The following is a guide to use for Chamber businesses taking part in Trick or Treating from 3:45-5:00 on Thursday, October 29th. Stop at Home Town Country at 3:45 for a costume contest first. Be sure to look for the Trick or Treat Here sign. Some may be opting out due to covid. Please plan on stopping at all the businesses listed below.

- NAPA-Franks Parts
- Best Western
- Wyoming Child and Family downtown
- Bloomers
- Body Builders Body Shop
- Covered Wagon Motel
- Davies Law Office
- Helpmate (located in the ranger building)
- Decker’s Food Center
- Farm Bureau Insurance (218 S. Griffith)
- Cramped Closet
- Hiway Brake and Alignment
- Home Town Country
- Insurance Corner
- Library
- Lusk Liquor Store
- Lickety Stitch Quilt
- WMPA -just west of town
- Lusk State Bank
- Lusk Town Hall
- Outpost Café and Truck Stop
- Niobrara Community Hospital-outside by the clinic from 4:00-4:30
- Rancher Feed

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SPORTS SCHEDULES

Friday, Oct. 23
10 a.m. – Middle school girls basketball South Quad at Glenrock
1 p.m. – High school volleyball vs Saratoga
5 p.m. – High school football vs Saratoga at Lusk

Saturday, Oct. 24
1 p.m. - High school volleyball at Lingle

Tuesday, Oct. 27
4:30 p.m. – Middle school girls basketball vs Guernsey at Lusk

SPORTS BRIEF

UW kicks off season in Reno

FOR THE HERALD

LARAMIE – The opening week of the 2020 college football season has arrived for the Wyoming Cowboys. Wyoming will travel to Reno, Nev., on Saturday, Oct. 4 to play the Nevada Wolf Pack in the season opener for both teams. The game will kick off at 5 p.m., Mountain. The Wyoming Cowboys and Nevada Wolf Pack are two of the preseason favorites in the Mountain West Conference.

The MW preseason poll of conference media members selected the Cowboys to finish second in the Mountain Division and picked Nevada to finish second in the West Division.

Both teams are coming off 2019 seasons that saw them earn bowl bids. Wyoming recorded a convincing 38-17 win over Georgia State in the NOVA Home Loans Arizona Bowl and finished the season with an 8-5 record. Nevada earned a bid to the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl where they lost a close game, 30-21, to Ohio. The Wolf Pack ended the 2019 season with a 7-6 record.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, this week's season opener for the Pokes is the latest Wyoming has begun a college football season since 1908 when the Pokes first game was played on Oct. 27. The latest a Cowboy Football season has ever begun was 1902 when the only game played that season was on Dec. 13.

Cyclones knock off Tigers

BY CORY GRIFFITH
Contributing Writer

YODER – A strong, steady west wind on Teeters Field Friday afternoon greeted the WyoPreps.com Coaches and Media top-ranked Southeast and third-ranked Niobrara County High School teams. Always circled on the calendar when the schedules come out at both schools, the 45th matchup was highly anticipated and packed with fans and alumni around the field.

The Cyclones used a 14 play, 80-yard drive to open the contest as Hayden Anderson pushed in for a 2-yard score. Ryan Clapper kicked the PAT and it was 7-0 just five minutes in.

The Tigers answered with their own 10 play, 65-yard drive when Jasper Caldera scored from three yards away. Drake Lamp gave NCHS the lead with his run, and a first period score of 8-7.

The home team came right back just minutes into the second as Anderson connected with Bodie Herring for a 36-yard touchdown pass. Clapper kicked the PAT, and the Cyclones led 14-8.

After the Tiger offense faltered and forced to punt, Anderson again scored from close range and Clapper nailed another PAT. As the clock neared halftime, Clapper attempted a 52-yard field



ANDREW TOWNE/TORRINGTON TELEGRAM

Tigers, from left, Mason Wells (65), Collin Taylor (32) and Dayne Lamp (70) swarm a Southeast running back during Friday's 35-16 loss to the Cyclones.

goal, missing barely wide left with the scoreboard reading 21-8 for Southeast.

A steady diet of Caldera and

Lamp carries helped the Tigers move downfield before Lamp capitalized. His 3-yard touchdown and conversion

runs cut the lead to 21-16 midway through the third quarter.

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Victories continue to elude Lady Tigers

BY CORY GRIFFITH
Contributing Writer

LUSK – Moorcroft was ranked fourth in the WyoPreps.com Coaches and Media Poll, but Niobrara County High School gave them all they could handle last Thursday at Tiger Gym.

The first set saw four lead changes but the last one came when the Lady Tigers broke a 16-16 tie. They extended it to four points and Renae Marker sealed the 25-21 win with a stuff block.

The visitors cleaned up some errors in taking a 14-6 lead in the second set before winning 25-15.

Like the second set, the third saw the Lady Wolves push out to an early lead, but NCHS tied it at 14 and did not relinquish the lead moments later. Adelle DesEnfants came up with some big serves as Lusk won 25-22.

The fourth set was close throughout with tie scores at eight, 12 and 15. Moorcroft pulled ahead and held on for the 25-20 win. NCHS had extended a match to five sets for the first time all season and rode the momentum to a 5-1 lead. The visitors crept back in with ties at ten and 12 before suddenly snatching the 15-12 win.

NCHS TEAM STATS: Serving – 74/96, 77 percent, 6 aces. 19 kills/104 attempts. 19 assists. 8 stuff blocks. 72 digs/119 attempts, 61 pct.

NCHS PLAYER STATS: Serving – Riley Shaw 11/12;

Danni Larson 14/16; A. DesEnfants 18/22; Lily Krueger 9/12. Kills – Marker 10; Krueger 5. Assists- Shaw 8; Bryn Bruch 6. Digs- Bruch 16; Anna Richardson 12; Shaw 11; Marker 11; Larson 10.

Friday evening at Yoder, the teams split the first two sets as the home team won the first 25-14, and Lusk responded with a 25-18 win in the second. Southeast pulled away, winning the third and fourth sets 25-14 and 25-12.

NCHS TEAM STATS: Serving – 52/64, 81 percent, 6 aces. 9 kills/57 attempts. 8 assists. 13 stuff blocks. 68 digs/103 attempts, 66 percent.

NCHS PLAYER STATS: Serving – A. DesEnfants 17/18; Shaw 7/8; Richardson 12/15. Kills – Marker 7. Assists – Bruch 5. Digs – Richardson 13; Bruch 11.

On Saturday, Glenrock came to Lusk and was able to keep NCHS an arms' reach away in the Lady Tigers final conference game. The visitors won the first set 25-18 before overtaking Lusk's lead late in the second set. Glenrock held on for the 25-22 win and rode the momentum to a 25-12 third set sweep.

NCHS TEAM STATS: Serving – 46/53, 87 percent. 11 kills/54 attempts. 11 assists. 60 digs/101 attempts, 59 percent.

NCHS PLAYER STATS:

see **NCHS** page B10



ANDREW TOWNE/TORRINGTON TELEGRAM

Lady Tiger junior Adele DesEnfants delivers a serve earlier this season in Lusk against the Torrington Lady Blazers.

THURSDAY EVENING						OCTOBER 22, 2020					
		7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KCNC	4	CBS News-Presidential Debate				Big Brother		News	Late Show-Colbert	Corden	
KDVR	8	NFL Football: Giants at Eagles				News		News	News	(10:57) Seinfeld	
KMGH	7	The Final Presidential Debate				Trump vs		News	Jimmy Kimmel	Nightline	
KOTA	12	The Final Presidential Debate				Trump vs		News	Jimmy Kimmel	Nightline	
KRMA	13	PBS NewsHour Debates 2020 (N) (Live)				Amer. Experience		Long Journey		Amanpour-Co	
KTVD	10	Dateline		Law Order: CI		News	9News	Creek	Creek	Mom	Mike
KUSA	9	2020 Presidential Debate 2: NBC				CON	News	News	Tonight Show		Meyers
KWGN	3	Channel 2 News		Supernatural (N)		The Outpost (N)		Two	Two	News	Mod
A&E	37	The First 48		(:01) The First 48		(:04) The First 48		(:03) The First 48		(:03) The First 48	
ALTSPT	18	MLS Soccer From Sept. 27, 2008.				Nuggets		College Hockey From Oct. 19, 2019.			
AMC	31	★ ★ “A Nightmare on Elm Street”				★ “Friday the 13th” (2009, Horror)				“House of Wax”	
ANPL	44	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	
BRAVO	57	Southern Charm		Southern Charm		Southern Charm		Southern Charm		Charm	Watch
CNBC	38	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shepard Smith		The Profit	
CNN	20	Second Presidential Debate		(:45) Debate Night in America (N) (Live)						Debate Night	
DISC	25	Gold Rush		Gold Rush		Gold Rush		Gold Rush: Claim Chronicles (N)			
E!	65	The Kardashians		The Kardashians		The Kardashians		Brad	Brad	Brad	Brad
ESPN	16	College Football		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	17	(6:00) UFC 229: Khabib vs. McGregor				UFC Main Event		UFC 254		Now/	Pardon
FOOD	54	Beat	Beat	Beat	Beat	Gingerbread		Gingerbread		Gingerbread	
FREE	42	(6:45) ★ ★ “The Mummy Returns” (2001)				Brendan Fraser.		(9:55) ★ ★ “Hocus Pocus” (1993)			
FX	47	★ ★ “xXx: Return of Xander Cage”				★ ★ “Skyscraper” (2018, Action)				★ ★ “Skyscraper”	
HALL	53	“Karen Kingsbury’s A Time to Dance”				“Sweet Autumn” (2020) Nikki DeLoach.				Golden	Golden
HGTV	41	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Hunters	Hunt Intl
HIST	35	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers	
LIFE	28	★ ★ “Christmas With the Kranks”				★ ★ “The Holiday” (2006) Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet.					
OWN	66	20/20: Homicide		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20: Homicide		20/20 on OWN	
SYFY	32	★ ★ ★ “Zombieland” (2009, Comedy)				★ ★ ★ “28 Days Later” (2002) Cillian Murphy.					
TBS	30	Theory	Theory	Theory	Theory	Conan	Misery	Seinfeld	Conan	New Girl	New Girl
TLC	39	Dr. Pimple Popper				Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple	My Feet
TNT	26	(6:00) “Captain America: Civil War”				(:15) “Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales”					
TRAV	51	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures	
USA	36	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
WGN-A	6	Second Presidential Debate		News		NewsNation		Second Presidential Debate		News	

SATURDAY EVENING						OCTOBER 24, 2020						
		7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
KCNC	4	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: New Orleans		48 Hours (N)		News	Blitz	Paid Prg. NCIS		
KDVR	8	2020 World Series				News		News	Orange	Cosmos: Possible		
KMGH	7	College Football				Denver 7 News		News	(:35) Wipeout	Fam		
KOTA	12	College Football				Wheel	J'pardy!	News	NCIS: New Orleans		Castle	
KRMA	13	Murder Myster.		Death in Paradise		Midsomer Murders		Murder	Beyond	Articu	Austin	
KTVD	10	Dateline		Dateline		News	Sideline	Mom	Mom	Fam Guy	Mike	
KUSA	9	Weakest Link		Sat. Night Live		News		(:29) Saturday Night Live (N)		News	SNL	
KWGN	3	Channel 2 News		Two	Two	Ninja Warrior		Ninja Warrior		Simpson	Simpson	
A&E	37	Live Rescue (N)				The First 48		The First 48		Live Rescue		
ALTSPRT	18	MLS Soccer			Altitude		Fantasy Football		MLS Soccer			
AMC	31	(5:15) "The Shining" (1980)			(:45) **		"Carrie" (2013) Chloë Grace Moretz.			History of Horror		
ANPL	44	Dr. Jeff: RMV		Dr. Jeff: RMV		Dr. Jeff: RMV		Dr. Jeff: RMV		Mega Zoo (N)		
BRAVO	57	** "Monster-in-Law" (2005)				*** "The Devil Wears Prada" (2006, Comedy)					Devil	
CNBC	38	Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		
CNN	20	Situation Room		Special Report		CNN Special Report			Special Report			
DISC	25	Last Frontier		Last Frontier		Alaska: The Last Frontier "Operation: Winter Prep" (N)						
E!	65	"Miss Congenial"		** "The Proposal"		(2009) Sandra Bullock.			** "The Proposal" (2009)			
ESPN	16	College Football		(:15) College Football Teams TBA.				(:15) SportsCenter				
ESPN2	17	College Football Cincinnati at SMU. (N) (Live)						SportsCenter (N)		SportCtr	Football	
FOOD	54	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	
FREE	42	"Hocus Pocus"				(7:50) ** "The Addams Family"		(9:55) ** "Addams Family Values"				
FX	47	"Hotel Transylvania 3: Vacation"				*** "Goosebumps" (2015, Fantasy)				"Goosebumps"		
HALL	53	"Christmas Town" (2019) Tim Rozon				"Jingle Bell Bride" (2020) Premiere.				"Christmas-Man"		
HGTV	41	Good Bones		Good Bones		I Stay or Go		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		
HIST	35	The Cars That		(:04) The Cars That		Made America		(:03) The Cars That		Made America		
LIFE	28	"Christmas on Ice" (2020) Abigail Klein.				"Christmas Unwrapped" (2020, Drama)			"Sweet Moun"			
OWN	66	Black Love (N)		Family or Fiancé		Put A Ring On It		Black Love		Family or Fiancé		
SYFY	32	*** "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2" (2017) Chris Pratt.						Magical Fturama		Purga	Fturama	
TBS	30	Theory	Theory	Theory	Theory	Full	Misery	"The Blair Witch Project"			Blair	
TLC	39	Little People		Little People		Little People		Little People		Little People		
TNT	26	(6:00) "Rampage"		** "The Legend of Tarzan" (2016, Adventure)				*** "Kong: Skull Island"				
TRAV	51	Ghost Nation		Ghost Nation		Ghost Nation		Ghost Nation (N)		Destination Fear		
USA	36	(:15) ** "Fast & Furious" (2009) Vin Diesel.				** "San Andreas" (2015) Dwayne Johnson.						
WGN-A	6	NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation		NewsNation		NewsNation		

SPORTS

Tiger Football: A 1994 Retrospective

BY CORY GRIFFITH

Contributing Writer

LUSK – Including the perfect seasons of 1991 and 1992 – in which the Tigers were ineligible – Niobrara County High School was in the midst of seven straight years out of the playoffs. The 1994 edition had 11 returning lettermen and a strong group of freshmen for Jerry Fullmer's 20th season as head coach.

The season opener against Upton featured a young, opportunistic defense that forced seven Bobcat turnovers. The lead was 14-0 for Lusk at halftime – yet could have been more if not for a couple of missed opportunities. NCHS scored twice more in the second half in the 28-0 shutout.

The following week at Wright, it took a pair of fourth quarter scores to break open a defensive struggle. Cory Wasson scored in the first quarter as NCHS led 6-0 for most of the game, but were stifled numerous times, despite six Panther turnovers. Wasson and Mark Mundlein both had touchdowns in the fourth quarter to break open the game in the 18-0 win.

To open SEWAC play, Lusk hosted Burns in a matchup of the No. 1 Tigers and the No. 2 Broncs, according to state pollsters. NCHS put the first points on the board with Wasson's touchdown and John Meier kicking the PAT. The visitors answered as Lusk suddenly had slippery fingers with four turnovers. Two of them led to a pair of scores as the visitors built a 12-7 halftime lead. Brent Fullmer scored in the fourth quarter to give the Tigers the lead and held on for the 13-12 win.

Lingle-Fort Laramie visited in week four as the Tigers used Dogger miscues for a 14-0 halftime lead. Brent Fullmer to Bill Peterson gave NCHS a 20-0 lead as the varsity exited with eight minutes left. The JV scored a late touchdown in the 26-0 final score.

The top ranked Tigers remained unbeaten with a 13-0 win at Southeast as Wasson scored early in the game and sealed it with a 37-yard pick six with barely a minute left. It was the Tigers fourth shutout in five games for one of Lusk's stingiest defenses in school history.

The home game against Pine Bluffs accomplished two things in the hard fought 7-6 victory. It gave the Tigers at least a share of the SEWAC title and ensured NCHS a home playoff game. Heavy rain pushed the Homecoming game from Friday night to Saturday and the Tigers were flat. The Hornets scored first, and it took until late in the game when Mundlein scored, and Meier's PAT secured the win.

NCHS had little trouble with Guernsey-Sunrise as they clinched the SEWAC title and top seed in the 1A 11-man playoffs. Mundlein and Brian Zowada each had two touchdowns, and Brent Fullmer scored on a 51-yard interception touchdown. The 35-14 win set up a quarterfinal game against Sundance on Gibson Field.

The first half was closer than the 22-6 halftime deficit the Bulldogs faced, but Lusk would not be denied. Sundance closed within 22-12 early in the third period, yet after that it was all Tigers. Mundlein scored his fourth touchdown and Kenny Jensen added a couple more as NCHS rolled to the 49-20 win.

The semifinal game took place in a faraway town called Cokeville, which is as close to Idaho as Lusk is to Nebraska. The Panthers were building a dynasty like no other in Wyoming and met the Tigers for the first time ever.

Lusk missed their chances early with a pair of turnovers and another series halted on fourth down. Brent Fullmer passed to Zowada for Lusk's only score as halftime approached, yet Jensen was denied by mere inches on the conversion. Cokeville scored to open the second half and their PAT put NCHS in trouble. The Tigers were assessed 50 yards in penalties in the third quarter alone, as the hosts wore down the clock. While Lusk made one final scoring attempt, a couple of very questionable officiating calls down the



stretch ended the Tiger season at 8-1 in the 7-6 final score.

Mundlein, Wasson and Jason ZumBrunnen were named as first team All-State, while Jensen made the second

team. All SEWAC included Peterson and Chad Rose on the first team, followed by Meier, Fullmer, Matt Jensen, JD Harvey and Roger Bonsell on the second squad.

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- **Talk to your agent.** Make sure you understand your deductibles and the current market value and replacement cost of your property. Auto policies need comprehensive coverage to cover damage caused by fire.



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- **Make regular updates to your home inventory.** Update photos and video of your house and contents, including items in closets, drawers and storage spaces. Keep receipts or other proof of high-value items. Note the make, model, price, and other details that might help when filing a claim.
- **Make sure your policy covers living expenses** for temporary housing, such as a hotel, if you cannot return home. Keep receipts for temporary living expenses. These may be reimbursable after meeting your deductible.
- **Consider construction or building coverage** to replace or repair your home to meet current building laws or ordinances.
- **Consider special coverage** for valuables, including jewelry, furs, collectibles, computers, antiques, musical instruments and high-value possessions that exceed normal policy limits.

DURING A WILDFIRE:

- **Stay up-to-date.** Monitor news and subscribe to local text or email alerts.
- **Evacuate quickly.** Wildfires can move rapidly.

Be especially cautious during hot and windy weather conditions. If ordered to evacuate during a wildfire, do so immediately.

- **Call 911.** Provide the location and description of the fire if it isn't already being monitored.
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- **Photograph property damage.** Call your insurance agent or claims hotline as soon as it is safe. Your policy might require notification within a certain time frame.

FILING A CLAIM

- **Immediately contact your insurance company** or agent to report your loss. Take reasonable steps to protect against further loss, but do not rush into repairs or rebuilding before getting instructions from your adjuster. Your insurance company may need to do an inspection before repairs begin.
- **Do not throw away damaged property** until your adjuster tells you.
- **Before you hire a contractor,** verify their license. Ask to see their license, check with your local Better Business Bureau or similar entity.
- **Avoid fraud.** Unfortunately, home repair fraud is common after disasters. Be wary of aggressive contractors or demands for up-front repair payment. If you have concerns, contact the Wyoming DOI.

ONCE YOU'VE FILED A CLAIM

- **Prepare a detailed list of destroyed or damaged items.** Give a copy of any pictures or videos of your home to the adjuster to help with your claim.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality PUBLIC NOTICE: In accordance with Chapter 6, Section 2(m) of the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations, notice is hereby given that the State of Wyoming, Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality, proposes to approve a request by Mesa Natural Gas Solutions LLC to remove quantity limits on each make/model of engine, allowing for flexibility to operate 350 engines in any combination of 581 hp Doosan 22L Turbo, 481 hp 18L Turbo, 390 hp Doosan 14L Turbo, 268 hp Doosan 11L Turbo, 201 hp Doosan 8L Turbo, or 118 hp Doosan 8L Naturally Aspirated (NA) engine. The multiple portable engine fleet will be operated at oil and gas well sites at various locations in Albany, Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Crook, Fremont, Goshen, Johnson, Laramie, Lincoln, Natrona, Niobrara, Park, Platte, Sweetwater, Uinta and Weston Counties, Wyoming.

For the duration of the public comment period, the permit application, the agency's analysis, and the public notice are available for public inspection online at <https://openair.wyo.gov>, utilizing facility ID F027039 and permit number P0028455 under permits. Additionally, during the state of emergency declared by Governor Gordon on March 13, 2020, if you have questions about or need assistance accessing the materials, please contact Nancy Vehr, Air Quality Division Administrator, Department of Environmental Quality, 200 West 17th St., Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, by fax at 307-635-1784, via phone at 307-777-3746, or via email at Nancy.vehr1@wyo.gov. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, special assistance or alternate formats will be made available upon request for individuals with disabilities.

Written comments may be directed to Nancy Vehr, Administrator, Division of Air Quality, Department of Environmental Quality, 200 West 17th St., Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002 or by fax (307) 635-1784. Please reference A0011067 in your comment. Comments submitted by email will not be included in the administrative record. All comments received by 5:00 p.m., Monday, November 23, 2020 will be considered in the final determination on this application. A public hearing will be conducted only if in the opinion of the administrator sufficient interest is generated or if an aggrieved party so requests. For the duration of the state of emergency declared by Governor Gordon on March 13, 2020,

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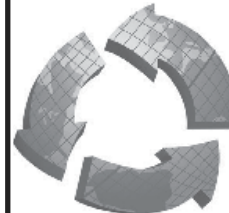
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HOME IMPROVEMENT

DIY projects that can conserve energy

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Home renovation projects can pay numerous dividends. Renovations can have a positive effect on resale value, make homes more livable for residents and, in some ways, make homes more affordable.

Renovation projects that are intended to conserve energy can save

homeowners substantial sums of money. Such projects often do not require considerable effort or even significant financial investments. But the scale of a project may have little to do with how much homeowners will save.

For example, the U.S. Department of Energy notes that a relatively effortless task like turning

back a thermostat between seven and ten degrees Fahrenheit for eight hours a day can save homeowners as much as \$83 per year. A more labor-intensive task like planting shade trees can save homeowners an average of between \$35 and \$119 annually.

When looking for ways to conserve energy around the house – and save money – homeowners may not necessarily need to commit to expensive projects. The DOE has listed

some energy saving projects and what homeowners can expect to save after completing them. While each individual project might not result in jaw-dropping savings, homeowners who follow many of these recommendations may end up saving more than \$1,000 per year.

Project: Install exterior low-e storm windows

What is it? Low-e windows reflect infrared heat back into a home. Such windows are coated with an ultra-thin layer of metal

that improves the window's insulation ability.

How much can I save? Homeowners who install low-e windows can save between 12 and 33 percent on their annual heating and cooling costs.

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Project: Seal uncontrolled air leaks

What is it? Air leaks allow cool air in during winter months and warm air in during summer months. Caulking, sealing and weather strip-

ping all cracks and large openings can cut back on air leaks that are costing you money. The DOE recommends hiring a contractor to seal any leaks on heating and cooling ducts.

How much can I save? Homeowners who seal uncontrolled air leaks can save between 10 and 20 percent on their annual heating and cooling costs.

Project: Plant shade trees

What is it? If you plant a deciduous tree between six and eight feet tall

near your home, it will begin to shade your windows within a year of being planted. Depending on the species of the tree and the home, the shade tree will begin shading the roof within five to ten years. The DOE notes that shading is the most cost-effective way to reduce air conditioning costs.

How much can I save? Properly planted shade trees can reduce air conditioning costs by anywhere from 15 to 50 percent.

Project: Insulate the water heater tank

What is it? New water tanks are likely already insulated. But homeowners with older hot water tanks can insulate them with a water heater insulating blanket kit.

How much can I save? Insulating a water heater tank can save homeowners as much as 16 percent on their annual water heating bills.

Even the smallest DIY projects can produce big savings. More information about energy-saving home improvement projects can be found at www.energy.gov.

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After watching the greater part of 2020 fall victim to both the medical and economic

ravages of this disease, we believe it is time to call on the people of Wyoming to help us turn back coronavirus and put our state back to work.

Ten years ago the Wyoming State Legislature adopted the Code of the West as the state's official code of ethics, and it is now time to recommit to the ten items listed in the Equality State's Creed as we

get a rope around this disease and leave it hogtied in the summer dust.

So if you haven't been social distancing, practicing a little extra hygiene and wearing a mask when things get a little crowded, we humbly ask you to honor the code by setting your reasons aside for the sake of your state and your fellow citizens.

1 LIVE EACH DAY WITH COURAGE

even if it makes you a little uncomfortable and your buddies make fun of you.

Tell them that YOU

2 *Take Pride In Your Work*

and don't want to be the one who starts a cluster in your town and forces your hometown businesses into another painful closure.

Remind your pals that in Wyoming, we know it is important to

3 ALWAYS FINISH WHAT YOU START

and we ain't done kicking this virus to the curb yet.

That's when you encourage them to join you and

4 Do what has to be done

because it's the right thing to do, even if you aren't scared of catching the disease yourself.

Remind your posse that the Code of the West calls on all of us to

5 BE TOUGH, BUT FAIR

It ain't very tough to wear a mask and follow a few rules, but it dang sure isn't fair to pose a danger to older residents or threaten the re-opening of our great state's economy or schools.

If your crew still isn't convinced to join your cause, remind them that we firmly believe

6 *When You Make A Promise, Keep It*

When we adopted the Code of the West, we promised to set our differences aside for the common good.

Because that's what we mean by

7 RIDE FOR THE BRAND

So what better way is there to

8 TALK LESS AND SAY MORE

by avoiding a crowd and putting a mask on when it's tough to keep your distance.

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SPORTS

Tigers: Hosts Saratoga at 5 p.m. Friday at Gibson Field

FROM PAGE 1

ter. Once again, the Cyclones responded as Clapper broke loose for a 30-yard touchdown run, and another PAT. With one stanza left, the Cyclones led 28-16.

The Tiger offense was not the explosive force that had piled up 50 points per game in the first six contests. Having to grind for every yard and first down in an uphill fight, NCHS could not muster the will to overcome. Clapper wrapped the scoring with a 5-yard score and his fifth PAT to seal the conference title for the Cyclones in the 35-16 final score.

The Tigers wrap up the regular season Friday when Saratoga visits Gibson Field at Fullmer Stadium.

“They’re athletic and like to throw the ball around,” said head coach Ryan Nelson. “I hope we respond, because you don’t want to go into the playoffs on a losing note.”

Kickoff will be at 5 p.m. as NCHS prepares for a playoff run.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

NCHS	8	0	0	–16
SEHS	7	14	7	–35



ANDREW TOWNE/TORRINGTON TELEGRAM

Tiger senior Aric Eaton hauls in a catch late in Friday's loss to Southeast in Yoder.



ANDREW TOWNE/TORRINGTON TELEGRAM

NCHS junior Aiden Applegarth avoids being tackled by Southeast's Reece Robertson during Friday's 35-16 loss to the Cyclones in Yoder.

TEAM STATS	NCHS	PLAYER
NCHS: Passing – 3 comp/7 attempts, 50 yds. Rushing – 52 attempts/257 yards. 16 first downs. 5 penalties/45 yards.	NCHS	STATS: Passing – Molzahn 19; Dayne Lamp 18; Applegarth 18; Riley Blackburn 11; Mason Wells 5; Caldera 5; Jayce Cummins 4; Cody Taylor 2; Collin Taylor 2; Miles Ashurst 2.
SEHS: Passing – 6/10, 112 yds. Rushing – 39/231. 18 first downs. 0 penalties.	SEHS	STATS: Passing – Kupke 3/7, 50 yards, INT. Rushing – Lamp 25/131, TD; Caldera 18/78, TD; Aiden Applegarth 5/48; Dylan Molzahn 3/9. Receiving – Applegarth 2 catches/33 yards; Aric Eaton 1/17. Defensive points

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ANDREW TOWNE/TORRINGTON TELEGRAM

NCHS junior Riley Blackburn chases down Southeast quarterback Hayden Anderson on Friday.

NCHS

FROM PAGE 1

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The JV continues to improve but came up short in all three matches last weekend.

Moorcroft won 25-10 and 25-12, while Southeast won 25-23 and 25-15. The Lady Tigers extended the Glenrock game to three sets in the 15-25, 25-18 and 16-25 scores.

This week the Lady Tigers wrap up the regular season with a home match against Saratoga. The first of three games at Tiger Gym begin at 1 p.m.

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