

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

All events are subject to change

**Wednesday, February 12**  
4-5:30 p.m. – Kids Paint at the Library  
Call 334-3490 to register.  
6:30 p.m. – The Friends of the Library present Reading Is FUN at the library

**Friday, February 14**  
1 p.m. – Movie, "Clifford the Big Red Dog" at the library

**Tuesday, February 18**  
10 a.m. – Storyhour at the library

**Tuesday, February 18**  
3:45 p.m. – Afterschool program at the library

**Wednesday, February 19**  
6 p.m. – Around the World with Leslie Stewart at the library

**Friday, February 21**  
1 p.m. – Movie, "Wall-E" at the library

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# Niobrara County coach celebrates 100th varsity win in Lusk



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Niobrara County High School basketball coach Ed Fullmer celebrated his 100th career varsity win. Fullmer had 26 varsity wins when he coached in Lingle, he had two wins when he coached in Morrill, Nebraska and he has had 72 plus wins in Lusk.

## Zerbe Prairie Creations, LLC opens shop in town

BY BRANDIE COLLINS  
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LUSK – Jean Zerbe has been a staple of Niobrara County for years with her shop, Zerbe Prairie Creation, LLC. While the physical shop has been closed for a considerable span of time, Zerbe has managed to maintain an online presence.

Recently, Zerbe's daughter and granddaughter thought it was time to reopen the shop in town.

"The girls decided I needed to get out of the house," Zerbe said. "I'm glad to be back in town."

Zerbe has been in business since 2005. She offers handmade lotions and creams and showcases products that are made with alpaca hair. Zerbe also boasts having Unkers ointment.

In 2015, Zerbe and her daughter invested in alpacas for their fibers and manure. Zerbe's daughter, Wendy Dutcher-Holt, uses the alpaca fiber to make dryer balls and stuffed animals that can hold different air fresheners. Dutcher-Holt's tumblers are also on display in Zerbe's shop.



BRANDIE COLLINS/LUSK HERALD

Jean Zerbe, owner of Zerbe Prairie Creations, LLC, proudly shows off her alpaca products.

"I am happy to be back in town and I get to eat lunch with the girls too," said Zerbe.

Zerbe Prairie Creation, LLC, shop is in the Ranger Building. Business hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"I will stay open later if I am busy," said Zerbe.

## Valentine's Day celebrations

BY ANDREA GUSTAFSON  
Contributing Writer

LUSK – In addition to last week's Valentine's Day events, the 4-H have a few more fun activities for the special day. 4-H will be hosting a fundraising dinner for the Shooting Sports project on February 13. Tickets are pre-sales only.

Rolling Rancher's 4-H Club is spreading love and kindness by taking goodies bags to the Nursing Home residents.

4-H Friday will be held on February 14. They will be creating a project for fair entry and cooking Wyoming Food, Fun 4-H meal.

On February 16th, there is a sip and paint event by Frances Wyman. Participants will paint a winter barn scene, with proceeds benefiting 4-H Friday activities. Tickets are

\$20, with limited spaces available.

Meanwhile, LEMS Community for Kids is hosting a "Mom and Me" Valentine's Day Breakfast on February 13 at 7:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria. The event invites moms, grandmas, aunts, and other special women in a child's life to join in for a morning of celebration.

The Niobrara Country Club will be hosting a Valentine's party on Friday, February 14th. With a delicious Prime Rib Dinner created by Hickory Creek Catering. Cost is \$30.00 per plate. At 5:30 p.m. they will have cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and later at 7 p.m. they will have dinner with salad, bread, veggies, and potatoes. And a special desert following.

Please call Rachele Hall at 775-224-1390 to reserve a dinner for members and non-members, Sunday February 9.

## Town Council sets golf prices

BY BRANDIE COLLINS  
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LUSK – The Lusk Town Council met on February 4 and the conversational centerpiece was the price of golfing at the Lusk Municipal Golf Course during tournaments.

Several upcoming golf tournaments were discussed. On Friday, June 6 the Wood Eye tournament will be held. To accommodate the tournament, the golf course will be closed until 5 p.m.

On June 14, the NEA (Niobrara Electric Association) Scholarship Fund Tournament will be held with the golf course once again closed. On Friday, August 1 and Saturday, August 2, the Mark Lohr Memorial tournament.

To accommodate this two-day tournament, the golf will be closed the entirety of Friday and closed until 5 p.m. on Saturday. On August 16 and 17, the NCC Championship tournament will be held with no golf course closure.

There was a discussion about reduced green fee rates. There several Saturdays that are closed for members because of golf tournaments. Councilman Dooper said that members pay an annual fee and cannot play on Saturdays unless they play in the tournaments.

"All during the week, people

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## Niobrara County Homemakers Council Scholarship

FOR THE HERALD

**Must be postmarked by April 1**

- There are three scholarships available for \$750.00 each from two out of the three following categories:
  - A scholarship available to anyone pursuing any college or trade school degree.
  - The traditional student-must be pursuing full time study in any college or trade school, must be within 4 years of high school graduation and have graduated high school with a 2.5 cumulative GPA.
  - The non-traditional student-must be returning to school more than 4 years past high school graduation, and may be pursuing any college course of study or trade school, taking six or more credit hours.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Must be a Niobrara County resident OR
2. Reside in the Niobrara County School District OR
3. A graduate of Niobrara County High School OR
4. Any person who has obtained a GED and resides in Niobrara County OR
5. Any person that is pursuing a college or trade school degree that has a relative that belongs to a Niobrara County Homemakers Club.

A traditional student must be a full time college student who has a cumulative grade average of 2.5 or higher.

A present year graduate may apply, but the funds will be granted only upon proof of college enrollment. It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit proof of enrollment to the chairwoman of the scholarship committee; once received the scholarship funds will be awarded.

Scholarship can be used at the institution of choice of the applicant.

Application must be postmarked by April 1 and mailed to the Scholarship Committee or the Extension Office. If you have any questions please contact:

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307-334-3571

**The following must be included when applying.**

- Cover sheet
- Resume (school activities, community service, job and experience summary)
- Letter stating desire, reason for wanting this scholarship and long-term goals.
- Answer two (2) of the questions from the question sheet and state the question
- Transcript from the institution that you are currently attending (unofficial will be accepted).
- References (optional)

**The Cover Sheet should include all six of the following:**

- Niobrara County Homemakers Council Scholarship
- NAME:
- ADDRESS:
- E-MAIL ADDRESS:
- PHONE NUMBER:
- SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORY FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING:

Please answer two of the following questions and return with the completed scholarship.

1. Of your extra curricular activities in and or out of school what one accomplishment are you the most proud of and why?
2. How do you think the role of a homemaker (any person that makes a home for the family), will change in the future?
3. How do you feel that the major homemaker in your life has influence and/or helped you?
4. What are the largest problems that homemakers will have to face in the next 50 years?
5. What motivated you to choose the field of study that you have chosen?

**Niobrara County Homemakers Council Scholarship Judging points and guidelines**

Category	Available Points
Cover Sheet	5 points
Resume	10 points
Letter stating desire	10 points
Answer to questions	10 points
Official transcript	5 points
References	3 points
<b>Total Points</b>	

## Court news

BY ANDREA GUSTAFSON  
Contributing Writer

**NIOBRARA COUNTY** – On February 5, 2025, in the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial District of and for Niobrara County, Magistrate Dennis Meier presided while Attorney Doyle Davies represented the State.

John Earl Thomas III was arraigned for two citations from the Wyoming Highway Patrol. The first one was fleeing and attempted eluding, and failure to obey a traffic control device. Another Highway Patrolman had to lay down stop sticks to get him to stop. During the traffic stop Highway Patrolman Parker

Smith was made aware of Thomas' warrant for extradition for a felony assault in Dallas County Texas. He was then taken into custody.

Thomas admitted he was wanted in Texas. Due to his prior criminal history, Attorney Doyle Davies requested a \$5,000 cash only bond. An extradition hearing was scheduled for a later date.

Thomas plead no contest to the fleeing and attempted eluding. He plead guilty to not obeying the traffic control device. He was remanded back to the Niobrara County Detention Center. He was charged \$520 in fines and costs that he agreed to pay in two weeks. He will be applying for a court appointed attorney.

## Representative JD Williams, legislative update

FOR THE HERALD

**CHEYENNE** – Regarding the supplemental budget which we worked on this past week. The Governor makes a recommendation to the legislature and the Joint Appropriation Committee (JAC), who is made up of appropriators from the House and from the Senate, who then mark up the Governor's recommendation.

The House Appropriations Committee then brings the JAC recommendation to the House of Representatives and likewise the Senate Appropriations Committee presents the JAC recommendation to the Senate. There were no amendments during Committee of the Whole as it was used to introduce the supplemental budget.

There were 85 total amendments to the supplemental budget in the House of Representatives on second and third reading. Some amendments were brought to put money back in the budget that the JAC had cut out of the Governor's suggested budget.

A few amendments were to add money to the budget that the Governor hadn't suggested. There were attempts to legislate through the supplemental budget and there were some amendments considered that attempted to address the damage inflicted on county budgets that the property tax relief bills will cause if they pass.

During second reading the House of Representatives voted to support funding for developmental daycare and voted not to support delivery/maternity care funding for rural hospitals. Additional funding requests for public health nurses, and senior nursing positions at safety net facilities such as the state hospital and veterans facilities were voted down. Additional funding for the 988 suicide hotline was voted down.

Amendments to strengthen our bargaining position with the Senate were attempted but were resisted by the majority of the House. Amendments to supplement funding to attract energy industry through the energy authority and to de-

pend energy industries through natural resource litigation account were voted down.

Local issues like the funding for the Gillette high school construction project, the shooting complex near Cody, and the ongoing Bitter Creek revitalization project in Rock Springs which seeks to address challenges associated with residential areas located on a flood plain were all addressed with different amendments to the supplemental budget with no substantial changes in existing funding.

During third reading the House voted to support Search and Rescue that will be hurt by property tax cuts and to support charter school administration staff.

The Department of Ag needed legislative approval to address some housekeeping issues with the Weed & Pest, Wyoming Beef Council, Wheat Market Commission, Dry Bean Commission, and Leaf Cutter Bee Commission (or Council...I can't remember..) which the House granted after some riveting debate.

The House also narrowly supported natural disaster mitigation, specifically an invasive grass loan/grant program that would assist in fire recovery efforts. The most significant amendment of the supplemental budget in my opinion was a backfill provision that would partly mitigate the impact of property tax cuts to the 8 poorest counties in Wyoming, 3 of which are in HD 2.

This amendment backfills 75% of the county budget deficit in these counties and addresses special districts shortfalls all across the state. It possibly won't survive our negotiations with the Senate but it is the best I could do with what I had to work with. I ran an amendment both 2nd and 3rd reading to add Mineral Royalty Grant (MRG) funding back into the supplemental budget that the JAC had cut out but was voted down both times. Small towns in HD 2 rely on the MRG program to fund urgent needs that come up such as replacing an ambulance, a firetruck,

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## MENU

**Niobrara Senior Center**

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

**Thursday, February 6**

Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Asparagus, Peaches, Tapioca Pudding, Milk

**Friday, February 7**

Super Bowl Party  
Hamburger Sliders, Chicken Strips, Pork & Beans, Potato Salad, Mixed Fruit, Sugar Cookies, Milk

**Monday, February 10**

Beef Tips, Rice, Green Beans, Cinnamon Apples, Milk

**Tuesday, February 11**

Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread, Peaches, Milk

**Wednesday, February 12**

Ham & Potato Chowder, Ceasar Salad, Grapes, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Milk

**School Menu**

**Thursday, February 6**

B: French Toast Tornados Fruit  
L: Cheeseburger Mac (local beef), Vegetable, Chips, Salad Bar

**Friday, February 7**

NO SCHOOL

**Monday, February 10**

B: Pancakes, Bacon, Hash Brown, Fruit  
L: Popcorn Chicken Bowl, Vegetable, Breadstick, Salad Bar

**Tuesday, February 11**

B: Breakfast Pizza Rippers, Hash Brown, Fresh Fruit  
L: Enchilada Casserole (local beef), Vegetable, Rice, Salad Bar

**Wednesday, February 12**

B: Breakfast Casserole (local pork), Fruit  
L: Chicken Pot Pie, Vegetable, Dinner Roll, Salad Bar

# COMMUNITY

## Popeye and testosterone replacement

A few (or more) years ago, Popeye the Sailor Man was an inspirational cartoon character. When needed, the superhero would quickly swallow some spinach and become strong, able to pack a punch that would defeat any evil villain.

Nowadays, TV and internet commercials are encouraging men to consider testosterone replacement as the way to become stronger. While they are quick to tout the benefits, the risks are important and should not be ignored.

Testosterone is the hormone in men that is produced from the testicles. It helps in sexual development in men, libido, erections, sperm production, muscle mass, and bone growth. It counteracts fat mass, stimulates red blood cell production, and plays a role in cognition and mood.

If a man has low testosterone (hypogonadism), determined by at least two early morning fasting blood draws, and they have symptoms of low testosterone, then

it is reasonable to consider testosterone replacement therapy. Signs and symptoms of hypogonadism include low libido, decreased erections, loss of body hair, low bone mineral density, gynecomastia (breast development), and small testes.

Symptoms such as fatigue, depression, reduced muscle strength, increased fat mass, and low blood counts can be caused by a wide variety of factors, and should not be reasons alone to consider testosterone replacement.

The best way to increase one's testosterone is through good old diet and exercise. Studies have shown exercise, strength training, and weight loss all help to increase testosterone levels, oftentimes more than testosterone replacement does. Fat produces a hormone called leptin, which counteracts testosterone. Thus, losing fat and gaining muscle naturally increase one's testosterone. Meanwhile, a healthy diet and exercise often boost energy, mood, and

overall health.

The most effective method for testosterone replacement is by injection. There are also topical gels and patches. Any over the counter supplement that claims to boost testosterone is misleading and unlikely to have any significant effect on testosterone levels.

Risks of testosterone replacement include prostate cancer, heart attacks, strokes, blood clots, acne, breast enlargement, sleep apnea, aggression, and can contribute to an enlarged prostate, which can cause urinary frequency or even urinary obstruction. While natural testosterone stimulates sperm production, testosterone replacement decreases sperm counts, decreases fertility, decreases testicular

size, and decreases natural testosterone production.

Testosterone levels naturally decrease as men get older. While some may advertise testosterone as a "fountain of youth," the benefits are limited in this scenario and the risks increase as men get older. Popeye had the right idea. Putting in the work, and eating some spinach, is likely the better long-term plan.

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Andrew Ellsworth MD

## Library News

BY MAY ELLEN SMITH AND DEBBIE STURMAN

The library will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2025 for President's Day. Regular hours resume at 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

Last summer Leslie Stewart took two trips to Europe that she will share on Wednesday, February 19 at 6 p.m. Both trips focused on rivers and the first was to northern Portugal starting in Porto and then kayaking on the Duoro River. The second was to five countries in eastern Europe traveling up the Danube from Bucharest and almost to Budapest on a large river boat. The trip then ended with a few days in Prague in the Czech Republic. Come to the slide show to learn about the wine-making part of Portugal, kayaking 7 to 11 miles a day, the history of the former Yugoslavia, more recent upheavals, and the beautiful cities of Porto, Bucharest, Belgrade, and Prague. Previous "Around the World" programs can be enjoyed by going to the library's YouTube channel, search @niobraracountylibrary8538. You'll also find some concerts, oral histories and other programs.

Pajama Storyhour will be held on Wednesday, February 26 at the library

at 5:30 p.m. Watch for more information for this fun event for your preschool-aged children!

Jigsaw puzzles are available to check out at the library. There is a selection of puzzles with 100 to 1000 pieces, stop in and browse the collection!

James Grippando's latest novel is "Grave Danger." Jack Swytek is to defend a single mother accused of kidnapping her own child in a perilous case involving politics and international law. Jack soon learns that his client is really the child's aunt and that the mother may have been killed by Iran's morality police. On top of that, Jack's wife, FBI agent Andie Henning, is being pressured by her bosses to persuade Jack to drop the case. Jack and Andie must navigate a treacherous web of deceit that spells grave danger at every turn.

Other new fiction books include "More or Less Maddy" by Lisa Genova, "While the Town Slept" by William W. Johnstone, "The Only Saloon in Town" by Reavis Z. Wortham, "Never Say Never" by Danielle Steel, "Naches Trail" by B. N. Rundell, "Trouble in the Saddle" by Arthur Henry Gooden and "Partners in

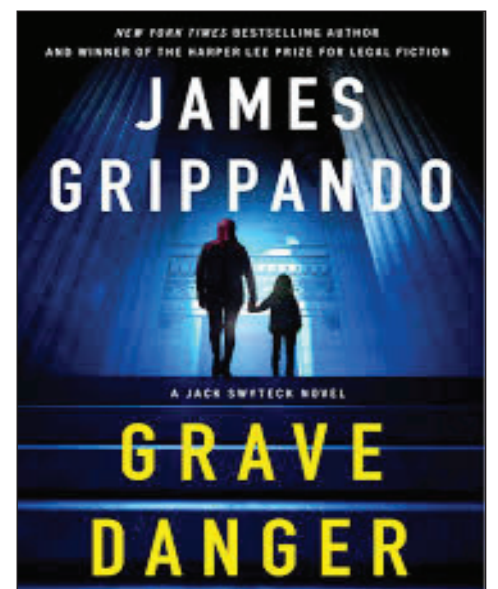
Crime" by Agatha Christie.

"The Crazies: the Cattleman, the Wind Prospector, and a War Out West" by Amy Gamerman is among new non-fiction titles.

The Lenna Lewis Slagle Children's Library has these new titles "Carter Avery's Tricky Fourth-Grade Year" by Rob Buyea, "Where There's Smoke" by Yamile Saied Mendez and "The Bad Guys In the Others?!" by Aaron Blabey. Newer picture books include "Ali The Great Saves the Day" by Saadia Faruqi, "Adventures on Land" by Britany Mazique, "All The Books" by Hayley Rocco and "My Mom's A Hero: My Mom's a Correctional Officer" by Gary S. Aumiller.

"Bumble Bee's Honey! is the theme for Storyhour on February 18, 2025. Storyhour is held from 10 to 11 a.m. every Tuesday throughout the year for preschool-aged children. Call 307-334-3274 anytime to hear a recorded story! Dial-A-Story is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

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## Update: 'Your perspective is very valuable...'

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or repairing failed infrastructure like water mains or emergency generators. This program is usually underfunded and that won't change in the next year.

Most amendments failed for obvious reasons but one that failed that would have benefited HD 2 was Representative Lawley's amendment to fund School Resource Officers (SRO's) for small communities that are grappling with the changes that HB 172 will present when schools are no longer gun free zones. I voted for this amendment but was on the losing side.

This Saturday, the property tax issue dominated my constituent meetings. Your perspective is very valuable and interesting to me as I am your representative and it is my responsibility to carry

your concerns to Cheyenne.

Many of you in House District 2 consider property taxes to be more of an election issue than a main street issue. Many elections were won and lost on the property tax issue because everyone likes to hear about lower residential property taxes, but the conversation we had on Saturday wasn't about anyone being taxed out of their home.

In fact, a couple of you mentioned you knew of no one who had been taxed out of their home. Rather your attention was focused on the services that will be cut when property taxes are cut. We spoke about the budgets for our sheriff's office, our road and bridge, our fire departments, our rural hospitals, and our senior centers.

Some of you mentioned that it is easy

vote for property tax cuts but not when you understood the vital county services that those taxes fund. We talked about how you are proud of your schools, how you trust the ambulance will arrive when your parents or your grandkids fall, how thankful you are for your local fire districts.

Seniors came to the meetings inquiring about the senior citizens center. You are conscious how thrifty your county governments and special districts are with your money. Your opinion on backfill options illustrated your understanding that backfill is not sustainable and is only a band-aid on a very large, self-inflicted wound of property tax cuts.

You also asked the question "is the majority in the house of representatives really interested in addressing the property

tax conversation? Or is it a political weapon they are using to stay in power. Good question.

Please realize we are unique in HD 2, in that we haven't had as large of an increase in assessed valuations that other parts of the state have had. Also, we do not have the mineral or residential property tax base that can absorb the proposed 50% property tax cut.

I would appreciate your input if I am missing something or if you have perspective to add to the conversation. [jd.williams@wyoleg.gov](mailto:jd.williams@wyoleg.gov) 307.340.6006

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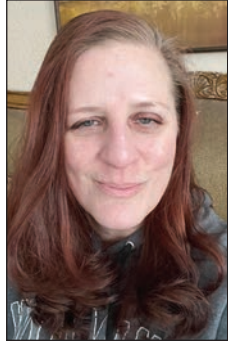
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# OPINION



## Brandiewine

BY BRANDIE COLLINS

Another Super Bowl is in the history books. This Super Bowl was different. It was the first time a sitting president was at the game. What a cultural shift! President Trump was cheered by the entire crowd. On the other hand, Taylor Swift was booed. Not that I like anyone being openly scorned, but when it comes to these singers and Hollywood actors, I'd rather watch them perform than sit there pontificating.

There are some very good actors in Hollywood who I respect for their abilities. However, I lost respect for some who came out with their public pity parties. I'm not saying they shouldn't have opinions. It just sets my teeth on edge when they are so far left that they actually appear to be ridiculous.

The same holds true for the Legacy Media. Once, there were reporters and newscasters who were awesome. Now, you have some of these

modern folks who are spewing hate and nonsense. Do they not realize that they have actually given journalism a bad reputation? As a journalist, I have over 10-years of experience. It's about being objective and reporting on the facts. We're human. I make mistakes. I own them. However, the last thing folks want to hear is character assassination or all the negative garbage that incites violence.

Have your opinions. It is a free country, freer than what some of these misfits on TV are saying. What the current President is doing is trimming the fat and keeping our hard-earned dollars in our own country. It's important that we start to go back to the basics and produce our own things in this country. We need to reenergize our economy by building cars, trucks, houses and so much more.

It is just like a little shop in downtown Cheyenne, Wyoming. The shop has nothing but Wyoming-made products, like soaps, artwork, honey and so much more. The shop owner told me that she wanted to

showcase Wyoming products. I am proud to be a Wyomingite. I am proud of our agricultural history. Of course, we were the first state in the union to allow women to vote. We should all be proud of where we come from and of our hard-working ranchers, farmers and Wyomingites in general.

My great grandmother was born in a Wyoming railroad camp in 1900. She and I are the only native Wyomingites in the family. The rest of my family are from Nebraska and Missouri. My mom and dad taught me the value of hard work. And, I learned to respect others for their beliefs and opinions. I disagree with others all of the time. However, if we cannot come together and discuss our differences, how will we ever learn?

What we say is very important. This why I disagree with the Legacy Media and I am actually glad there is a change. It has been a long time coming. The American people were tired of the left and their euphemism-laden rhetoric of diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI). As Ameri-

cans, I believe we accept everyone. It is not a matter of race or religion. We are all Americans. There was change in the 1960's that gave African Americans rights. Martin Luther King, Jr. believed that we all needed to come together.

Things have changed and we've grown. It is just the nonsense that sets us back. Going back to the basics is what we need to do. Life can be complicated, but we shouldn't complicate it unnecessarily. I think Lusk, Niobrara County and Wyoming in general have morals and values. There is always someone that is willing to help strangers.

No matter the party affiliation, it is my opinion that we just need to work together instead of fighting. I love my left-leaning friends and family. I do not like what they say and do sometimes, but I am sure it goes the same for them. I hope that everyone starts to calm down.

Like my dad always said... It is no one's business who you vote for. As an Orthodox Christian, I'm not supposed to engage in fruitless arguments. I just have to pray.

## Prices: 'I would like to thank the town council for hiring...'

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work and there isn't a lot of golf play," Dooper said. "It's my opinion that they should have to pay green fees."

"I have no problem having reduced green fees," Mayor Doug Lytle said.

Visitor Rich Murray spoke to the council about reduced green fees for tournaments. Murray said the refusal to provide reduced rates reduces the amount of scholarship money that is raised. Moreover, the addition of the green fee to the entry fee reduces the number of people playing. Murray said fewer less-out-of-town golfers adversely affects the publicity of the golf courses.

"I would like to thank the town council for hiring Trever [Barner] and Coe [LeLeux] and running the golf course," Murray said. "And right now, it is as good as it is and word is getting out that helps out the town overall."

Murray stated "it was truly a pleasure to play golf there."

The council approved the reduction of green fees on weekdays only and for tournaments. Full green fees will be in effect during the weekends. The council approved the golf tournaments for this year. There are talks of the high school golf tournament being played in Lusk.

Lusk-Niobrara Ambulance Director Mike Mayville reported that the ambulance service now has a new rig. Mayville had driven the new ambulance the week prior. Ryan Meng is currently working on a new bumper for the ambulance. Mayville said that he does not know when the state will inspect the new ambulance. There is some work needed to prepare the ambulance for inspection.

Mayville also told the council two of the volunteer EMTs (Emergency Medical Technician) are finishing an A Class. Mayville reported the ambulance service are working on

the dismantling of old MSS5 ambulance. The service will be conducting a joint training using the old ambulance. Mayville attended an Instructor 1 class in Riverton in January and will start examining the possibility of having an EMT class in the future.

Lusk Police Chief Jacob Gordon told the council last month was very busy for the police department. The Police department responded to 143 incidents. There were 97 calls for service, 15 cases, and 9 misdemeanors and felony arrests and 17 citations for the month of January.

Gordon said he has been working with T-Mobile to secure a zero-dollar plan for the department. Gordon said he is working on a five-year plan, which would cost zero dollars for the police departments cell phones. Gordon said it will save the Town of Lusk money.

Town Clerk Desi LeLeux, councilman Ron Pfister and Mayor Doug Lytle attended the Wyoming Con-

ference in Cheyenne. LeLeux said that there were multiple bills that are going to affect the town's tax revenue. LeLeux told the council a cyber security grant is being wrapped up and the town will be moving into their budget season.

"WAM (Wyoming Association Municipalities)-wise, there are a lot of tax reductions that directly affects not only your town budget but school budgets and rural budgets," said Mayor Lytle. "If they cut that stuff out, it affects us."

Director of Public Works Todd Skrukud told the council his department is still waiting on DC Drilling to assess the number nine water well. According to Skrukud, there isn't any word from Oftedal concerning when they will resume work.

Mayor Lytle made appointments for the Lodging Tax Board. The appointees were Councilman Ron Pfister and Patrick Turner. The council voted and approved these two appointments.

## Today's Day in History: February 12, 2002 Authors/Editors at History.com

### Former Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic goes on trial

On February 12, 2002, former Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic goes on trial at The Hague, Netherlands, on charges of genocide and war crimes in Bosnia, Croatia and Kosovo. Milosevic served as his own attorney for much of the prolonged trial, which ended without a verdict when the so-called "Butcher of the Balkans" was found dead at age 64 from an apparent heart attack in his prison cell on March 11, 2006.

Yugoslavia, consisting of Croatia, Montenegro, Slovenia, Serbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Macedonia, became a federal republic, headed by Communist leader Marshal Tito, on January 31, 1946. Tito died in May 1980 and Yugoslavia, along with communism, crumbled over the next

decade.

Milosevic, born August 20, 1941, joined the Communist Party at age 18; he became president of Serbia in 1989. On June 25, 1991, Croatia and Slovenia declared their independence from Yugoslavia and Milosevic sent tanks to the Slovenian border, sparking a brief war that ended in Slovenia's secession. In Croatia, fighting broke out between Croats and ethnic Serbs and Serbia sent weapons and medical supplies to the Serbian rebels in Croatia. Croatian forces clashed with the Serb-led Yugoslav army troops and their Serb supporters. An estimated 10,000 people were killed and hundreds of Croatian towns were destroyed before a U.N. cease-fire was established in Janu-

ary 1992. In March, Bosnia-Herzegovina declared its independence, and Milosevic funded the subsequent Bosnian Serb rebellion, starting a war that killed an estimated 200,000 people, before a U.S.-brokered peace agreement was reached at Dayton, Ohio, in 1995.

In Kosovo, a formerly autonomous province of Serbia, liberation forces clashed with Serbs and the Yugoslav army was sent in. Amidst reports that Milosevic had launched an ethnic cleansing campaign against Kosovo's ethnic Albanians, NATO forces launched air strikes against Yugoslavia in 1999.

Ineligible to run for a third term as Serbian president, Milosevic had made himself president of Yugosla-

via in 1997. After losing the presidential election in September 2000, he refused to accept defeat until mass protests forced him to resign the following month. He was charged with corruption and abuse of power and finally surrendered to Serbian authorities on April 1, 2001, after a 26-hour standoff. That June, he was extradited to the Netherlands and indicted by a United Nations war crimes tribunal. Milosevic died in his cell of a heart attack before his trial could be completed.

In February 2003, Serbia and Montenegro became a commonwealth and officially dropped the name Yugoslavia. In June 2006, the two countries declared their independence from each other.

## Around out town

BY BRANDIE COLLINS

### Today's Obscure Holiday February 12

Hug Day, National Poop Day, National Plum Pudding Day, Oatmeal Monday, National Clean Out Your Computer Day, National Freedom to Marry Day, Red Hand Day, International Day Against the Use of Child Soldiers, National Lost Penny Day, International Epilepsy Day, Georgia Day, Uruguay Carnival, Royal Hobart Regatta, Celebration of Chocolate Month, International Friendship, National Library Lovers Month, Black History Month, Potato Lovers Month, National Snack Food Month, Pet Dental Health Month, Love the Bus Month, Fabulous Florida Strawberry Month, National Cancer Prevention Month, Humpback Whale Awareness Month, National Arts Month, American Heart Month,

National Children's Dental Health Month, National Heart Healthy Month, National Mend a Broken Heart Month, Great American Pie Month, National Goat Yoga Month, Responsible Pet Owners Month, National Cherry Month, Relationship Wellness Month, Spay/Neuter Awareness Month, Vegan Cuisine Month, Dog Training Education Month, Ethnic Equality Month, National Self-Check Month

### Meetings: February

February 13: 4-H Valentine's Day Dinner at 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds. \$25 per ticket All proceeds benefit the Niobrara County 4-H Shoot Sports. Contact the Extension Office or 4-H Shooting Sports Member or call 334-3534.

February 17: Niobrara County Commissioners Meeting at 9 a.m. at the Niobrara County Courthouse.

February 18 Niobrara County School District #1 school board meeting at 6 p.m. at the school district building

March 11 deadline to register and/or sign up for the April 2 drive through pantry Senior Center

Saturday Night Pinochle at the Niobrara Senior Center start playing cards at 6 p.m.

### Birthday Club – February

Libby Lamp February 12, Lily Canaday and Carolyn Hurley February 14, Matthew Smith, Ben Barta and Pat Bruch February 15, Aaron Tollman and Joe Giemza

February 16, Keller McGregor February 17, Becky Blackburn, Gail Mahnke and Mattie Pfister February 18, Jessie Reed February 19

### Fun Useless Facts that will Never Save Your Life

Cats sleep about 15 hours a day. Baby Hedgehogs are called hoglets.

The unicorn is the national animal of Scotland. Yes, although it's a fabled creature, the national animal of Scotland is actually the mythical unicorn, chosen because of its association with dominance and chivalry as well as purity and innocence in Celtic mythology.

(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)

# COMMUNITY

# PEEKES 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.)

**137 YEARS AGO**  
**February 17, 1888**

A very little snow fell Monday night, but old Sol's genial rays caused it to disappear early Tuesday.

The first immigrant car of the season was switched off at the stock yards last Tuesday. It contained the stock and goods of Mr. Brooks, a brother of O. D. he came from Kansas, and was surprised to find the weather so much finer her than in that state. His two sons came with him and Mrs. B. will arrive soon. Men of his class are welcomed to eastern Wyoming.

Next week will be found in our columns an interesting letter from G. E. VanBuren, of Crook county. E is our special correspondent and solicitor. "Cool Van" is known for the Pan Handle of Texas, north to the British Possessions and his name is prominent in the galaxy of heroes who fought the wily red skins in Kansas and Nebraska and carried confusion in to the camp of the horse thief and desperado. He is affable courteous gentleman under all circumstances and an honest champion of the unfortunate, and friendless. He arrived in Lusk from the north on Wednesday.

Ex Governor Warren strengthened his reputation for generosity and conservatism yesterday by presenting Nat Baker and Wm. C. Irvine with silk hats and canes. The latter will be used to protect the former, and the pair will present a better appearance than ever in their visits to capital.—Leader.

The wild goose looketh toward the north with squawking's gay. He plumes his wing and for Wyoming takes his way. He sniffs our balmy

breeze from climes winter's coat. The bull frog's tuneful voice attracts his ears, and quickly toward his watery lair he steers; he makes a dive upon his prey caflop, and soon doth store him in his empty crops. Then settles down upon Wyoming's waters blue and goes to raising young geese not a few.

**75 YEARS AGO**  
**February 16, 1950**

The Wyoming Gas Service is constructing a 34 x 32 foot show room adjacent to its present office and show room in north Lusk and hopes to have the new quarters ready in 30 days.

A selective aid test for crew leaders of the 1950 census will be given at Lusk courthouse at 3:00 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, according to Mrs. Mary R Morgan, district supervisor for the Bureau of Census.

Everyone is invited to the county-wide 4-H Recognition part and program which will be held in the Community building at the Fair Grounds, on Saturday evening, February 25th, at 8:00 a.m. An outstanding program has been planned which should be interest to everyone.

The appointment of Mrs. Burnette Shoopman as assistant to County Assessor Harold Rogers was approved last week by the Board of County Commissioners. Mrs. Shoopman as been employed in the office of County Clerk. Miss Eileen Hoffman former deputy assessor resigned preceding her marriage last week to Harold Brus. Miss Vivian Chamberlain was appointed to succeed Mrs. Shoopman in the County Clerk's office.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
**February 13, 1975**

Railroad officials strongly objected last week to proposed Nebraska legislation which would empower Energy Transportations Systems, Inc., the right to the eminent domain in

claiming land for the proposed coal slurry pipeline from Wyoming to Arkansas.

Three Niobrara County names were listed on the President's Honor Roll for the first semester's work at the University of Wyoming. Listed were Louie Hammer, Valerie Lenz and Debbie Rose. Mrs. Rose is the wife of Randy Rose, Niobrara County schools music instructor.

Two Niobrara County High School youth groups are taking part in celebrating National Vocational Education Week February 9-13. A proclamation making the week official in Lusk was signed by Mayor Harry Lyon.

Mrs. Paul Percival was appointed American National Cow-Belles beef promotion chairman for 1975 at the American National Cow-Belles Convention in Las Vegas January 27-31.

Gasoline tax distribution announced in January on November 1974 sales shows Niobrara County receiving \$729.73. Lusk received \$1,939.67, and Va:n Tassel \$21.80.

**25 YEARS AGO**  
**February 16, 2000**

A three-day manhunt that began in Nebraska came to a conclusion without gunfire Tuesday evening in Lusk. Charles Lannis Moses Jr., was arrested at the Niobrara County ranch home of Jim Kremers Tuesday evening ending a massive manhunt which began in Nebraska after the fugitive allegedly wounded two law enforcement officials and killed a Nebraska farmer.

The decision to close the Niobrara County Nursing home was made Tuesday evening, at the conclusion of a three-hour public meeting with the Niobrara Hospital District Board. The reasons for closing the nursing were discussed at length in an emo-



Dr. Jim Hawley (left) prepares to treat Charles L. Moses Jr. as Wyoming troopers Vernon Poage and Jay Gruwell (right) take off his handcuffs. Photo:Darlene VanGundy

tional meeting of Niobrara county residents and hospital personnel. The three; main reasons given were 1) low nursing home occupancy rates, 2) shortage of available nurses and certified aides and 3) excessive financial deficits.

The new music curriculum was enthusiastically approved by the Niobrara County School Board during Monday's meeting. Board members offered their compliments to Randy and Debbie Rose for doing an outstanding job revising K-12 music curriculum.

Fifth graders from the classes of Carol Kilmer and Lisa Pischel, in conjunction with Debbie Rose, presented a musical drama of medieval times. Students said they performed the play to show what they have learned about medieval times in their unit of study on that era. They learned that medieval society centered on kings and queens, lords and ladies, poor peasants and of course dragons.

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## RELIGION

# Understanding is not necessary to appreciate

The vast complexity of the human mind has fascinated mankind since the beginning. As our divine book of instruction, the Bible says that as a man or woman thinks, so are they. Since we are the accumulation of our thoughts, we cannot overly stress the importance of believing what is true in order to live in God's favor. This sounds easy and I guess it could be if we lived in a secluded garden where all there was to do is take care of the landscaping and play with the animals. However, when Satan was allowed access to the garden to tempt and influence humans, they began to reason within their minds and consider possibilities they had never dreamed of before. Once men and women understood good from evil, a new world of choosing and decision-making began and since that time life has been a minefield of heartaches and disappointments.

There are indeed different personalities, and to have a simple mindset is not necessarily a bad thing nor to be viewed as a criticism. These are people who enjoy living in peace and are cautious to avoid turning everything into a chaotic argument. In some cases, we assume they are content to have faith

in what they believe is true and do not need to spend every moment trying to search for more evidence to prove something. They have learned and accepted knowledge, and consider practical perception to be an anchor for their soul. On the other hand, we see others who are never satisfied with accepting anything just because someone said it. These were born with a shovel in their hands who relentlessly dig for more possible clues.

When we look at the differences between these two character dispositions, we wonder which one is enjoying life more. Is one way of thinking to be desired over the other? According to our trust in God, believing what is true should be the path to spiritual contentment, however, accumulating more knowledge in itself is not the secret to greater fulfillment. Why not? When we keep our thoughts simple we are not burdened with trying to understand things that lead us into endless questions and possibilities. I realize this statement is unacceptable to those who like to play the devil's advocate, but spending our lives trying to argue points on every topic usually produces more speculations and theories. The simple view is that we do not need to know all the

whys and hows about everything to admire and appreciate them.

What we intentionally accept as valid, creates and leads our convictions on a pathway that we will walk unless we discover new evidence that challenges us to restructure our views. Let's say a person is an atheist and one night they have a tangible encounter with God and they now know He is real. The point is that it's not a terrible thing to change our minds when we discover a reality that proves we were wrong, even if it causes our peers to reject us. This is the beauty of being open-minded to what the Lord wants to reveal.

The first chapter of James talks about the importance of obtaining divine wisdom and developing a strong faith to embrace it. Living a basic life that is focused on obeying and loving God might sound too simple for those who have spent their lives gathering knowledge, however, would we rather walk in optimism and confidence of being aware

of God's presence, or fluctuate in a frustrating whirlwind of discontent and uncertainty? The context is teaching a single vision within our minds. When referring to asking for wisdom verse 6-8 says, "But let them ask in faith, nothing wavering. For those who waver are like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that person think they will receive anything from the Lord. A double-minded person is unstable in all their ways."

When we sort through our thoughts about God and the vast realms of mysteries, we must be on guard against becoming distracted by an overload of speculations. Yes, humans are generally curious, but confusion leads to doubt and this is one way the enemy of our souls can cause us to drift away from our faith in God. Ask the Lord to give you His wisdom and as James 1:4 reminds us, "Let patience have her perfect work, that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing."

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Chaplain  
Ordained  
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## Niobrara County land use plan public hearing

BY PAUL COLLINS  
Contributing Writer

**NIOBRARA COUNTY** – Niobrara County residents let their views regarding the Niobrara County Land Use Plan be known during a public hearing held at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds on Tuesday, February 4.

The plan has worked its way through the Niobrara County Planning and Zoning Commission and a series of prior public hearings. The Planning and Zoning Commission added public comments to the document and made several revisions before presenting it to the Niobrara County Commissioners. The commissioners are now attempting to

finalize the plan but desire more feedback before bringing their task to its conclusion. The County Commission chairman, Patrick Wade, told the audience members they were "encouraged to join the process and make your views known." According to Niobrara County Commissioner Elaine Griffith, the commissioners see the public as a pivotal part of their effort to produce a final draft.

"We felt it was important to have a public hearing and let the public say what they think again," Griffith told the *Herald*.

Concerns were raised regarding definitional clarity. Some participants in the hearing felt that terms such as "private property," "cul-

ture," and "customs" needed to be fleshed out more before the Niobrara County Land Use Plan is considered finished. All of these terms appear several times in the current draft. The document's opening sentence states that the purpose of the land use plan "is to protect the culture and customs" of Niobrara County. While such sentences are meant to elucidate the plan's goal, there were audience members who took the stage to request elaboration. The term repeatedly visited by audience members was "private property." Many felt that this term was important because its defini-

tion could affect how people use their land.

"At this meeting it became obvious that the definition of private property seems to differ between people," County Commissioner Jeb Hanson told the *Herald*. "We need to go back to the original document. We need to hack away at it."

While the hearing was brief, the County Commissioners are not yet done listening to the public. The Commissioners are accepting written comments regarding the plan up were able to comment until the end of the business day on Friday, February 7.



PAUL COLLINS LUSK HERALD

During the public comment hearing Planning and Zoning on February 4 the panel heard from the public. Benchmark employees Brian Wakefield (left to right) and Rachelle Anderson, Niobrara County Clerk Becky Freeman, Niobrara County Commissioners, Jeb Hanson, Elaine Griffith and Patrick Wade list while Leslie Stewart comments.



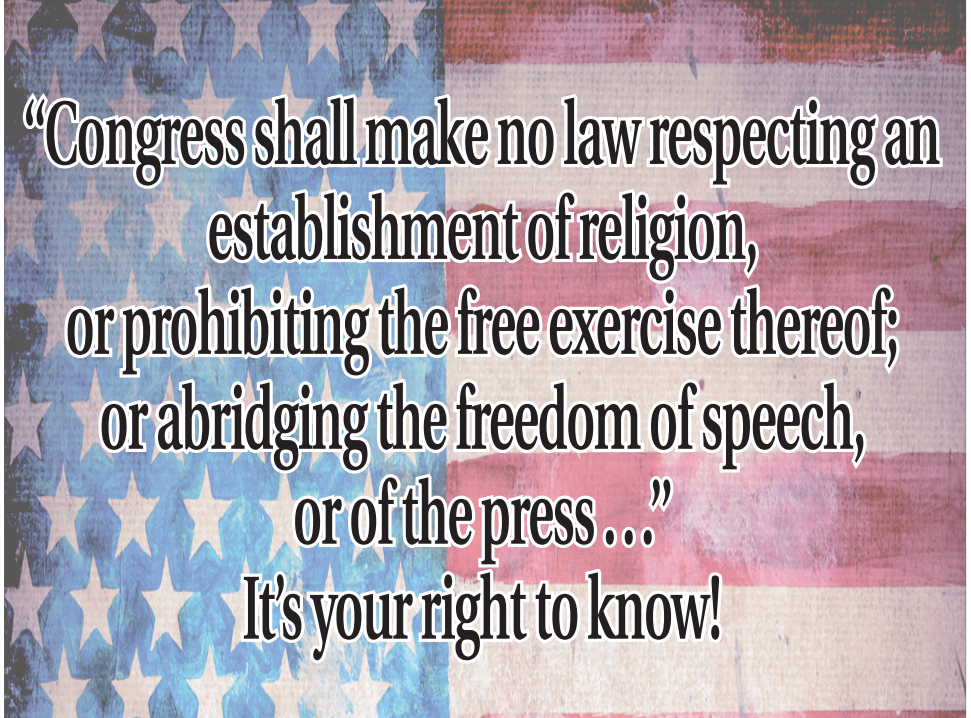
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# COMMUNITY

## Property taxes and crossover

SENATOR CHERI STEINMETZ

**CHEYENNE** – The citizens' cry for property tax reductions is resounding throughout Senate District 3 and the entire State of Wyoming. From senior citizens on fixed incomes, to young families trying to make ends meet, all are feeling the effects of inflation and struggling to pay bills, fill their gas tanks and buy groceries. This clear directive from the people, some of which gathered enough signatures to place property tax reduction on the ballot in 2026, must not be ignored by elected representatives at any level of government. Property taxes are mostly paid to the counties, special districts, and schools, however, schools are constitutionally mandated to be funded, so they will see no decrease and be backfilled by the School Foundation Program Account.

Today, I'd like to address two of the tax bills that seem to be the frontrunners in the property tax reduction discussion. The first one is HB0169. This bill has already passed the House and would be effective immediately in tax years 2025-2026 with a sunset in 2026. The exemption percentage would be 50 percent of the first \$1 million of residential property. The bill excludes utilizing the long-term homeowner's exemption, so a person could only use one or the other. HB169 is backfilled by \$225 million - \$125 million from the general fund, and \$100 million from the Legislative Stabilization Account, or the Rainy-Day Fund.

The next bill which has passed the Senate is SF0069. This bill is effective immediately for the 2025-2026 year with a sunset in 2026. SF69 passed with a 50 percent reduction of the first \$1 million of the portion of your single-family residential and the associated land. Unfortunately, and even though many of us representing hardship counties offered several amendments, SF69 passed with no backfill at this time, however, is yet to be considered in the House.

Again, HB0169 would hold the counties and special districts harmless, whereas the SF69 has no backfill. In the third reading of the budget, the Senate passed an amendment to backfill hospital districts, EMS districts, fire districts and senior center districts.

Monday Feb. 10, 2025 is the last day for Committee of the Whole in the house of origin, which means Tuesday the process starts over with Senate files being heard in House committees and vice versa.

Sponsored Legislation:

SF0084 Country of Origin Label USA Beef has passed the Senate and awaits

introduction in the House. This is a bill that requires any beef born, raised, and slaughtered in the United States be labeled and clearly identified with some form of label that is "USA" or "Local Beef".

SF0064 Wyoming Opposes Mandatory ID Devices for Livestock passed third reading on Monday. With only one no-vote, it is headed to the House for introduction. This bill would formalize Wyoming's opposition to mandatory EID in livestock.

SF0092 Make Carbon Dioxide Great Again - No Net Zero failed for a lack of a motion in the Minerals Committee. This bill would have required that CO2 be managed as a resource, not a contaminant or pollutant, and it would have repealed Wyoming's low-carbon emissions standards.

Another bill that failed in the Minerals Committee was SF0083 Large Energy Project Funding - Legislative Approval, which would have required all large energy projects to have the approval of the legislature, rather than the governor using money from his slush fund on these projects. This, too, died in the Minerals Committee for a lack of a motion on the bill.

SF0124 Illegal Immigration Identify, Report, Detain and Deport is on Committee of the whole on Monday. This bill addresses aiding and abetting illegal immigrants, restricting public benefits and employment. It will also have amendments offered by the County Commissioners Association and the Police Chiefs and Sheriffs Association to make it work for their agencies. The bill will also include \$1 million to reimburse local law enforcement for potential funding gaps and anti-terrorism training.

SF0125 Defining Health and Protecting the People's Welfare is on Committee of the Whole on Monday. The bill seeks to define healthcare and what it is not.

SF0103 Terminating and Defunding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion prohibits the use of funds for DEI at all levels of government, state agencies, the University of Wyoming, and community colleges. This bill is on Third reading and final passage in the Senate on Monday.

Items of note:

Thursday, Feb. 6, I attended the House Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources Committee to help present the Omnibus Water Bill - Construction. This annual legislation is filled with good projects, that are construction and rehabilitation related projects associated with water development across the State of Wyoming. Of note this year, \$20 million of fund-

ing for the Goshen irrigation tunnels; and \$60 million for the La Prele dam, which is currently under a breach order and set to be demolished by April 1, 2026.

Wednesday, Feb. 5, in Senate Corporations, we had a lively crowd. We started early at 7:30, and ended at 8:30 p.m. We began with SF0174 Constitutional Apportionment. This bill seeks to have a standing committee of the legislature examine keeping counties whole during redistricting, with representation following county lines.

SF0184 Prohibition on Electronic Voting Machines also had a lively crowd from many counties across the state. This is a mirror to one of the House bills. It is a strict prohibition on the use of the electronic ES&S machines by going strictly to hand counting. This was a 40-page bill that dropped late in the session. This bill failed to receive a motion to proceed because if we wish to make a change this large, the issue would need to be studied as an interim topic. The House also failed a mirror bill for similar reasons. It was still great to see everyone there at the committee meeting and hear their thoughts and concerns.

In Labor and Health Committee, we heard SF0175 Unemployment Insurance. This bill seeks to drop the number of months of benefits from 26 to 20 months for people who are unemployed and seeking a job.

Understanding Wyoming's Legislative Process

Wyoming's legislative process is designed to ensure transparency, accountability, and public participation. The Legislature meets annually, with a 20-day budget session held in even-numbered years and a 40-day general session in odd-numbered years. Bills are introduced in either the Senate or House, where they undergo three readings. Each bill is assigned to a committee for detailed review and public testimony. After committee review, the bill returns to the floor for debate and potential amendments. If passed in one chamber, it moves to the other chamber for the same process.

Once both chambers pass a bill, any differences are reconciled before the final version is sent to the Governor for approval or veto. Public involvement is encouraged throughout, with opportunities to testify in committees, contact legislators, and participate in public hearings. You can contact your legislator, watch the session live or participate via zoom at wyoleg.gov.

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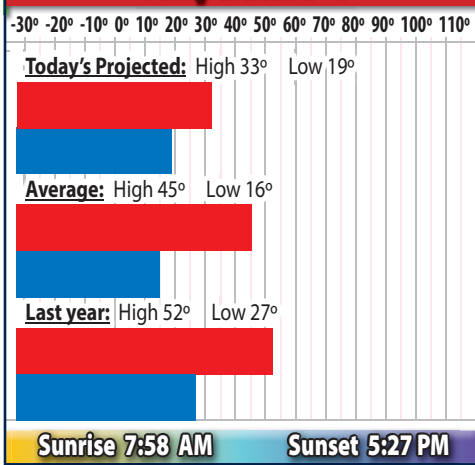
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Saturday 2/15	16°	5°	1°	-14°	62%
Sunday 2/16	33°	27°	20°	8°	21%
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## Middle school boys wrestling season recap

BY LEXIE ASHURST

**LUSK** – The Lusk Middle School Boys Wrestling season concluded just before the holiday break. It's a fast a furious season with wrestlers traveling to approximately 8 tournaments in just as many weeks. The team was led this year by Head Coach TJ Hodge in his first year in the position. Though this may have represented Coach Hodge's inaugural season at the helm, he is no stranger to wrestling, having been

an athlete himself and having spent many years coaching in the USA/Rawhide Wrestling program. "This is a fun group of boys, I've known most of these boys since they were about 5 years old when they started with USA wrestling," says Coach Hodge. "It's good to get to continue on with them at this stage." A staple in the wrestling room, Ron Nelson, returned as this year's Assistant Coach to once again help shape young athletes as he's done for over 50 years.

The young wrestlers totaled 18 in

all, comprised of eight 6th graders, eight 7th graders and two 8th graders. Hodge says the two 8th Graders, Linken Heth and Grant Ashurst played a strong roll on the team. "We had great leadership from the upper classman who want to win. And, aren't afraid to put in the work to get there." The strong effort was picked up by all the athletes and carried the team through the season with many notable achievements for all.

One such achievement came at

the Morrill, Nebraska Tournament. Long known for being tough wrestling country, Nebraska tournaments bring an added element of competition to the schedule. The Middle School Tigers showed up ready to wrestle and at the end of the day, when the scores were tallied, 10 of our young wrestlers walked away with individual medals of some sort and the Tigers claimed the Team Trophy! "It's al-

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COURTESY PHOTO

Tigers win the team trophy at the Morrill Tournament



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured are SEWAC Individual Champions (from Left to Right) Head Coach TJ Hodge, Nic Lytle, Cody Yeager, Holten Heth, Grant Ashurst, Tyke Coffman, Paul Kruse, Braxton Hodge, Assistant Coach Ron Nelson.

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## Wrestling: Tigers wish to thank all the parents, staff and community

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ways a good day when we place at tough tournaments,” said Assistant Coach Nelson. “To win in Morrill shows just how focused these boys have been.”

The season concluded with the SEWAC tournament held here in Lusk on December 7, 2024. Bringing home SEWAC Conference Championships were athletes Grant Ashurst (winning his 3rd straight title), Cody Yeager (winning his 2nd straight title), Braxton Hodge, Nic Lytle, Tyke Coffman, Holten Heth and Paul Kruse. The Tigers ended up Third in the team standings buy just ½ a point. Hodge reflects on the team with nothing but high hopes heading into their high school

years. “I’m excited about the future of the wrestling program in Niobrara County. These boys have true grit and the determination to win. They’re willing to put forth the effort.”

Head Coach TJ Hodge encouraged the wrestlers to also consider attending what is often referred to as the “Middle School State Tournament.” Though technically a USA Wrestling sponsored tournament, this large event is known for bringing top end, middle school wrestlers together from all over the state. While it’s not a new event, it has generally been held in Lander, WY and not on the radar for most on this side of the state. With the tournament moving to Douglas, WY this year, Coach Hodge encouraged

Middle School Tigers to consider entering. Six wrestlers from Lusk entered the tournament, all with an exceptional showing. Layton Single, Tyke Coffman, Cody Yeager, Braxton Hodge, Trey Hubbard and Grant Ashurst wrestled their way through day, facing top notch competition from mostly 3A and 4A districts. At the end of the day, both Tyke Coffman and Grant Ashurst brought home medals, each placing sixth, with several other of our wrestlers barely edged off the podium in the final rounds. “This tournament is great preparation for high school wrestling,” said Coach Hodge. “Our boys had a great showing against the best middle school wrestlers in the state. Every match we lost was

a close match and could have gone either way. There are good things to come for these kids.”

The Tigers wish to thank all the parents, staff and community members who help put on the tournaments, fill the stands and encourage the athletes.

Final Team Stats- Name (Win-Lost Record): Grant Ashurst (27-2), Linken Heth (23-5), Carter Bannan (11-16), Braxton Hodge (22-7), Trey Hubbard (19-8), PJ Kraft (13-5), Nic Lytle (21-5), Riley Ricker (11-15), Layton Single (9-5), Cody Yeager (26-2), Aiden Carter (17-6), Lane Clark (2-11), Tyke Coffman (26-2), Eli Durham (3-17), Holten Heth (15-8), Sevren Johnson (1-4), Paul Kruse (13-13), Will Kruse (5-17).



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8th Grader Grant Ashurst pins an opponent.

8th Grader Linken Heth set up a takedown

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## THURSDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 13, 2025

	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KCNC	4	George   Ghosts	Mallock (N)	Elsbeth (N)	News (N)	News (N)	(:35) Colbert (N)	Midnight		
KDVR	8	Next Level (N) (SP)	Animal   Dutch	News (N)   News (N)	News (N)   News (N)	FOX 31	Seinfeld	Seinfeld		
KMGH	7	Extreme (N)	Scamanda (N)	Perfect Wife (N)	News (N)	(:35) J. Kimmel (N)	Nightline			
KOTA	12	Extreme (N)	Scamanda (N)	Perfect Wife (N)	Terr.News	(:35) J. Kimmel (N)	Nightline			
KRMA	13	Crawford   Women	Making "Episode 3"	Great (N)	Shuttleworth	Amanpour (N)				
KTVD	10	Dateline "Collision"	Dateline	News (N)   News (N)	TrueCri.	TrueCri.	Dateline			
KUSA	9	Law & Order (N)	Law-SVU (N)	Found (N)	News (N)	(:35) J. Fallon (N)	Meiers			
KWGN	3	2 Prime News (N)	Police 24/7 (N)	Crime Nation (N)	Two Men	Two Men	Sports	Simpsons		
A&E	37	Homicide (N)	Hunters (N)	(:05) The First 48	(:05) The First 48	(:05) Homicide				
ALTSPT	18	A360   Golf Life	Boxing Dmitry Bivol	vs. Jean Pascal	A360	Avalanc.	MLF General			
AMC	31	(6:30) Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 3 (92)	Mel Gibson.					
ANPL	44	I Was Prey	Expedition	Expedition	Expedition	Expedition				
BRAVO	57	Southern Charm	Southern Charm	Charm (N)	Southern (N)	WatchW.	Charm			
CNBC	38	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Super Heists				
CNN	20	The Source (N)	CNN (N) (Live)	Cooper 360	Cooper 360	E. B. OutFront				
DISC	25	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	"In Too Deep"	Afraid "Twinning"				
E!	65	Office   Office	Office   Office	Office   Office	Office   Office	Gary (N)				
ESPN	16	(6:00) 2025 4 Nations Face-Off	Basketball Teams TBA (N) (Live)	SportCtr (N) (Live)	SportCtr (N) (Live)	NFL Live				
ESPN2	17	Basketball Memphis at South Florida (N)	SportCtr (N) (Live)	SportCtr (N) (Live)	SportCtr (N) (Live)	NFL Live				
FOOD	54	BeatBob.   BeatBob.	BeatBob.   BeatBob.	BeatBob.   BeatBob.	BeatBob.   BeatBob.	BeatBob.   BeatBob.				
FREE	42	Movie Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 3 (92)	Mel Gibson.					
FX	47	(6:00) Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 3 (92)	Mel Gibson.					
HALL	53	I Was Prey	Expedition	Expedition	Expedition	Expedition				
HGTV	41	Caribbean   Caribbean	The Flip Off	The Flipping El	The Flipping El	Hunters Intl (N)				
HIST	35	(6:00) Sw... (:35) Swamp	(:35) Swamp	"Feeding Frenzy"	(:05) Swamp	"Bayou Broiler"				
LIFE	28	The Rookie	The Rookie	The Rookie	The Rookie "S.T.R."	(:05) The Rookie				
OWN	66	Hoard-Buried	Hoard-Buried	Hoard-Buried	Hoard-Buried	Hoard-Buried				
SYFY	32	Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 3 (92)	Mel Gibson.					
TBS	30	Big Bang   Big Bang	Jokers   Jokes	Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 3 (92)	Mel Gibson.				
TLC	39	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé	The Vow "At Cause"	The Vow "Building Character"					
TNT	26	(6:30) NBA Basketball	In NBA (N) (Live)	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Basketb.			
TRAV	51	Beyond the Unknown	Unknown	Blind Frog Ran	Blind Frog Ran	Blind Frog Ran (N)				
USA	36	Law-SVU "Hate"	Law-SVU "Ritual"	Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 3 (92)	Mel Gibson.				
WGN-A	6	Dan Abrams (N)	Banfield (N) (Live)	Cuomo	On Balance	Banfield				

## SATURDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 15, 2025

	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KCNC	4	Watson "Pilot"	48 Hours (N)	48 Hours (N)	48 Hours (N)	News	Football	In Touch	NCIS	
KDVR	8	(6:00) Basketball	Jeopardy!   Wheel	LIV Golf League Adelaide, Round Three (N)	Denver 7 News (N)	News (N)	(:35) 9-1-1 "7.1"	(:35) 9-1-1		
KMGH	7	(6:00) 2025 4 Nations Face-Off	Wheel	Jeopardy!   Terr.News	NCIS: Hawai'i	Rookie				
KOTA	12	(6:00) 2025 4 Nations Face-Off	Wheel	Jeopardy!   Terr.News	NCIS: Hawai'i	Rookie				
KRMA	13	Mysteries "Playing for the As..."	(:35) Paradise	Midsomer	(:15) Midsomer	Brokenwood				
KTVD	10	Storm of Suspicion	Gone Viral	News (N)	Comedy-TV	Greatest	Popstar!	Laughs		
KUSA	9	The Voice "The Blind Auditions, Part 2"	SNL (N)	News (N)	Saturday Night Live					
KWGN	3	News (N)   Colorado	Wild Cards	Wild Cards	Sheldon	Sheldon	Two Men	Two Men		
A&E	37	(6:00) Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 3 (92)	Mel Gibson.					
ALTSPT	18	(6:00) College Hockey	A360	College Hockey Army at Air Force		Hockey				
AMC	31	(6:30) Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 3 (92)	Mel Gibson.					
ANPL	44	North Woods Law	North Woods Law	North Woods Law	North Woods Law	North Woods Law				
BRAVO	57	(:15) Summer House	Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 3 (92)	Mel Gibson.					
CNBC	38	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed				
CNN	20	Have I Got (N) (SP)	CNN Spec	Real, Bill Maher	Have I Got	CNN Spec				
DISC	25	Expedition X	Expedition X	Expedition X	Expedition X	Expedition X				
E!	65	Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 3 (92)	Mel Gibson.					
ESPN	16	(6:00) Basketball	Basketball Kansas at Utah (N) (Live)	SportCtr (N) (Live)	SportCtr (N) (Live)	SportCtr (N) (Live)				
ESPN2	17	(6:00) Basketball	Basketball Teams TBA (N) (Live)	SportCtr (N) (Live)	SportCtr (N) (Live)	Episode 1   Last Dan.				
FOOD	54	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FREE	42	Movie (45) Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 3 (92)	Mel Gibson.					
FX	47	(6:00) Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 3 (92)	Mel Gibson.					
HALL	53	It Was Always You (21) Erin Krakow.	Return to Office (25) Janel Parrish. (P)	An Unexpected V...						
HGTV	41	Love It or List It	Hunters   Hunters	Hunters   Hunters	Hunters   Hunters	Hunters   Hunters				
HIST	35	The Unexplained	(:05) Unexplained	(:05) Unexplained	(:05) Unexplained	(:05) Unexplained				
LIFE	28	(6:00) Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 3 (92)	Mel Gibson.					
OWN	66	Family or (N)	Love and Marriage	Love and Marriage	Family or Fiancé	Love and Marriage				
SYFY	32	Movie (45) Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 3 (92)	Mel Gibson.					
TBS	30	(6:00) Step Brothers	Old School (03) Luke Wilson.	Step Brothers (08) Will Ferrell.						
TLC	39	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper	My 600-Lb. Life (N)		My 600-Lb. Life				
TNT	26	(6:00) All-Star Sat. (N) (Live)	All Elite Wrestling: Collision (N) (Live)	All-Star Sat.						
TRAV	51	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures	Ghost Adventures				
USA	36	(5:30) Hall Pass	Pixel (15) Adam Sandler. (P)	(:15) Hall Pass (11) Owen Wilson.						
WGN-A	6	NewsNation (N)	NewsNation Prime	NewsNation Prime	Reality Check (N)	Cuomo				

## MONDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 17, 2025

	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KCNC	4	On TV: A Black (N)	NCIS	NCIS: Origins	News (N)	News (N)	(:35) Colbert (N)	Midnight		
KDVR	8	Extracted (N)	Rescue: HI-Surf (N)	News (N)   News (N)	News (N)   News (N)	FOX 31	Seinfeld	Seinfeld		
KMGH	7	The Bachelor (N)	Mormon Wives (N)	Mormon Wives (N)	News (N)	(:35) J. Kimmel (N)	Nightline			
KOTA	12	The Bachelor (N)	Mormon Wives (N)	Mormon Wives (N)	Terr.News	(:35) J. Kimmel (N)	Nightline			
KRMA	13	Antiques (N)	Antiques	Independ.	"Skin of Glass" (N)	History	Amanpour (N)			
KTVD	10	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	News (N)   News (N)	TrueCri.	TrueCri.	Dateline			
KUSA	9	The Voice (N)	Hunting "Lowe" (N)	News (N)	(:35) J. Fallon (N)	Meiers				
KWGN	3	2 Prime News (N)	All American (N)	Trivial	Scrabble	Two Men	Two Men	Sports	Simpsons	
A&E	37	Live PD   Live PD	Live PD   Live PD	LivePD	LivePD	LivePD	LivePD	LivePD	LivePD	LivePD
ALTSPT	18	A360   A360	The Cannons	A360	A360	A360	A360	College Hockey		
AMC	31	(6:45) Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 3 (92)	Mel Gibson.					
ANPL	44	Ice Cold Gold	Ice Cold Gold	Ice Cold "Egi Gold"	Ice Cold Gold	Ice Cold Gold				
BRAVO	57	Below Deck Down	Below Deck Down	Below Deck (N)	Summer House	Below Deck Down				
CNBC	38	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank				
CNN	20	The Source (N)	CNN (N) (Live)	Laura (N) (Live)	Cooper 360	E. B. OutFront				
DISC	25	Contraband	Contraband	Contraband	Contraband (N)	Contraband				
E!	65	Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 3 (92)	Mel Gibson.					
ESPN	16	(6:00) Basketball	Basketball Arizona at Baylor (N) (Live)	SportsC. (N) (Live)	SportCtr (N) (Live)	SportCtr (N) (Live)				
ESPN2	17	ESPN Films	Basketball Kansas State at Utah (N)	Around	Pardon					
FOOD	54	BeatBob.   BeatBob.	BeatBob.   BeatBob.	Kids Baking (N)	Chopped	Chopped				
FREE	42	(6:00) Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 3 (92)	Mel Gibson.					
FX	47	(6:00) Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 3 (92)	Mel Gibson.					
HALL	53	All Things Valentine (15)	Paris, Wine & Romance (19)	My Secret Valent...						
HGTV	41	Home Town	Home Town	The Flip Off	Celebrity IOU (N)	Hunters   Hunters				
HIST	35	Jefferson (N)	(:05) History's Greatest Mysteries	(:05) Jefferson	Thomas Jefferson	Thomas Jefferson				
LIFE	28	Castle	"Driven"	Castle "Montreal"	Castle	(:05) Castle				
OWN	66	20/20 on OWN	20/20 on OWN	20/20 on OWN	20/20 on OWN	20/20 on OWN				
SYFY	32	Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 3 (92)	Mel Gibson.					
TBS	30	Big Bang   Big Bang	American   American	American   American	American   American	American   American				
TLC	39	Last Resort	Last Resort	Last Resort (N)	(:10) Baylen Out (N)	(:10) Last Resort (N)				
TNT	26	(6:00) 2025 4 Nations Face-Off	Post-Ga.	Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 3 (92)	Mel Gibson.				
TRAV	51	Mysteries of the Unknown	Mysteries of the Unknown (N)	Mysteries-Unk.						
USA	36	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chicago Fire	Chi. Fire "Always"				
WGN-A	6	Dan Abrams (N)	Banfield (N) (Live)	Cuomo	On Balance	Banfield				

## WEDNESDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 19, 2025

	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KCNC	4	Hollywood (N)	Price Is Right (N)	Raid the Cage (N)	News (N)	News (N)	(:35) Colbert (N)	Midnight		
KDVR	8	Masked (N)	The Floor (N)	News (N)   News (N)	News (N)   News (N)	FOX 31	Seinfeld	Seinfeld		
KMGH	7	Shifting   Shifting	Jeopardy!	What Would (N)	News (N)	(:35) J. Kimmel (N)	Nightline			
KOTA	12	Shifting   Shifting	Jeopardy!	What Would (N)	Terr.News	(:35) J. Kimmel (N)	Nightline			
KRMA	13	Nature (N)	NOVA (N)	Secrets (N)	Out of Exile: Phot...	Amanpour (N)				
KTVD	10	Dateline	Dateline	News (N)   News (N)	TrueCri.	TrueCri.	Dateline			
KUSA	9	Chicago Med (N)	Chicago Fire (N)	Chicago P.D. (N)	News (N)	(:35) J. Fallon (N)	Meiers			
KWGN	3	2 Prime News (N)	Wild Cards (N)	Good Cop (N) (P)	Two Men	Two Men	Sports	Simpsons		
A&E	37	PD Cam   PD Cam	Ozark Law (N)	PDCam	PDCam	PDCam	PDCam	PDCam	PDCam	PDCam
ALTSPT	18	Basketball Oral Roberts at Denver (N)	MLF Costa Qualifier Elimination Match 1	College Basketball						
AMC	31	(6:00) Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 2 (89)	Lethal Weapon 3 (92)	Mel Gibson.					
ANPL	44	Fish or Die	Fish or Die	Tanked	Tanked	Tanked				
BRAVO	57	Below Deck Down	Summer House	Summer House	Summer House (N)	Summer House				
CNBC	38	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	American Greed				
CNN	20	The Source (N)	CNN (N) (Live)	Laura (N) (Live)	Cooper 360	E. B. OutFront				
DISC	25	Expedition X	Expedition X	Expedition X	Expedition X (N)	Bigfoot (N				

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

Notice is hereby given that the Wyoming Department of Transportation has accepted as completed according to plans, specifications and rules governing the same work performed under that certain contract between the State of Wyoming and S & L Industrial, The Contractor, on Highway Project Number B239030 in Albany, Big Horn, Carbon, Campbell, Crook, Fremont, Goshen, Johnson, Laramie, Natrona, Niobrara, Park, Platte, Sheridan, Sweetwater, Washakie and Weston Counties, consisting of rumble strips and the Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; that the Director of the Department of Transportation will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on March 18, 2025.

Pam Fredrick  
Senior Budget Analyst  
Budget Program  
Wyoming Department of Transportation

Public Notice No. 6189 published in The Lusk Herald on February 5, 12 and 19, 2025.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

Notice is hereby given that the Wyoming Department of Transportation has accepted as completed according to plans, specifications and rules governing the same work performed under that certain contract between the State of Wyoming and Bituminous Paving, Inc., The Contractor, on Highway Project Number N854075 in Niobrara County, consisting of scrub sealing, traffic control, and delineator work and the Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; that the Director of the Department of Transportation will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on March 18, 2025.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is February 5, 2025.

Pam Fredrick  
Senior Budget Analyst  
Budget Program  
Wyoming Department of Transportation

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT,  
EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF NIOBRARA,  
STATE OF WYOMING  
In Probate, Docket No. 2025-CV-0000798  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA LEE FRYE, A/K/A BARBARA L. FRYE  
Deceased.

**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF BARBARA L. FRYE**

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that on the 27th day of January, 2025, Doyle J. Davies, Attorney at Law, 117 S. Main, P.O. Box 330, Lusk, Wyoming 82225, filed an Application for Decree on behalf of Lorn E. Frye, a distributee of the decedent, pursuant to Section 2-1-201 and 2-1-205, W.S., 1977 Republished Edition as amended, in the District Court for Niobrara County, Eighth Judicial District. The Application requests that the Court enter a Decree establishing that the decedent's right title and interest in the following described property be distributed 33 1/3% to Lorn E. Frye, 33 1/3% to Becky Rae Butler, and 33 1/3% to Martha Kolden.

a. Lots 10, 11, & 12 of Block 37, Original Town of Manville, Niobrara County, Wyoming  
b. 1994 Aspen Mobile Home VIN---MY9411556V

c. Capital Credits with Niobrara Electric Association #5151

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that if there are no objections filed by the 7th day of March, 2025, all right, title, and interest of the decedent, Barbara Lee Frye in and to the described property will be distributed as requested in the Application.

DATED this 27th day of January, 2025.

Doyle J Davies, WSB #5-2064

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT,  
EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF NIOBRARA,  
STATE OF WYOMING  
In Probate, Docket No. 2025-CV-0000799  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WINONA KAY GREEN  
Deceased.

**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF WINONA KAY GREEN**

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that on the 31st day of January, 2025, Doyle J. Davies, Attorney at Law, 117 S. Main, P.O. Box 330, Lusk, Wyoming 82225, filed an Application for Decree on behalf of Theresa Kim Berdahl, the distributee of the decedent, pursuant to Section 2-1-205, W.S., 1977 Republished Edition as amended, in the District Court for Niobrara County, Eighth Judicial District. The Application requests that the Court enter a Decree establishing that the decedent's right title and interest in the following described real property be distributed to Theresa Kim Berdahl.

All of Lots Thirteen (13) through Twenty-four (24), Block Three (3), Park Hill Addition, Town of Manville, Niobrara County, Wyoming

That if there are no objections filed by the 7th day of March, 2025, all right, title, and interest of the decedent, Winona Kay Green, in and to the described property will be distributed to the sole distributee, Theresa Kim Berdahl, as requested in the Application.

DATED this 31st day of January, 2025.

Doyle J Davies, WSB #5-2064

Public Notice No. 6197 published in The Lusk Herald on February 5 and 12, 2025.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Niobrara Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 9:02 a.m. Those present were Chairman Patrick Wade, Vice-Chair Elaine Griffith, Commissioner Jeb Hanson, and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman. Members of the audience included Sheriff Randy Starkey and Kurt Gaukel.

Road & Bridge- Foreman Fred Thomas, Brian Wakefield, BenchMark of Torrington engineer, and Jim Whetsell of Whetsell Carpentry LLC, met with the Commissioners and discussed the 2024 Road Rehabilitation Project. The group discussed a letter BenchMark of Torrington provided to Mr. Whetsell, regarding the concrete headwall and a localized void which exists between the metal culvert wall and the concrete headwall. In the letter options were detailed on how to best repair the void to alleviate a future breakdown of the headwall. It was also noted that this void will be a maintenance issue for the County for the lifetime of this structure if a permanent solution is not achieved.

Unless the contractor chooses to pursue a more permanent method of correcting the problem, the following scenarios were offered:

1. A 15% overall cost reduction on the headwall project to make up for upkeep on the County's part.
2. Provide the County with a 20-year warranty bond guaranteed through a surety in an amount equaling one-half of the total contract price.

Chairman Wade asked if a warranty bond or maintenance bond would pay to replace the project or cover repairs. Mr. Wakefield said that either bond option would cover repairs.

Mr. Whetsell contacted his insurance company to see if it was possible to purchase a 20-year warranty bond. Mr. Wakefield explained the situation to the insurance agent, noting that the defect in the concrete was the reason for the request for a 20-year warranty. The agent said there is nothing available like that and a 2-year warranty

ty would possibly be available. It was noted that a maintenance bond would not satisfy what the County is trying to accomplish.

The group next discussed the cost of the headwall portion of the contract and Mr. Wakefield said it was \$50,850.00. He said that 35% of the cost has been paid so far and there is still the 10% retention fee being withheld. Vice-Chair Griffith asked about vendors that have not been paid, and Mr. Whetsell provided the contractors' names and amounts he owes them.

The Commissioners asked what was left to be paid in the contract and Mr. Wakefield said approximately \$51,281.00.

Vice Chair Griffith suggested paying Mr. Whetsell what is owed to the vendors, contingent upon him getting receipts from each vendor showing that the outstanding amounts have been paid and forwarding those receipts to BenchMark.

Commissioner Hanson moved to pay Whetsell Carpentry LLC the amount owed to vendors. Discussion ensued and Commissioner Hanson withdrew his motion.

Vice-Chair Griffith moved that contingent upon receipt of all signatures required on the pay request and receipt of copies of the outstanding invoices from vendors the contractor has used, the county will issue a warrant in the amount of \$24,815.76. Commissioner Hanson seconded, and the motion carried.

Old Business -There was nothing new to report on the old jail or the Community Juvenile Services Board.

The contract between Forensic Radiology Group, LLC. and Niobrara County and the Memorandum of Understanding between the Niobrara County Hospital District and Niobrara County for radiology services for autopsies were removed from the agenda at the request of Coroner Peter Pier.

It was noted that no bids had been received for cleaning at the public health nurse office.

Sheriff Randy Starkey presented information on costs associated with Wyoming Retirement for law enforcement officers and dispatchers. It would require 100% participation from those employees. The question was asked if there were any exceptions about whether the plan would be available if someone chose not to participate. Sheriff Starkey said he would report his findings at the next meeting.

Weed & Pest Control District Director Appointment- Commissioner Hanson moved to appoint Matthew Perry as a Weed & Pest Control District Director for Area V. Vice-Chair Griffith seconded, and the motion carried.

24- Hour Catering Permit- Commissioner Hanson moved to approve a 24-Hour Catering Permit for 3 Sister's Truck Stop to sell alcoholic beverages at the Mason's Fun Night being held on February 1, 2025, at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds. Vice-Chair Griffith seconded, and the motion carried.

Consent Agenda- Commissioner Hanson moved to approve the consent agenda. Vice-Chair Griffith seconded, and the motion carried. Items on the consent agenda were the minutes of the January 7, 2025 meeting, and receipts for December from the Clerk of Court for \$428.50.

There being no further business, Commissioner Hanson moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:57 a.m. Vice-Chair Griffith seconded, and the motion carried.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Patrick Wade, Chairman

Attest:  
Becky L. Freeman, County Clerk

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**Kid Scoop Together:**

## Theodore Roosevelt

Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th president, was shot in the chest while giving a speech in Milwaukee.



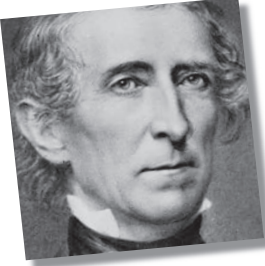
"I don't know whether you fully understand that I have just been shot," he told the stunned audience. "I give you my word, I do not care a rap about being shot; not a rap."

He completed the 90-minute speech with the bullet still lodged in his chest. Afterwards he went to the doctor and survived the attempt on his life.

President Roosevelt had many nicknames. As you complete each math problem below, those with even-numbered answers reveal one of his nicknames. The ones with odd-numbered answers are not.

# Obscure Facts About American Presidents

How much do you know about presidents of the United States? Did you know the following facts?



## Which president had the most kids?

Our 10th president, John Tyler, had the most children. Color the squares with even numbers RED and the odd-numbered squares BLUE to reveal the answer.

3	5	7	9	7	1	1	5	9	3	5
5	2	6	7	5	8	6	2	4	8	1
7	4	8	1	3	2	8	4	2	6	5
9	6	2	5	9	6	4	9	5	1	3
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5	2	8	3	1	8	2	6	4	8	9
3	7	1	5	9	3	5	1	9	5	7



**The "S" in President Harry S. Truman's name doesn't stand for anything.** Unable to decide on a middle name for over a month, his parents settled on the letter "S" in honor of his maternal grandfather, Solomon Young, and his paternal grandfather, Anderson Shipp Truman.



## First Presidential Email

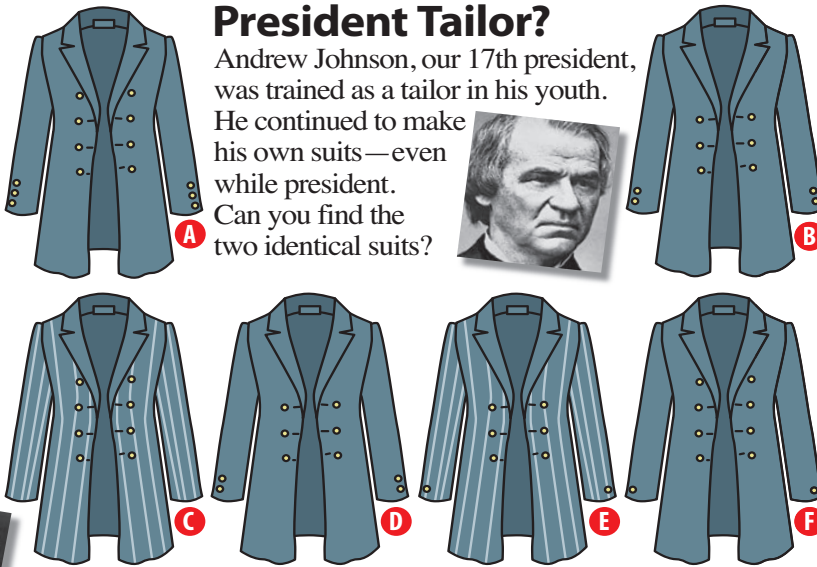
In 1994, President Bill Clinton was the first president to send an email while in office. He sent it to an astronaut who was in space at the time. Use the code to discover the name of the astronaut.

■ = E   ■ = G   ■ = H   ■ = J   ■ = L   ■ = N   ■ = O

▼   ◀   ▶   ▲   ◀   ▶   ▲

## President Tailor?

Andrew Johnson, our 17th president, was trained as a tailor in his youth. He continued to make his own suits—even while president. Can you find the two identical suits?



## Presidential Cheer

During his senior year of high school at Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass., George W. Bush, who would become the nation's 43rd president, was captain of the cheerleading team.



## Wrestling West Winger

Our 16th president is one of our most celebrated. But not a lot of people know that he was a wrestler. In 300 matches, he only lost one. He is in the Wrestling Hall of Fame with the honor of "Outstanding American."

Circle every other letter to reveal this president's name.

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## Extra! Extra! Celebrate Our Presidents

Look through the newspaper to see how your community is celebrating Presidents Day. If you don't find much, write a letter to the editor with your ideas on how the day could be celebrated in your community.

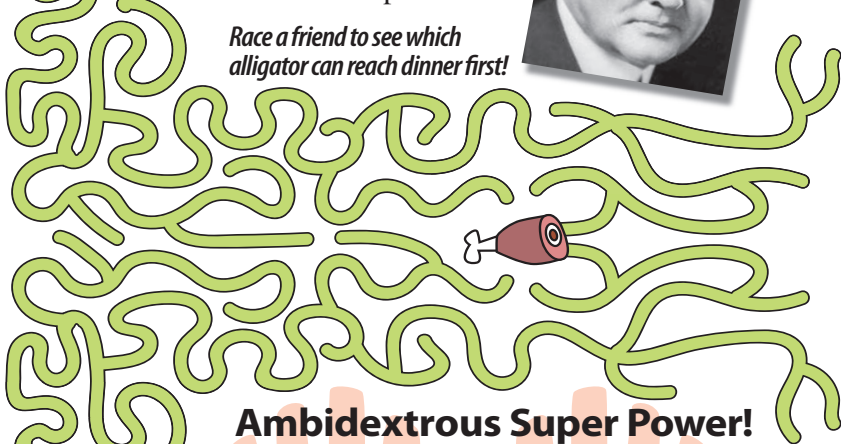
**Standards Link:** Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

## Alligators in the White House!?!



President Herbert Hoover's son had two pet alligators, which were sometimes allowed to run loose throughout the White House. Hoover was our 31st president.

Race a friend to see which alligator can reach dinner first!

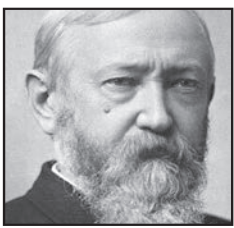


## Ambidextrous Super Power!

Ambidextrous means the ability to write with both hands. Not only was our 20th president ambidextrous, he could write Latin with one hand and Greek with the other at the same time. Hold this page up to a mirror to read this president's name.

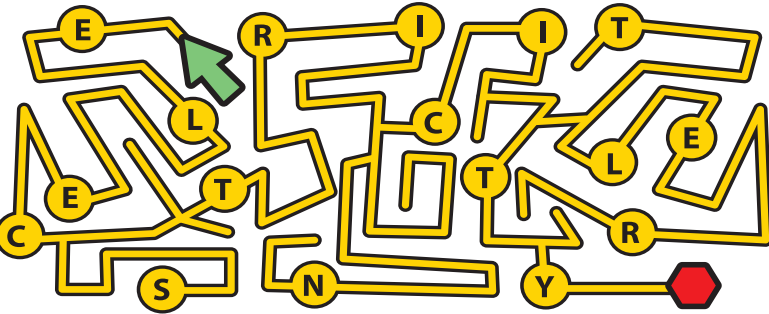
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## Kid Scoop Puzzler



## Not for President Harrison!

Benjamin Harrison, our 23rd president, was the first president to have this in the White House. However, he was so scared of it—he never used it! What was it? The letters along the correct path on the maze spell the answer.



**Standards Link:** Follow simple written directions.

## Double Double Word Search

PRESIDENT  
WRESTLING  
ALLIGATOR  
CHILDREN  
FREEDOM  
TAILOR  
SUITS  
LATIN  
WHITE  
HOUSE  
TYLER  
FIRST  
BUSH  
HAND  
BOTH

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

P	F	K	W	N	I	T	A	L	R
C	R	N	R	O	B	O	T	H	O
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I	E	T	S	U	I	T	S	A	A
L	D	I	T	I	S	W	I	H	G
D	O	H	L	R	D	L	T	A	I
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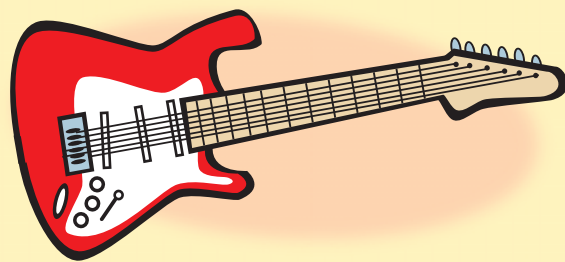
**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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### Presidential Advisor

Imagine you are an advisor to the president on the concerns of your community or neighborhood. Find articles in the newspaper showing issues your community is facing. Make a list of the ways you think the president could help.

**Standards Link:** Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



What famous American rock group has four guys that can't sing?

ANSWER: Mount Rushmore!

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# COMMUNITY

## Tigers: 'It took all of the 28 seconds for the running clock to be set...'

FROM PAGE A14

lier defeat, and behind triples from Smith and Matthews, NCHS pushed out to a three point lead after one quarter. The hosts had an 8-0 run before Matthews halted it with a three pointer to bring it to two. Smith stopped another Dogger run with a long buzzer beater but the Tigers still trailed by nine points.

Matthews collected a hat trick out of the break but 37-31 was as close as NCHS would get. LFL went on a 14-0 run and had pushed the lead to 20 with the fourth period about to begin. Turnovers and cold shooting kept Lusk from climbing back into the game as the Doggers ran away with the 80-42 final score.

SCORE BY QUARTERS  
NCHS 18-10-11-3--42

LFLHS 15-22-28-21--80  
TEAM STATS

NCHS 10/27 FG; 5/18 3PT; 5/9 FT; 19 REB; 11 AST; 8 STL; 24 TO; 14 PF  
LFLHS 31/46 FG; 2/6 3PT; 9/11 FTL 27 REB; 21 AST; 13 STL; 11 TO; 16 PF

NCHS PLAYER STATS: Scoring- Smith 12; Matthews 9; Bieri 6; Kupke 6; Swisher 5; Miller 3; Youngquist 1.

LUSK - The Tigers and Wolves have had several memorable meetings in the past, but with both schools shifting classes it has become less frequent lately. It was apparent early that Lusk was either motivated by the humbling defeat or just a superior team to Moorcroft.

Kupke, Matthews, Smith and Swisher all connected from the arc, as the Tigers took advantage of a dozen Wolves turnovers. It was

36-8 after one and Lusk continued to cruise. Just 30 seconds into the second quarter Smith sank another bomb and by halftime Lusk used another ten visitor turnovers en route to a 51-14 margin.

It took all of 28 seconds for the running clock to be set in motion as the rest of the bench got plenty of minutes in the second half. NCHS came away with the 65-28 win to improve to 15-2 with regionals just two weeks away. The Tigers travel to Guernsey on Friday before Southeast visits Tiger Gym on Saturday.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

MHS 8-6-4-10--28  
NCHS 36-15-7-7--65

TEAM STATS

MHS 14/27 FG; 0/2 3PT; 0/4 FT; 24 REB; 10 AST; 7 STL; 32 TO; 10 PF  
NCHS 21/41 FG; 5/15 3PT; 8/14 FT;

25 REB; 16 AST; 23 STL; 9 TO; 7 PF  
NCHS PLAYER STATS: Scoring- Swisher 12; Kupke 12; Miller 12; Smith 10; Youngquist 6; Matthews 5; Assman 4; Gaukel 2; Leimser 2. Rebounds- Miller 7. Steals- Kupke 5.



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## SPORTS SCHEDULES

All events are subject to change

### Wrestling

The Tiger wrestling teams compete at the Carbon Co. invite in Saratoga, February 14-15.

### Basketball

The Lady Tigers and Tigers basketball teams compete against Guernsey on Friday, February 14 and at home against Southeast Saturday, February 15.

## SPORTS BRIEF

### Taylor Cureton Named Mountain West Freshman of the Week

**COLORADO SPRINGS** – The Mountain West announced on Tuesday that swimmer Taylor Cureton has been named Freshman of the Week for her performances at the DU First Chance meet this past weekend.

Cureton placed top three in five out of her six events. She had two first place finishes in the 100-yard butterfly and as a member of the 200-yard medley relay team with respective times of 55.60 and 1:45.11. Cureton took second in the 100-yard freestyle, swimming a 51.75. She also had a pair of third place performances in the 50-yard freestyle, going 23.79, and as a part of the 200-yard freestyle relay, logging a time of 1:35.76.

Next up for Cureton and the Cowgirl swim and dive team is the Mountain West Conference Championships next week in Houston, Texas.

# Tiger wrestlers heading into homestretch

BY CORY GRIFFITH  
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**YODER** – The young Niobrara County High School wrestlers went to the Southeast Duals on Saturday and are gearing up for the final three weeks of the season.

In the first dual the Tigers fell to Burns/Pine Bluffs 60-12. Keen Coffman lost a 9-6 decision at 150 pounds to Cooper Sanchez. Kadyn McCully (157) and Ronald Krueger (190) each had forfeit wins, before Dryce Brott (165) was pinned by Joey Mohren.

Lusk faced Crawford, Neb. in the next round and Coffman led off with a forfeit win. McCully was pinned by Colton Mader before Brott fell to Dalton Norman. Lukes Allen pinned Krueger in the 42-6 dual score.

The Bayard, Neb. Tigers were next and Coffman got it started with a second period pin over Jared Nelson. McCully was defeated by Jared Perkins yet Brott had a 36 second pin of Joshua Ramirez. Krueger had a forfeit win and a few vagabond wrestlers kept the Tigers close in the 36-30 final score.

The final dual of the day was against Bridgeport, Neb. and all four Lusk wrestlers struggled. McCully was pinned by Daxton Malcolm before Brott was defeated by Quinten Tretter. Krueger fell to Ryker Norman and Illias Lehman pinned Coffman in the 59-6 defeat.

Tiger Gym hosted the SEWAC Duals on Tuesday night but results were not available at press time. NCHS travels to the Carbon County Invitational in Saratoga this weekend. It is their final tuneup before the 2A East Regionals in Lingle.

# Lusk girls split weekend games

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**LINGLE** – As the Lady Tigers begin their second trip around conference play, Dogger Gym on Friday evening wasn't the place to steal a win. The hosts raced out to a 20-8 first quarter lead over Niobrara County High School, and spent the rest of the game keeping Lusk at bay. Gracie ZumBrunnen's three pointer nearing halftime kept the Lady Tigers within 20, but the shooting struggles continued.

Lingle-Fort Laramie kept the pressure on and moved the lead to 29 at one point. NCHS cut into that but it wasn't enough in the 58-40 defeat at the hands of WyoPreps third ranked team.

**SCORE BY QUARTERS**  
NCHS 8-8-9-15--40  
LFLHS 20-17-17-4--58  
**TEAM STATS**  
NCHS 12/27 FG; 1/18 3PT; 13/15 FT; 29 REB; 5 AST; 14 STL; 27 TO; 17 PF  
LFLHS 18/56 FG; 4/11 3PT; 10/14 FT; 40

REB; 14 AST; 15 STL; 21 TO; 14 PF

**NCHS PLAYER STATS:** Scoring- Smith 12; G. ZumBrunnen 11; Manning 6; Vetter 5; Potter 3; Pontarolo 2; E. ZumBrunnen 1. Rebounds- Vetter 5. Steals- Manning 5.

**LUSK** – Saturday afternoon Moorcroft visited Tiger Gym, and aside from G. ZumBrunnen's three pointer, NCHS trailed 14-9 after one period. Turnovers were clearly a problem on both sides, but Lusk chipped away at what was an 18-10 deficit. Paige Potter capped a 12-4 run as she stepped into a long buzzer beater that sent the teams into the locker rooms knotted at 22.

Potter and Jaci Vetter combined for ten points in the third quarter, as the Lady Tigers went on a 14-2 run to open it up. As foul trouble sent players from both sides to the

bench, Lusk held on to a comfortable 15 point margin in taking the 47-32 victory.

**NCHS travels to Guernsey-Sunrise Friday night before hosting Southeast on Saturday.** It's a pair of crucial conference games for the 13-5 Lady Tigers, with the 1A East Regional tournament just two weeks away.  
**SCORE BY QUARTERS**  
MHS 14-8-2-8--32  
NCHS 9-13-14-11--47  
**TEAM STATS**  
MHS 11/33 FG; 2/11 3PT; 4/13 FT; 28 REB; 7 AST; 10 STL; 29 TO; 20 PF  
NCHS 12/40 FG; 2/13 3PT; 17/30 FT; 43 REB; 7 AST; 15 STL; 24 TO; 20 PF  
**NCHS PLAYER STATS:** Scoring- Vetter 12; Potter 11; S. Krein 10; G. ZumBrunnen 8; H. Krein 3; E. ZumBrunnen 2; Smith 1. Rebounds- S. Krein 7; Vetter 6; Manning 6; E. ZumBrunnen 5; H. Krein 5.



LISA SHAW/LUSK HERALD

As the ball heated up Lady Tigers, Paige Potter, Tessa Manning and Sarah Krein taking a win from Moorcroft.



LISA SHAW/LUSK HERALD

Paige Potter #13 goes up against Lingle's Brenly Shipp #21

# Tigers take two of three last week

BY CORY GRIFFITH  
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**LUSK** – The Niobrara County High

School boys had a busy week with three games in five days. Tuesday's meeting at Tiger Gym with the Douglas junior varsity was a late add to the

schedule, and a quality opponent for the Tigers. Many in the gym were likely unfamiliar with what used to be a very bitter rivalry.

The Bearcats took a brief early lead, but when Ryan Youngquist splashed in a trey near the end of the first period, it was an 11-8 edge. Jackson Smith converted a layup and the free toss, and the Tigers used eight turnovers to their advantage in extending the lead to a dozen at the break.

The miscues went down and the visitors continued to hang around throughout the third- yet it remained a ten point bulge entering the final stanza. Brady Swisher and Smith sank treys and NCHS pulled away for the 50-33 victory.

**SCORE BY QUARTERS**  
DOUGLAS JV 8-4-12-9--33  
NCHS 11-13-10-16--50  
**TEAM STATS**  
DOUGLAS JV 5/17 FG; 6/25 3PT; 5/13 FT; 38 REB; 7 AST; 9 STL; 28 TO; 14 PF  
NCHS 19/41 FG; 3/20 3PT; 3/12 FT; 36 REB; 11 AST; 18 STL; 13 TO; 14 PF

**NCHS PLAYER STATS:** Scoring- Kupke 11; Swisher 9; Smith 8; Miller 8; Youngquist 7; Bieri 6; Brott 1. Rebounds- Bieri 8; Miller 7.

**LINGLE** – Looking to avenge an ear-



LISA SHAW/LUSK HERALD

Jackson Smith and Quintin Bieri take on Lingle competitor in Lingle Friday Night.

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