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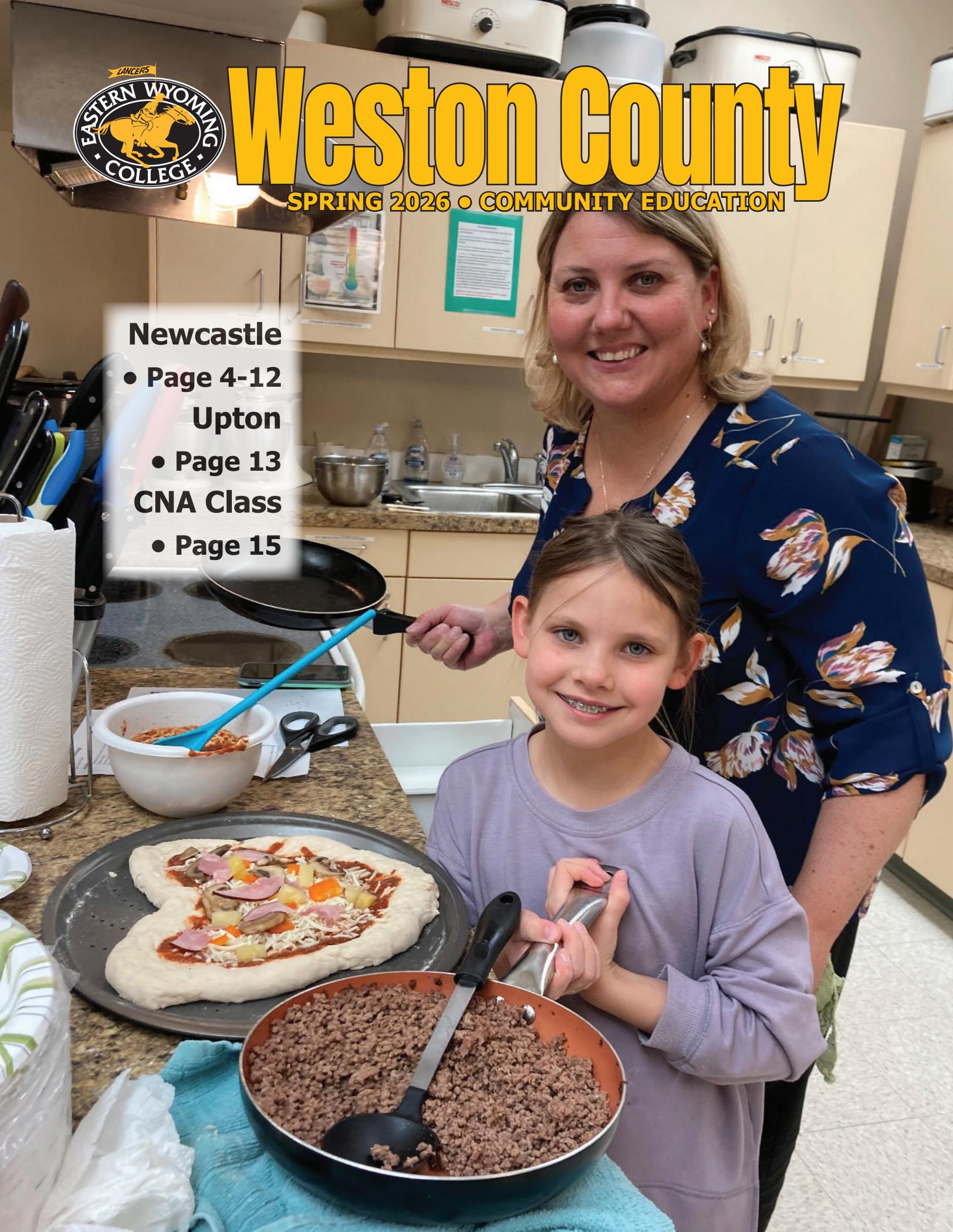
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## OUR MISSION

Eastern Wyoming College champions student success through innovative learning, academic excellence, and community enrichment.

## OUR VISION

Eastern Wyoming College is committed to service and striving for excellence.



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# How to Register for Classes

## To register for Newcastle Community Ed. Classes

### Online\*

EWC website: [ewc.wy.edu/about-ewc/outreach/newcastle/](http://ewc.wy.edu/about-ewc/outreach/newcastle/)  
 Weston County School District Website: [www.wcsd1.org](http://www.wcsd1.org) - DEPARTMENTS - Eastern Wyoming College  
 \*Register for Community Education classes. Registration information will be received within minutes.

### Phone\*

1.307.746.3603  
 Call during office hours or leave a message with your name, contact information and class(es) you are interested in.

### Walk-in\*

116 Casper Avenue (NHS High School Room 120). Drop off your registration form and payment.

\*Exercise classes - you can register and pay at class.

## To register for Upton Community Ed. Classes

### Phone\*

1.307.468.2461  
 Call during office hours or leave a message with your name, contact information and class(es) you are interested in.



# Newcastle • Classes

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**Eastern Wyoming College Newcastle Outreach**

to follow all of the Community Education classes and College Credit events this Spring.



## ARTS, CRAFTS and HOBBIES

### Doormat DÉCOR

**Instructor: Kiersten Davidson**

Come and enjoy designing and crafting your own spring doormat for welcoming family, friends and visitors to your home! You will be provided with a 30" x 17" doormat. There will be various design options to choose from in creating your doormat or bring your own idea. \*\*\*More than one doormat can be done at class with an additional \$20 charge per mat

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

**Monday, January 19**

**Dates: Sunday, February 8**

**Time: 1:00 – 2:30 pm**

**Cost: \$45**

**Location: NHS Room 215**



### Valentine Heart Wreath

**Instructor: Dottie Sylte**

This heart wreath will be sure to dress up your door or wall for Valentine's Day.



The wreath is made out of a 13" wire frame with red & natural burlap done in a ruffle style and bow. Finished wreath measures approximately 16 inches.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

**Tuesday, January 20**

**Dates: Tuesday, January 27**

**Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

**Cost: \$10 + \$25 supply fee**

**Location: NHS Room 135**

### Valentine Mug Craft

**Instructor:**

**Brandi Marshall**



Come create a whimsical Valentine's Day themed decoration in the high school art room. Thrifted mugs will be provided, but feel free to bring your own

mug to fill up with moss, wooden hearts, and other fun/found objects.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

**Wednesday, February 4**

**Dates: Wednesday, February 11**

**Time: 5:30 – 7:00 pm**

**Cost: \$35**

**Location: NHS Room 135**

### Resin Art Jewelry

**Instructor: Denice Piscioti**



Come make keepsake jewelry! Pressed flowers will be available, but if

you would like a picture or something else, please bring it with you. The first night, we will make the resin pieces and let it cure overnight. The second night, we will unmold and add the pieces to necklaces & earrings.

Suitable for a beginner or those who have experience with epoxy.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

**Friday, February 20**

**Date: Monday & Tuesday, February 23 & 24**

**Times: Monday: 6:00 – 7:30 pm**

**Tuesday: 6:00 – 7:00 pm**

**Cost: \$15 + \$10 supply fee**

**Location: NHS Room 135**

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## Charcoal Longhorn Drawing

**Instructor: Brandi Marshall**

Learn how to draw and shade a longhorn with charcoal in the cozy high school art room. A professional mat frame will be provided.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, March 4**

**Dates: Wednesday, March 11**

**Time: 5:15 – 7:30 pm**

**Cost: \$30**

**Location: NHS Room 135**

## Spring Cross Wreath

**Instructor: Dottie Sylte**



Come to this class to make a floral cross wreath to display on any front door. The frame is 11" x21" and will be covered in greenery

and topped with flowers and a bow. When registering, specify your choice of color for the flower and bow.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

**Tuesday, March 17**

**Dates: Tuesday, March 24**

**Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

**Cost: \$10 + \$25 supply fee**

**Location: NHS Room 135**

## Spring Floral Design

**Instructor: Jenny Behlings**

Ever receive loose fresh flowers as a gift and you just shove them in a vase? Wanted to stop by the local florist to buy flowers but you felt intimidated? Do you look longingly at the bundles of flowers at the grocery store but just don't think you know what to



do with them to make them look beautiful? Here's your opportunity to become a floral diva! Design the perfect bouquet with confidence and know all the tips and tricks of how to make those flowers last – until you're tired of looking at them! Learn the fundamentals along with care and handling practices that are essential in good floral design. You'll amaze your friends, your family and even yourself at your mad skills and talent! Plus, you will take home a lovely fresh bouquet similar to the pictured bunny vase with flowers to grace your Easter table!

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

**Monday, March 23**

**Date: Wednesday, April 1**

**Time: 4:30 – 6:30 pm**

**Cost: \$25 + \$35 supply fee**

**Location: NHS Room 135**

# Newcastle • Classes



## Ceramic Bunnies

**Instructor: Brandi Marshall**

Learn how to sculpt three adorable bunnies out of clay the first night. Then, the second night you will paint them and take them home.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

**Thursday, April 2**

**Date: Fridays, April 10 & 17**

**Time: 5:30 – 7:00 pm**

**Cost: \$40**

**Location: NHS Room 135**

## Summer Wooden Door Sign

**Instructor: Kiersten Davidson**

Enjoy the afternoon with your friends and get crafty as you design a summer themed circle wooden door sign. All supplies will be provided. You will come away with an attractive sign for welcoming your guests and visitors to your home!

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

**Wednesday, April 1**

**Dates: Sunday, April 26**

**Time: 1:00 – 3:00 pm**

**Cost: \$15 + \$20 supply fee**

**Location: NHS Room 215**



## Spring Sip and Paint

**Instructor: Brandi Marshall**

Looking for a way to explore your artistic side but don't know where to start? Come paint along with me as I show you step by step how to paint springtime daisies. Grab your friends, coworkers or family member to make it a unique night for entertaining art instruction while enjoying your favorite beverages from Grazer's bar! The best part...you will go home with a painting you can call "uniquely yours" and hopefully a new found talent you'll want to explore. Not artistic? A little nervous? Don't worry, the instructor will guide you through step by step recreating the painting. It's easy, it's fun and totally stress free. By the end of the class, you'll be amazed at what you have created!

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

**Friday, April 17**

**Date: Friday, April 24**

**Time: 5:30 – 8:00 pm**

**Cost: \$40**

**Location: Newcastle Lodge Banquet Room**

## Colorful Wind Chimes

**Instructor:**

**Denice Piscioti**

We will make colorful resin pieces on the first night. Pressed flowers, glitter, and many different color choices & mediums will be available to choose from. On the second night, we will unmold our pieces and put the wind-chimes together.



**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

**Friday, April 24**

**Date: Monday & Tuesday, April 27 & 28**

**Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm**

**Cost: \$15 + \$15 supply fee**

**Location: NHS Room 135**

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## Ceramic Birch Bark Vase

**Instructor: Brandi Marshall**

Learn how to use the slab method to create this organic clay vase on the first Sunday, then glaze it on the second Sunday. After your vase is fired, you will be contacted by the instructor on when to come in and pick up your finished project.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

**Friday, May 29**

**Date: Sundays, June 7 & 14**

**Time: 1:00 – 3:00 pm**

**Cost: \$40**

**Location: NHS Room 135**



## Bridge Playing 101

**Instructor: Ellen Butts**

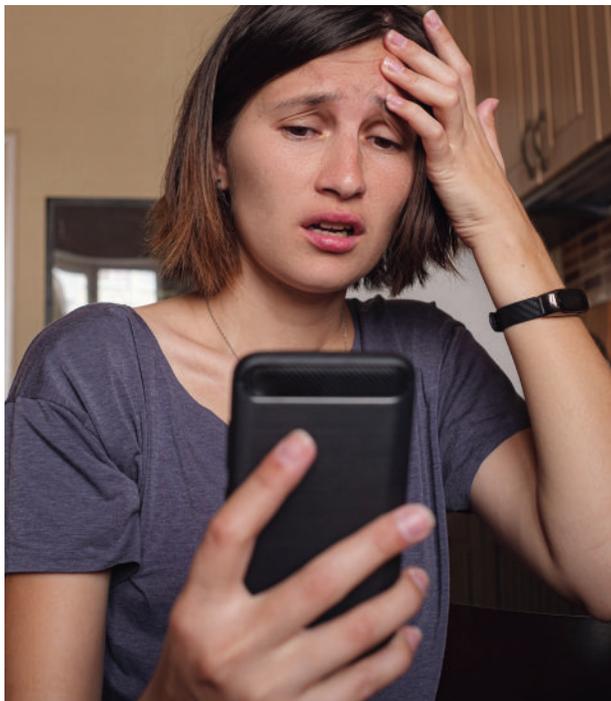
Bridge is a fun and challenging card game of strategy and skill for both men and women. Would you like to learn how to play Bridge? Then, this simple and basic skills class is for you! Time and date are to be determined by interest. Registration is ongoing. Sign up for the class to meet with the instructor and start learning a new card game!

**Contact the EWC Newcastle Outreach office to register.**

## SOCIAL MEDIA

## Wyoming Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force - Internet Safety & Protecting your Children Online

**Instructor: Ryan Hieb –Special Agent Team Leader WY DCI**



This presentation offers an in-depth overview of the Wyoming Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, including its mission, structure, and ongoing efforts to protect children from online exploitation. Attendees will gain insight into current trends and emerging threats identified both in Wyoming and across the nation. The class will also provide practical guidance for parents on how to engage their children in conversations about internet safety, recognizing warning signs, and preventing online victimization. Real case examples from Wyoming investigations will be discussed to highlight the challenges, successes, and real-world impact of ICAC operations.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, April 22**

**Date: Wednesday, April 29**

**Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm**

**Cost: No Fee**

**Location: NHS Auditorium**

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## COOKING

### Taste of Thailand

**Instructor: Liana Scribner**

In this cooking class, we will prepare four popular and traditional Thai dishes. Bring your appetite! Each group will prepare one part of the meal and everyone will go home with the recipes. Bring containers to bring your leftovers home.

**Menu: Chicken Pad Thai, Thai Spring Rolls with**

**peanut dipping sauce, Thai Pork Dumplings, and Mango Sticky Rice.**

**Note: Please inform the instructor of any allergies or dietary restrictions at least one week before the class.**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, April 7**

**Date: Monday, April 13**

**Time: 5:30 – 8:00 pm**

**Cost: \$10 + \$15 supply fee**

**Location: NHS Room 223**

## CHILD/PARENT ENRICHMENT

### Parent and Child Cooking: Create Your Own Quesadilla

**Instructor: Liana Scribner**

In this parent and child cooking class, each person will be able to create his or her own quesadillas with a variety of fillings and toppings that are used to create this tasty entrée for any meal of the day.

**Note: Please inform the instructor of any allergies or dietary restrictions at least one week before the class.**

**REGISTRATION**

**DEADLINE: Tuesday, February 10**

**Date: Tuesday, February 17**

**Time: 5:30 – 7:00 pm**

**Cost: \$10 + \$10 supply fee**

**\*\*Fee includes 1 adult & 1 child. \$5 additional**

**fee for any additional children within the same family.**

**Location: NHS Room 223**

### Parent & Child Cooking: Chili and Cinnamon Rolls

**Instructor: Liana Scribner**

In this parent and child class, you

will be preparing a cinnamon roll recipe using a pre-prepared yeast dough. Then you will create an easy chicken chili recipe to go with your cinnamon rolls for a tasty lunch or dinner.

**Note: Please inform the instructor of any allergies or dietary restrictions at least one week before the class.**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday, March 2**

**Date: Monday, March 9**

**Time: 5:30 – 7:00 pm**

**Cost: \$10 + \$15 supply fee**

**\*\*Fee includes 1 adult & 1 child. \$5 additional fee for any additional children within the same family.**

**Location: NHS Room 223**

### Kids Bird Feeder

**Instructor: Kiersten Davidson**

Bring your kids ages 3 and older to make some bird feeder crafts. We will use molds and birdseed to create something you can



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hang up to feed your feathered friends. You will get to make two per person.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, February 17**

**Dates: Sunday, March 8**

**Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Cost: \$10 + \$15 supply fee**

**Location: NHS Room 215**

## Bedazzle Kicks: Sparkle Your Shoes!



Join us for a fun, hands-on class where you'll transform your own pair of shoes into sparkling, custom creations! This workshop

is open to ages 10 and up, and parents are welcome to attend and help with the project. Please bring a pair of shoes to bedazzle.

### 1st Class Option:

**Registration Deadline: Monday, February 2**

**Date / Time: Sunday,**

**February 8 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Cost per Class: \$40 (includes supplies)**

**Location: NHS Rm 214**

### 2nd Class Option:

**Registration Deadline: Monday, March 2**

**Date / Time: Sunday, March 8 from 1 pm - 4 pm**

**Cost per Class: \$40 (includes supplies)**

**Location: NHS Rm 214**

## GARDENING & NATURAL RESOURCES

### Urban Gardening Series Kickoff

**Instructor: Caleb Carter**

This class may kick off an urban gardening series, suitable for both beginners and seasoned gardeners who want to jumpstart their gardening efforts. While we will cover urban garden basics, this may also provide an opportunity to help shape the rest of the series. Come share your challenges, issues, dreams and interests. This will help shape the classes that will be offered over the next several months, as well as in the fall and winter. Topics may include raised bed gardening, composting, cover

crops, hügelkultur, mulching, rain gardens, and much more! Weston County Natural Resource District Manager, Caleb Carter, will present the series at no cost to participants.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

**Thursday, April 9**

**Date: Thursday, April 16**

**Time: 6:00-7:00 pm**

**Cost: No Fee**

**Location: US Forest Service Conference Room**

### Promoting Local Pollinators on Your Property

**Instructor: Caleb Carter**

While we often think about

honeybees when we hear pollinators, there are actually many solitary bees and other insects that are even more important when it comes to pollinating our local plants. Learn all about our native pollinators, why they are important, and how you can help! Attendees will also build a native bee house that they can take home and use in the summer!

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

**Friday, May 8**

**Date: Thursday, May 21**

**Time: 6:00-8:00 pm**

**Cost: \$10 supply fee**

**Location: US Forest Service Conference Room**

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## Container Flower Gardening

**Instructor: Marsha Halliday**

Get planting early! You will come away from this class with a beautiful pot of flowers and the expertise to plant more! You will get to pick from a beautiful variety of flowers, filler and spiller plants.

- Learn how to choose the best plant material for the location of your pot
- Get tips on keeping the weeds away and the best soil to use for your pot
- Learn about using an easy watering system for your plants
- Learn how to keep your flowers hardy and blooming throughout the summer

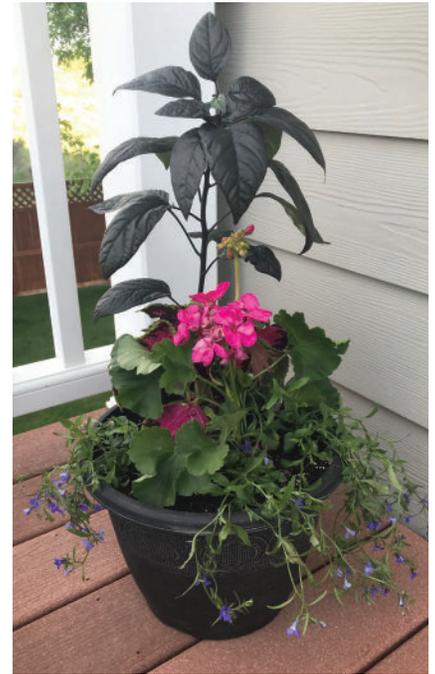
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, April 24**

**Date: Saturday, May 2**

**Time: 2:00 – 4:00 pm**

**Cost: \$30 + \$20 supply fee**

**Location: TBD**



## HEALTH & FITNESS

### Zumba®

**Instructor: Jess Graham**

Ditch the workout! Join the Party! The Zumba® program is a fitness-party with a contagious blend of Latin and international rhythms that provides a fun and effective workout. Jess Graham has been a certified Zumba® instructor for 17 years & is excited to offer Zumba again!

Come dance & laugh & wiggle & stretch for an hour class! Open to anyone 16 years of age or older.

**REGISTRATION ONGOING**

**(register and pay at class)**

**Dates: Tues/Thurs,  
January 6 – May 21**

**Times: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

**Cost: \$5/Session**

**Location: Senior Center Cafeteria**

### Water Aerobics

**Instructor: Shenae Alberts**

Water aerobics is for all ages! You do not need to be able to swim to participate. You will complete your aerobics in the shallow end of the big pool in addition to the kid's pool. A variety of exercises will be given where you will be spending 45 minutes in the pool. This aerobics class entails a warm-up, six different exercises that address the upper body, lower body, or aerobic. You will complete three sets of exercises with a cool down. Modifications can be made to almost all of the exercises to suit your needs.

**REGISTRATION ONGOING**

**(register and pay at class)**

**Dates: Mondays,**

**January 19 – May 11**

**Times: 5:30 pm -6:30 pm**

**Cost: \$3/Session**

**Location: Kozisek Aquatic Center**

### Co-Ed Basketball

**Facilitator: Stephanie Derifield**

Come and enjoy two evenings a week of co-ed basketball! You will have the opportunity to play pickup games each night to enjoy some friendly competition! All participants must be at least 18 years of age and out of school to participate. Register and pay on **Sunday, January 11** at the High School Commons if you are interested in participating. If you are unable to attend registration night, you are welcome to attend at a later date that works for you.

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**REGISTRATION IS ONGOING.**  
**REGISTRATION NIGHT: Sunday, January 11 at 6:00 pm at the High School Commons**  
**Dates: Sundays / Wednesdays January 11 – March 4**  
**Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**  
**Cost: \$20/ person**  
**Location: NHS Practice Gym**

## Co-Ed Volleyball

**Facilitator: Stephanie Derifield**  
Participate in a team sport filled with fun, exercise and excitement! All participants have to be at least 18 years of age and out of school to participate. Please register and pay on **Sunday, March 8** at the High School Commons if you are interested in participating or have a team to play. If you are unable to attend registration night, you are welcome to attend at a later date that works for you.

**REGISTRATION IS ONGOING.**  
**REGISTRATION NIGHT: Sunday, March 8 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Dates: Sundays/Wednesdays, March 8 – May 13**  
**Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**  
**Cost: \$20/ person**  
**Location: NHS Practice Gym**



## Adult Pickleball Play

**Facilitators: Jessica Rhoades and Chrissie Prell**

Are you looking for some activity and social fun on a Sunday afternoon? Come to our Adult Pickleball group to enjoy an afternoon of exercise and fun! This paddle sport combines the elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong on a modified court. The rules are simple and the game is easy for beginners to learn. This simple game can become quite competitive and has grown in popularity with adults everywhere! Even though instruction will not be given, the facilitators are willing to show and assist you with understanding and playing the game. Please bring your own paddle if you have one, otherwise, one will be provided.

Please wear athletic, non-marking shoes for playing. You must be 18 years of age or older and out of school to be eligible to participate.

**REGISTRATION ONGOING (register and pay at Adult Pickleball)**

**Dates: Sundays, January 11 – May 10 (No Pickleball on Sunday, April 5)**  
**Time: 1:00 – 3:00 pm**  
**Cost: \$20/person**  
**Location: NHS Practice Gym**

## 21 Days of Mindfulness

**Instructor: Camille Riner**

Have you wondered what mindfulness is about? Did you know that mindfulness reduces stress and increases resilience? During 21 days, we'll look at mindfulness strategies, discuss their applications, and explore various meditation styles to help you establish a personalized mindfulness practice. By committing to this 21-day journey, you can experience firsthand how mindfulness might enhance your life. Each week, you will receive a workbook and a guided meditation to support

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your journey.

The course starts with an in-person introductory session on Sunday from 2:00 - 3:30 pm at the NHS library followed by 3 online sessions via Zoom on Thursdays from 6:00 –7:30 pm.

*CAMILLE RINER graduated in January 2023 with her Mindfulness Meditation Teacher*

*Training Certificate from UC Berkeley's Greater Good Science Center, Sounds True and the Awareness Training Institute under Tara Brach and Jack Kornfield. Since then, she has led a biweekly mindfulness group and taught classes and workshops in mindfulness and creativity.*

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

**Monday, January 12**

**Dates: Sunday, January 18 & Thursdays, January 22, 29 and February 5**

**Times: 2:00 – 3:30 pm Sunday – January 18 @ NHS Library**

**6:00 – 7:30 pm –Remaining Thursdays via Zoom**

**Cost: \$40**

**Location: NHS Library & Zoom**

## DRIVER'S EDUCATION

### Driver's Education

**Instructors: Erika Pehringer and Reg Rumbolz**

There is a total of 30 classroom hours and 18 vehicle hours for this course. High school students will receive high school credit for taking this course.

Students need to be 15 years of age or older and have a Learners Permit by Monday, March 9. A sign-up sheet will be available at the EWC Newcastle Outreach office. Please call 307-746-3603 or stop in to register for the class. Class size is limited to 50 students so register early! Students will receive a class schedule on the first day of class.

**\*\*All students AND parents must attend the first class on Monday, January 19 at the high school auditorium starting at 6:00 pm.**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

**Friday, January 16**

**Start Date of Class: Monday, January 19**

**Remaining classes held: Tues/Thurs (Jan. 27 – Apr 2) - Students will attend class one night a week either on a Tuesday or Thursday**

**\*\*Driving portion of the class end date will depend on student class size**

**Time: 6:00 - 9:00 pm**

**Cost: \$50**

**Location: NHS Room 213**



**Scan here to view EWC's  
Spring 2026 classes**



# Upton • Classes

## Indoor Walking

Continue the healthy habit of daily walking. Walk the hallways at the Upton Elementary School.

**REGISTRATION ONGOING – All participants must register and sign a waiver for this class before participating.**

**Dates: Mon-Thurs, January 5 – May 20**

**Time: 6:30 – 7:30 am & 6:15 – 9:00 pm**

**Cost: No Fee**

**Location: Fitness Room**

**For more information contact 307.468.2461**



## Variety Fitness

Work towards a healthier you by taking advantage of the treadmill, exercise bike, elliptical, or variety of workout videos available. Strengthen your muscles with our kettlebell weights, dumbbell weights, and machines.

**REGISTRATION ONGOING – All participants must**

**register and sign a waiver for this class BEFORE participating.**

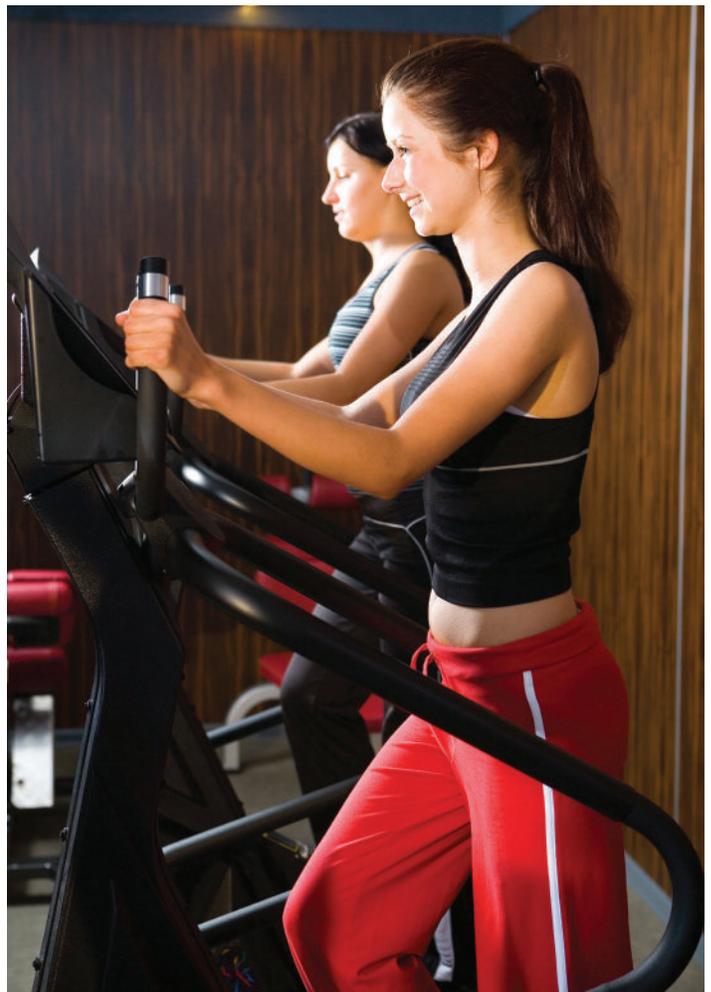
**Dates: Mon-Thurs, January 5 – May 20**

**Time: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm**

**Cost: \$30 for the semester**

**Location: Nelson Building  
Fitness Room**

**For more information contact 307.468.2461**



# Charge Into Your Future



# EWC CONCURRENT & DUAL ENROLLMENT CLASSES

**WYOMING BELIEVES IN ITS YOUNG PEOPLE and proves it by offering qualified high school students a chance to take college classes for FREE.** Concurrent and Dual Enrollment classes are offered through Eastern Wyoming College. These classes count for both high school and college credit. Concurrent Enrollment courses are taught by EWC approved high school teachers at Upton High School, and Newcastle High School. Dual Enrollment courses are college courses taught by EWC instructors or EWC approved high school teachers outside of the school day.

- **STUDENTS** get a chance to try out college classes and earn credits toward a two year or four year degree or career/technical certificate.
- **STUDENTS** will discover this program is a two-for-one deal: classes count for both high school graduation and college credit.
- **STUDENTS** will be challenged through rigorous college classes while getting a running start at college.
- **IF A STUDENT** is a senior, they will avoid "senioritis" by taking relevant classes and starting a college degree or certificate program.
- **STUDENTS** will save money when they go to college because they will not have to stay as long or pay for as many classes. And, the Hathaway Scholarship dollars will stretch further. Students can enroll in classes at Upton and Newcastle High Schools if they are eligible and have met course requirements.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,** students need to contact the EWC Coordinator or high school counselor.

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**3:30PM - 7:30PM**

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**Weston County  
Manor**

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# EWC Breaks Ground on Douglas Campus Expansion

**DOUGLAS, Wyo.** - EASTERN WYOMING COLLEGE broke ground recently on a long-planned expansion of its Douglas Campus, a project college leaders say will strengthen workforce development and provide more opportunities for students pursuing careers in the construction trades.

"We're excited about the expansion on our Douglas Campus," EWC President Dr. Jeffrey Hawes said during the ceremony. "It is a long time in the making."

Hawes thanked Converse County Commissioner Jim Willox and EWC Douglas Campus Vice President Dr. Margaret Farley for their leadership and support in moving the project forward.

"It is 100% led by the community," Hawes said, noting that the effort included contributions from the City of Douglas, the Town of Glenrock, the Converse County Commission, the EWC Foundation, and other partners.

The expansion will increase instructional space and equipment for construction-trades students, enhancing hands-on learning and strengthening EWC's long-standing role in vocational education.

Willox said the design allows for future adaptability as workforce needs evolve.

"We don't know what all this building will house. The building is very flexible," Willox said.

He added that the original plan called for 70% of the offerings to support two-year degree programs and 30% to support certificates.

"They may be just the opposite," he said. "The goal is to meet the needs of the community."

Dr. Farley said the project will bolster local industry by preparing students with practical skills.

"The new space will provide hands-on learning opportunities for students in the construction trades," she said. "Our hope is that this will fuel the local workforce and support industry growth in Converse County."

**"The new space will provide hands-on learning opportunities for students in the construction trades."**

Dr. Margaret Farley  
EWC Douglas Campus Vice President