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Black Hills Energy's local office closing

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

Not enough customers in Wyoming and South Dakota are paying their bills at Black Hills Energy walk-in payment locations, so the company has announced that it will

be closing them by Dec. 15. Company representatives have indicated, however, that their local presence will not change with the closing of the walk-in payment offices.

"Since 2011, the number of customers who visit our local offices has steadily declined.

At the same time, the number of our customers who opt for self-service options to pay their bills has steadily increased," a letter from BHE to customers dated Oct. 26 said.

Ken Meirose, Black Hills Energy area operations manager, explained that the

decision to close the locations was solely due to lack of customers using the locations to pay their bills. He noted that only three percent of the company's customers use the walk-ins to pay their bills, and most of those individuals simply drop off their check and

walk out. "Customers will still be able to pay their bills in Newcastle at no additional cost," Meirose said, explaining that various locations in Newcastle, Spearfish, Sturgis, Rapid City and Custer will be designated as walk-in payment locations.

In Newcastle, for instance, customers will be able to pay their bills at Loaf 'n Jug.

Customers will have the option to pay their bill at Loaf 'n Jug, mail a check to BHE or pay their bill electronically,

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Special ed students on the rise in county

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NLJ Reporter

On average, the three schools in Weston County School District No. 1 provide special education services to roughly 150 students. This year, the special education department has experienced an increase in the number of students needing services, but it is also seeing students with higher needs than usual.

The special education department utilizes about 13 professionals throughout the different schools. The department and professional's job is to provide the support that each of the individual students needs to help them succeed in school.

Special Education Director Tobey Cass reported to the board of trustees on Nov. 8 that the department continues to see new students coming into the district.

"The word's out. Newcastle is doing a good job in educating these students. We are getting some higher-needs kids, and we are doing our best to provide them the support they need with the people we have," Cass said.

Cass told the *News Letter Journal* that the number of students the department serves is about 10 more than usual, or roughly 160 students of various needs. He credited the increase to multiple causes, including the mobility of families, employment, financials and the district's education history.

"Families are really more mobile then they used to be. It really depends on the day why these students are relocating. There are a gamut of reasons, including employment and financials. Some of these reasons are good, and some are bad," Cass said.

According to Cass, in order to continue to provide the same level of service as in the past, the department had to make some adjustments. It also added a few paraprofessionals.

School Shorts

Notes from the Nov. 8 Weston County School District No. 1 Board of Trustees meeting

- The board approved revisions to the alcohol and controlled substance testing procedure policy for the district.
- Newcastle Elementary School Principal Brandy Holmes reported that the school's enrollment has increased by 10 students since the beginning of the year. The student body stands at 350 students enrolled in kindergarten through fifth grade.
- School principals reported good turnouts for parent-teacher conferences. Over 95 percent of elementary students and 84 percent of middle school students were represented by parents or guardians at the conferences.
- Trustee Tom Wright moved to extend Superintendent Brad LaCroix's contract one more year, or until June 30, 2021. He noted that salary could be discussed at a later date. The motion carried unanimously.

"The staff is what makes the program attractive. Good staff makes for a good program, and the combination of good special and regular education is what makes a great school district," Cass said.

He noted that the costs associated with the increase in students are minimal for the moment, and said a specific associated cost would be hard to pinpoint.

"We have been able to reallocate people and move them around. Luckily, we have been able to do so, resulting in a minimal cost associated

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Happy Thanksgiving!



Kaydance Anderson-Streeter performs ABC's with Zoo-Phonics for "The First Thanksgiving ... An Alphabet Story" in Mrs. Von Eye's Kindergarten class at Newcastle Elementary School on Nov. 20. See more photos on Page 9. (Photo by Kim Dean/NLJ)

Wyoming Secretary of State stops in Newcastle

By Bri Brasher
NLJ Reporter

Wyoming's 21st Secretary of State, Ed Murray, visited Newcastle last Friday. His schedule was initially planned around his invitation to speak at the area's Chamber of Commerce banquet, but when the banquet was postponed, Murray said he still made the

trip to connect with local leaders and governmental bodies.

During his brief stay in Newcastle, Murray made time to sit down with the *News Letter Journal* to discuss the Secretary of State's role in Wyoming government and his work in the state's business sector. He also stopped at the courthouse to check on a remodeling project that he said he has champi-

oned for funding from the state boards on which he sits.

Murray explained that he travels around the state to listen and learn about what is occurring in the various communities.

"I am the beneficiary of enormous input and valuable information that enables me as Secretary of State to deliver an exceptional service for the state of Wyoming," Murray

explained. "I'm getting the pulse of what's going on here in northeast Wyoming, which is one of my favorite corners of the state."

Murray articulated that the Secretary of State serves as the front door for business in the state of Wyoming, adding that one of his main jobs and objectives revolves around making sure that the state is business

friendly. In order to facilitate such a goal, Murray finds it imperative to physically go and visit with business owners to learn from them and see if their needs are being met.

Murray traveled Sundance, Moorcroft and Upton, Pine Haven and Devil's Tower before making his way to Newcastle and then moving on to Lusk. Murray's personable demeanor

and business background allows him to form mutually beneficial relationships across Wyoming, skills that are all the more imperative living in a small and highly connected state.

In his position, Wyoming's Secretary of State works to bridge the gaps between different governmental offices

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Short Stop under new ownership

Newcomers already delivering upgrades

By Bri Brasher
NLJ Reporter

Tom and Yasmin Frank, formerly of California, took over the Short Stop on the west end of town on November 1, and they are moving full steam ahead with plans to upgrade and remodel the business. Those plans include improving POS and pump systems, renovating bathrooms with showers, remodeling for more product space, and installing new kitchen equipment.

"I'm very much a tech person, so there are a lot of technology upgrades. We have already installed high speed internet and have free Wi-Fi for our customers," promoted Tom.

A liquor license was also part of the Short Stop purchase, so the Franks will have liquor for sale in about a month. Additionally, the new owners have already dropped 300 tons of gravel to remove pot holes and make the parking lot level.

"We are going to keep upgrading and remodeling and doing stuff until it is a place that we can be proud to offer to the public," Tom promised.

In addition to the building upgrades, the Franks have big plans for the food side of their new business. Yasmin is running the kitchen, and as the business gets underway, she will offer a new menu complete with authentic South American cuisine. Deli options will also be available, along with a fresh fruit selection, wraps, and salads. Yasmin explained that she really wants to focus on tasty and wholesome food

options, while also tailoring to customers that need to grab a meal quickly.

"We want to attract the people that are in a hurry. It's the Short Stop—come grab and go with healthier options," she urged.

Yasmin, who was born and raised in Lima, Peru, learned to cook traditional Peruvian cuisine from her family. She plans to make the majority of the Short Stop's food options from scratch, offering some specialty meals, carnitas, burritos, carne asada, and much more.

Yasmin said she will tailor to the season by preparing fresher options in the summer and warmer meals in the winter. She also recognizes that spicy food is often popular in the United States, so she will cook with

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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 59, Lo 41

Friday
Mostly Windy
Hi 47, Lo 28

Saturday
Sunny
Hi 46, Lo 33

Sunday
Sunny
Hi 51, Lo 36

Monday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 54, Lo 34

Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 42, Lo 25

Wednesday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 36, Lo 23

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Opinion

News Letter Journal

Our View

Thankful that they're here

When we all belly-up to our respective Thanksgiving spreads on Thursday, most of us will take a moment to express gratitude for the blessings we enjoy before we dive into the grub.

We will give thanks for our families, our homes, our friends, our jobs and whatever God-given talents and abilities we possess that helped secure those blessings. This Thanksgiving, we would also like to ask that you think about talents and abilities possessed by people you know in Weston County, and please pay particular attention to those who have used those talents and abilities to produce benefits for our community and the people who live here.

After you have given thanks for those people, and the gifts that they have made available to Newcastle and Weston County, please take a moment to drop us a line and nominate those individuals for our annual Person of the Year issue, which will be published on January 4.

Each year, the News Letter Journal recognizes 8-10 people in Weston County who have made an impact, and we are excited to find out who you—our readers—will nominate for this year's award.

Person of the Year nominees can be elected officials, businessmen and women, and others who occupy positions of leadership in our community. But they can also be citizens who simply go out of their way and make special efforts to improve the quality of life of others through hard work, generosity or just simple kindness.

To nominate somebody for the NLJ's 2017 Person of the Year award, simply email their name and a brief explanation to editor@newslj.com. You can also drop off your nomination to our office on 14 W. Main in Newcastle or mail it to PO Box 40.

Deadline for Letters is noon on Friday

Shopping here is my little gift to me

The season is upon us, and your local hometown merchants have already rolled out their best and finest.

It was my pleasure to attend holiday open houses at Treasured Florals and Gifts and Rustic Buck Designs last Friday, and the Methodist Church bazaar on Saturday. I especially love taking photos of these shoppers and their hosts because there is a genuine friendship in their interactions that just glows on everyone's faces. No one can seem to hide their enthusiasm, and it's contagious, feel-good fun.

This Saturday is being declared "Small Business Saturday" to encourage people to stay away from the bigger towns and big box stores to shop locally. Every time you go to Rapid or order your gifts online, you hurt a small business here at home.

I have a confession to make: I have never (nope, not once, never) ordered anything from Amazon. I can already hear your gasps of disbelief, but it's the truth, and honestly I don't feel like I'm missing out on anything.

I love scouring the local shops for things that are a bit unusual. For instance, right now, many of our local businesses are selling Beta Sigma Phi pecans. They are nothing short of fabulous, and at \$10 a bag, I love to give them for gifts.

To see what Newcastle has to offer, just take a look at the ads in this week's newspaper. Discounted dining room sets, Wyoming gifts, unusual stocking stuffers, framing, matting, and artwork, and Montana Silver at 30% off – say what? These merchants offer a wide variety of gifts, and you're doing business with someone you know, someone who will make sure our little town continues to offer the best shopping experience, not just during the holidays, or the Saturday after Thanksgiving, but every day of the year!

And what about our local Shopko store? Their Black Friday specials are inserted into this week's newspaper, and I already see a couple of great deals that I'm going to try and nab. I don't have to drive far, fight traffic and large crowds, and I'm fairly certain I'll see a more than a few people I know!

Be sure to attend the open house at Attic

Treasures on Black Friday and Saturday, November 24 and 25 from 10-3. Carmen has an adorable shop that she looks forward to sharing with you.

Friday, December 1, is the day of days in Newcastle. The First State Bank will hold their customer appreciation celebration; Modern Cleaners and Graphic Designs will hold their annual holiday open house with some of the best goodies around. Something Healthy and Lonesome Spur Antiques are joining the party this year, and will have vintage Christmas decorations and pear cider and pretzels.

Your friends right here at the News Letter Journal will have an open house with Kara Sweet, Mike Jording and Bill Sniffin autographing their books for you. We're excited to show off our newly remodeled office supply store, which Stacy and her daughter, Jade, have been working on for weeks. We may even have a few gift ideas packaged up for you.

As if this isn't enough for you in one day, that evening Pinnacle Bank will hold their annual Festival of Trees Fundraiser. The wreaths and trees get better every year, and this year's beneficiaries are all great groups. There is music, food, adult beverages, and lots of great auction action.

On Saturday, December 2, the Chamber of Commerce will host the Parade of Lights at 5:00 p.m. This year's theme is the 12 days of Christmas, and I'm excited to see the float ideas – Nine Ladies Dancing? Donna's Main St. Diner will host a chili feed following the parade, and Kendra Paulton with Cedar Canyon Photography will hold her customer appreciation celebration. Stop in for free hot cocoa and cinnamon rolls from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

WC Sports and Western Wear will be a warming house during the parade, and Deb Carr invites all the kids to make a hand print or foot print ornament for free! She's expanded her store to include so many new things. Stop in and warm up.

Santa Claus has not given me his schedule for the evening, yet, but be sure and watch for where he will be in upcoming issues of the News Letter Journal.

Please support your local businesses this year. It's a gift that keeps on giving. I'll see you out there!



Pam Penfield
Tradelines

There are things we'd all like to do over again

Regrets, I've had a few, but then again, too few to mention . . .

That line is from My Way, a wonderful song recorded famously by both Frank Sinatra and Elvis Presley.

When a person is asked what they would do differently if they had his or her life to live over, you often hear about regrets. You hear mainly about things they did not do.

My column a month ago addressed that thought from my personal perspective, and it provoked some interesting responses, which I would like to share with you today.

For a journalist, it is easy to compile a long list about errors you made, stories you missed, editorial stands you wished you had not taken and stories you should have written.

As a writer who started reporting for newspapers in 1963 (54 years ago!) the following hits home with me.

One of Wyoming's most respected editors is Jim Hicks of Buffalo, and he wrote me the following:

"In the area of my work as a journalist and editor I did have one major issue I'd give a lot to have another chance at. During the Vietnam war the son of a local family was killed. He had red hair and a big smile. I really liked this kid's dad a lot! He asked me to go to lunch after that happened. His dad was Bill Skiles, an authentic Wyoming cowboy who worked as a brand inspector. He personified everything about western culture and the cowboy way of life," Jim wrote.

"Bill said bluntly that he wanted the USA out of there ASAP, so no other family would lose their son to such a waste. At the time I was buying the 'domino theory,' and still believed the all powerful USA could do no wrong or ever lose any kind of war. I sympathized with Bill Skiles, but failed to see the important local story he had brought to my feet. I wrote nothing about the loss he and his wife, Dorothy, were feeling. To this day my failure haunts me," he concluded.

In Cheyenne, former Legislator Pete Illoway writes: "I would have liked to have been a better student. I coasted a lot, and should have put my nose to the grindstone just a little bit more. I am not sure after college what might have intrigued me. I look back and maybe being an attorney or looking at engineering. I know that as I look back, and know what I know now, that would have or should have been where my emphasis should have been, but I had little guidance since none of my relatives went that way."

In Sheridan, foundation director Patrick Henderson writes: "If I had my life over, I would tell those that I love how much I loved them every chance that I had. I especially regret that there are close friends and family that are now gone, and that I missed this golden moment. I truly regret that I missed this opportunity, and wish that I could have this moment back in which to tell them. Part of it was life inexperience as a young person where you just assume that you will see people again. Part of it was that it seemed clunky and overly mushy to

express that. I was so wrong. I take every opportunity now."

"Another thing that I would like a 'do over' is forgiveness. I am more forgiving now than I was as a younger man. I have made many mistakes where I was given a mulligan when I didn't deserve it. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us," Henderson said.

In Worland, attorney and author John Davis offered these thoughts: "Now, if I had my life to live over, I'd go to East Lansing, Michigan (Michigan State University) in September, 1964 to do graduate work in mathematics instead of going to New Hampton, New Hampshire. The trip to New Hampton put me on a pathway to living my life as a lawyer. Not that I regret being a lawyer, but I've now done that, and I'd like to see how my life would have turned out had I decided to live it as a mathematician."

Lander's Judy Legerski shared this thought: "This is probably trite, but knowing what I know now and where I am now, I would have made a much more serious attempt to remain physically stronger. There are still difficult trails I want to follow."

Bill Sniffin is a retired newspaper publisher who has penned a number of books about Wyoming. He will be appearing for author's receptions at both the Weston County Library and News Letter Journal on December 1. Check out additional columns written by Bill at www.billsniffin.com. and find volumes from his coffee table book series, which have sold over 30,000 copies, at www.wyomingwonders.com.



Bill Sniffin
My Wyoming

Letters to the Editor

Media is feeding us false on Russia

Dear Editor,

The illustrious, Jewish-owned, warmonger global mainstream media has succeeded in forcing RT to register as foreign agents and make ALL their sources available for U.S. Intelligence/regulatory scrutiny. Russia has proposed the same tit for tat measures on like media in response. You can guarantee our media will call their response Russian aggression.

ALL media, including alternative sources, are conspicuously silent. Everyone is laboring under threat of Anti-Semitism accusations and the direct threat of retaliation against them if they dare to support RT and our Constitutional right of free speech.

Truth can't be refuted, so the next best thing is to destroy the credibility of the bringer of that truth. Curses on RT, Sputnik, and all the other sources who have stimulated questions, dis-

cussions on world views, corruption in high places, wars and rumors of wars, open deceit and rationalization and/or coverup for it, genocide, torture, and human trafficking— all in the name of God. Their God.

They have made the Biblical God complicit in their abominations in the minds of ignorant people/professed Christians. When the people continually choose blindness and facilitate the evil, how can they expect salvation in the end? There will be a reckoning, and I certainly wouldn't want to be on the receiving end of it when the real God clears the board.

Remember Revelations 2:9 and 3:9, and continue to ignore the caution at your own peril. The Israelis are not the Israelites, not the Biblical Jews.

Has mainstream media reported that we have defunded the unexploded munition clearing of Cambodia, after we dropped over 2 million bombs

there during the Vietnam War? We used chemical weapons, phosphorus and cluster bombs. Now we decry their use while we are supplying them to Israel and our terrorist affiliates in the Middle East. How many times have we supported and armed mili-

tants, only to have them turn on us when they discover that they are being used in proxy wars and we will throw them under the bus when the chips are down.

Or have they informed the public of deployment of weapons in outer space? Do they openly and honestly disclose the new tax ripoff plan? How about a new law criminalizing the boycotting of Israel or speaking out against them?

Yes, I know. They wouldn't lie to us. We don't have time to look up all those discrepancies. Besides, God is in control. It's all prophesied,

Funny how Satan is ruling the world, yet God is in control. I guess it's just another one of those situa-

tional ethics conundrums.

—Sundai Balander

Series is bringing buildings to life

Dear Editor,

I am enjoying your series about prominent structures in the Newcastle area, especially the Antlers Hotel.

The architecture and everlasting beauty of the building are inspiring just to look at. How wonderful to finally learn its history, all the way back to 1895. The stories you wrote of the people during those years truly made the building come alive for me.

After their marriage in the early 1930's, The Antlers Hotel is where my aunt Ethel Butolph, of the Skull Creek area, and her new husband, August Jonasson, spent their wedding night.

That makes the Antlers Hotel particularly significant for me.

Thank you.

—Kari A. Clark
Sutherlin, Oregon



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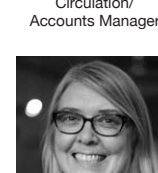
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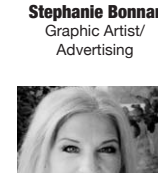
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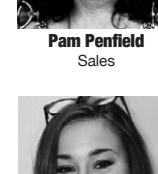
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Teaming up to keep people warm

Black Hills Energy teamed up with the Newcastle Ministerial Association this Saturday to prepare homes for the cold months ahead. The project drew volunteers from around the community to seal windows, install door flaps, and replace light bulbs to keep the warmth indoors for those who could not this year. The materials were donated by Black Hills Energy, and the Ministerial Association provided the networking and manpower. Although both groups considered the weekend a success, they know more houses are still in need of being winterized and plan to help anyone they can. Please contact Jon Anderson at 307-949-0869 for further information.



Top: Hope McKay and Corpus Christi Deacon Ken Pitlick work together to finish the day's last window.

Above: Addie Hovland blow dries the plastic sheeting on the window frame for an air-tight seal.

At left: Vern and his son, Noah Hovland, measure a window for correct dimensions before cutting insulation material.

Photos by Andy McKay

Let us pause to count our blessings

this Thanksgiving holiday

As we pause to count our many blessings this Thanksgiving, we will surely count our First State Bank customers. We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and thank you for your business.

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BH Energy

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either by having it directly withdrawn from their account or online at blackhillsenergy.com

"We are following a national trend. In a lot of places, natural gas, phone companies, etc. have closed their offices for walk-in payments," Meirose said.

He and Mutch Usera, senior program manager-community affairs and economic development professional for BHE, stressed that the company's presence in the community will not change with the closing of the office.

"The only thing that is changing is the fact that those who want to come in and pay their bill won't do so with Nicole (McFarland, the company's operations coordinator). We will still be active in the community. We will still be

Billing and Payment Options

- Paperless bills through eBill
- Budget billing
- Western Union and CheckFreePay walk-in locations (Loaf 'n Jug for Newcastle)
- QR code printed at the top of your paper bill
- Online or by phone through Western Union Speedypay
- One-time or recurring bank transfer
- By mail, using the envelope included in your bill

involved in the chamber and active in different community organizations. None of that

is going to change," Meirose said.

Usera added that he doesn't foresee a slowdown in community partnership, community giving and employee engagement in the community.

"We will still have an office there. We will still have a lineman reporting there. Things won't change in terms of emergency response," Meirose said, noting that the company also employs people in the area for the natural gas sector of the business.

"We understand the importance of local presence. We want to make sure everyone understands that we are not pulling everyone out of Newcastle. We will still have several different types of employees in the area. None of that is going to change," Meirose said.




Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours

from all of us at
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Book boxes springing up

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

Book boxes, containers that hold books for individuals to borrow, keep or exchange, are popping up in Newcastle. Two groups have now taken the time to create and place boxes at two locations in town.

Both groups originally approached the Newcastle City Council earlier this year with the request to place the boxes in the parks. The council, afraid of vandalism, asked the groups to place the boxes on private property instead.

The first box is located on Main Street, near Railroad Avenue, on a vacant lot owned by Jeff Virchow. Dean and Billie Willadson, Susan Love and Mike and Patty Smith were instrumental in the book box making its appearance.

"It started with public art for me. These 'little free libraries' were one thing mixed into a lot of the articles about public art," Love said.

She joined forces with Smith and Willadson to get a book box in Newcastle. The group hopes to encourage people and children to read more and share stories with others.

Love explained that, in other communities, the book boxes are placed in areas where children have no access to libraries. She said that although their box may be just down the street from the Weston County Library, they hope other boxes pop-up around the community in areas where children play and can access them easily.

"I can't imagine the life of people without access to books," Christa Lacey said.

She and her husband, Patrick, owners of BAM Document Destruction and Recycling, are sponsoring a book box and bench through their business. They will act as

stewards of the box, and have purchased all the materials.

The Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp aided in the creation of the book box by allowing one of its residents, someone who specializes in carpentry, to build the box.

"I saw one in another community and thought it was a really neat idea. I am an avid

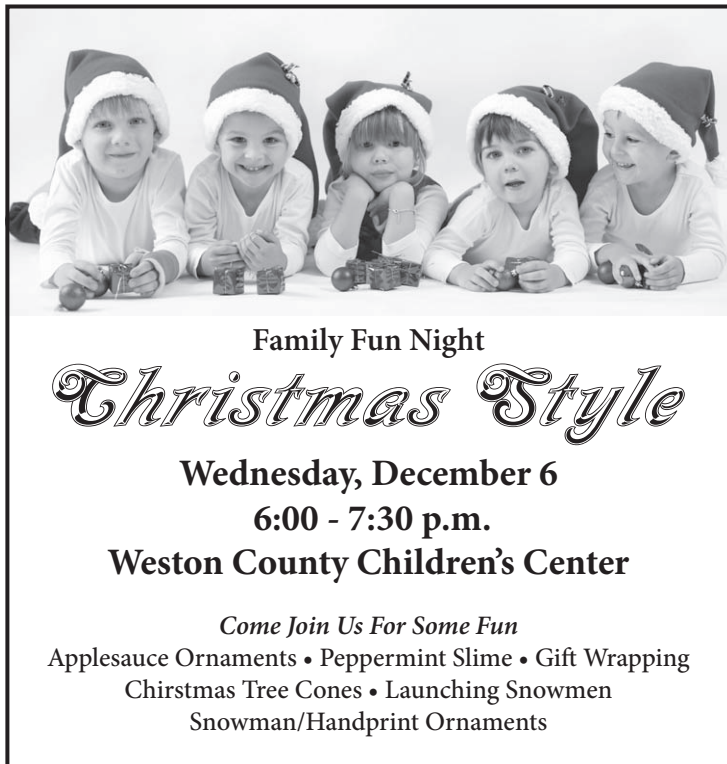
reader, and wanted to bring my love for books to the community," Lacey said.

The Laceys' box and bench is located at 28 S. Summit, outside of her mother's business, Home Place Realty.

Lacey hopes to spark people to share books they love with others while finding new books to appreciate. She also hopes

people in the community participate by borrowing or keeping books that are placed in the box, or by donating books to keep the boxes stocked.

"With this, if you love a book, you can keep it. If you simply want to read the book, you can take it and return it. You can also donate books through the box," Lacey said.



Family Fun Night

Christmas Style

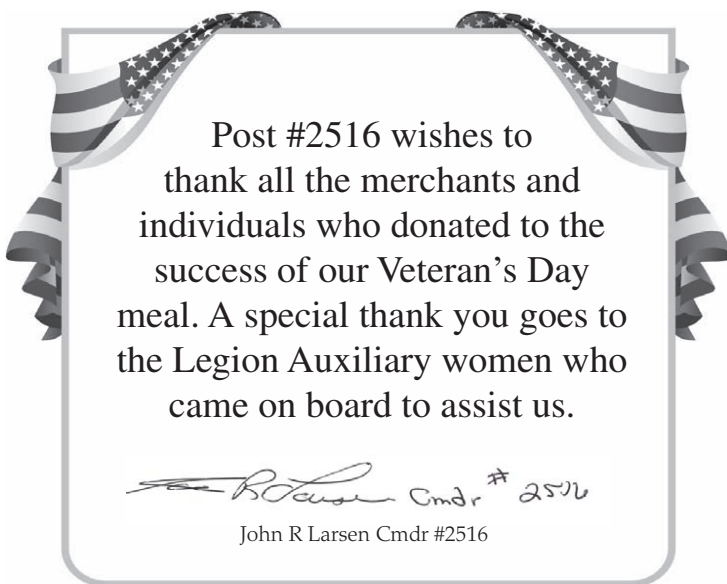
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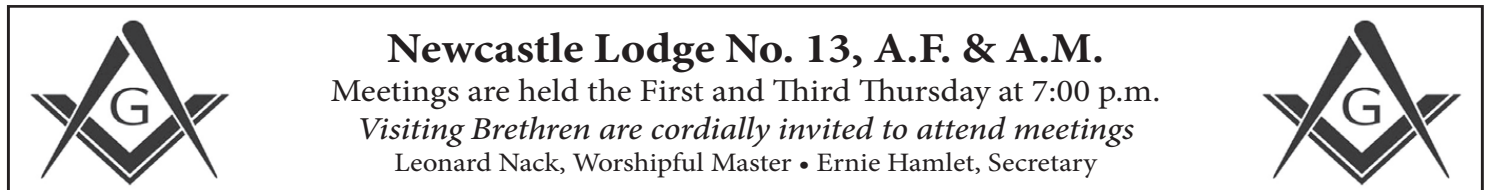
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November 24 Psalms 104	November 28 Psalms 115
November 25 Psalms 105	November 29 Psalms 116
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Obituaries

Cecil Ray Hudspeth
Dec. 18, 1944-Nov. 10, 2017



Cecil Hudspeth

Cecil Ray Hudspeth, 72, of Upton Wyoming, died Friday, Nov. 10, 2017, at Weston County Health Services.

He was born Dec. 18, 1944, in Fullerton, Calif. As a young boy he lived with his mom and siblings in a teepee in California.

His family moved to Colorado, where he received his education and graduated in Glenwood Springs, Colo.

On Oct. 23, 1965, he married the love of his life, Karen Kay Watt. The couple lived in Fox Park, Wyo., where Cecil lived

when he was drafted into the Army.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, singing, gambling, motorcycles, driving his Corvette, and watching his son race. Cecil also enjoyed spending time with family and eating enchiladas.

He loved his older cars, including his Corvair, '57 Chevy, and a Corvette his son recently bought him. Cecil held many different jobs in his lifetime, including logging, Army, butcher, welding at the Wyoming coal mines and sometimes even a professional dancer.

Survivors include four daughters, Shelia Hudspeth, (Stacy Sanchez), Spring Creek Nev., Julie and Mike Cross, Gillette, Tina and Johnny Kelly, Gillette, Melinda Hudspeth, Gillette; one son, Steven and Teresa Hudspeth, of Upton; three sisters, MaryLou Jacobs, Las

Vegas, Nev., Fern Sullivan, Medford, Ore., Doris Larsen, Medford, Ore; one brother, George Hudspeth, Gypsum, Colo; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16, in Upton at the United Methodist Church, with the Pastor Sharee Johnson officiating. Burial followed at Greenwood Cemetery in Upton with military honors.

Pallbearers were Wesley Hudspeth, Kevin Cross, Michael Hudspeth, Brandon Wooten, and Zayne Kelly. Honorary pallbearer was Dustin Hudspeth.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Karen Hudspeth, father, Dewitt Hudspeth, mother, Emma Hudspeth, brother, Billy Hudspeth, sister, Roxanne Kinney, grandson, Dustin Hudspeth, and granddaughter, Kaylee Cross.

WHAT'S UP
November 2017

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thurs 23	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
Fri 24	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Cinnamon Roll Friday Open House Hybrids Bingo	WC Senior Center Attic Treasures Fountain Inn VFW Hall
Mon 27	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Open House Low Vision Support Group AA Meeting	Attic Treasures WC Senior Center WC Senior Center, Family Room
Tues 28	12:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Alzheimer's/Dementia Sup. Group Eastern Star #30	WC Senior Center
Wed 29	1:00 p.m.	Creative Handicraft Group	WC Senior Center
Thurs 30	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
December 2017			
Fri 01	2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Open House & Authors Reception Festival of Trees Bingo	News Letter Journal WC Senior Center VFW Hall
Sat 02	5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Lighted Parade 12 Days of Christmas Festivities	Newcastle Main Street Newcastle Main Street

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For a complete listing of events, for more information on these events, or to list your own event, visit the Chamber website at newcastlewyo.com

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Nov. 23**
Melissa Nack
Tamera Allen
- Nov. 25**
Vincent Stanton
- Nov. 26**
Greg Stanton
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Groner
- Nov. 28**
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November 25, 1892

A Frenchman by the name of Martin, was brought to Newcastle Saturday for medical attendance. He froze both feet crossing the Big Horn Mountains. An effort is being made to send him to the Sister's Hospital at Grand Island.

The Cambria mines shut down Monday. It is said the cause is attributed to a scarcity of water.

Charlie Burt, son of Mrs. Dr. Kelley returned to Newcastle Sunday evening, after a year's residence in Montana.

Conductor Ryan's train, which left Newcastle November 21, collided with a freight between Gillette and Clearmont & sustained considerable damage to three cars. No one was injured.

There is a petition at the bank to open the World's Fair on Sunday. If Newcastle citizens don't sign, of course the fair people of this county will not get a chance to visit "Columbus" on Sunday.

November 22, 1917

Thanksgiving dance at City Hall November 28th.

C.C. McCoubrey was in town yesterday.

Frank Fawcett of Beaver Creek was in town a few hours on business Monday.

J.J. Frederickson was in with a load of grain from his Horton ranch last Friday.

A.A. Gamett, of Minnekahta, was here on cattle business Tuesday, going west yesterday.

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the heavy traffic both for commercial & government uses.

November 26, 1942

Deciding against taking any official notice of the anniversary of Pearl Harbor December 7, President Roosevelt disclosed last week that he thought it should be observed "as a Day of Silence in remembrance of a great infamy."

Miss Lenore Coates, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Coates, received her call in the U.S. Army on October 31st, & reported for duty at Camp Carson, Colorado. Upon graduation in May from St. Luke's Hospital in Denver, Miss Coates enlisted with Base Hospital Unit No. 29 of Colorado University.

The fifth annual community Thanksgiving service will be held at 10 o'clock this morning

at the high school auditorium, and a record crowd is expected to attend the observation. The event sponsored by the Newcastle Lions Club will bring together various civic, religious, social, & fraternal groups in the county.

Miss Violet Kozick left Wednesday evening for Rapid City, S.D. to spend Thanksgiving with her sister Lillian.

Ranger Gordon L. Brown who has been stationed at the Hardy Ranger Station has been transferred to the La Prele District on the Medicine Bow Forest.

The bulk of Christmas mail must be in the post offices by December 1st, this year if deliveries on time are to be assured, according to Smith W. Purdum, Second Assistant Postmaster General.

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For the Ages

News Letter Journal

Where Newcastle has always kept its cash

By Bri Brasher
with Leonard Cash
NLJ Reporter

The brick building now known as the Cash Box Ceramics Shop, located in block 7 on lot 10, is both unique in appearance and in its history. Leonard Cash, the current owner of the building, knows the ins and outs of the building since its construction in 1890. The building is the original structure, currently 127 years old, and it once housed the Bank of Newcastle, along with many other business offices.

Meyer Frank, born in Germany in 1853, is reported to have resided in Newcastle as of the 1900 United States Federal Census, though his name is mentioned in the local newspapers prior to that. In his research, Cash found that Meyer Frank and his brothers, Issac and Leo, came to America to help an older brother with his business, which was located “down south.”

Meyer and Isaac wanted to see the Black Hills, however, so they ventured to Spearfish where the brothers eventually started their own businesses. Isaac owned a store in Sundance while Leo and Meyer partnered in opening the first bank in the area, which was called the Bank of Newcastle. Leo’s involvement in the partnership was from a distance, as he lived in New York.

“They were going to open the bank in Tubb Town and call it the Frank Brothers Bank, but then Tubb Town closed down so they came to Newcastle,”



Cash reported.

He explained that the entire community of Tubb Town was moved to Newcastle in September of 1890 because the railroad changed its route. Prior to the move, there was an announcement in a February 1889 issue of Sundance’s newspaper that reported Meyer Frank had already ordered timbers for the new bank building, and Cash finds it curious that Meyer ordered lumber to build the bank before even buying the lot.

“To start out, the bank was in the basement of the Antlers Hotel until they built their building. An article I read said they were the first ones to buy a lot in Newcastle,” said Cash.

It was the second brick building in Newcastle, following the Antlers Hotel,

and there was only about two months’ gap between the construction of the two historic buildings. Meyer Frank reportedly purchased 100,000 bricks from Kilpatrick Bros & Collins for the bank, which cleaned out the supply at that time. The total building costs amounted to about \$15,000.

According to a March 1890 issue of the Wyoming Weekly Republic, the bank’s leadership was as follows: Leo Frank, President; Frank Mondell, Vice President; Meyer Frank, Cashier and Owner; F. A. Thole, Assistant Cashier. While Meyer Frank officially owned the Bank of Newcastle, and Leo was the president of the bank, Cash says Leo was more of a silent partner on the business front.

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posted an ad for bids on the construction of the bank building in April of 1890. The Franks hired Mort Alber as the architect and C. F. Sasses as the contractor. However, weather was poor in May of that year, and that slowed down the building process. Cash remembers reading that the rain was so bad that all the basements that had been dug in preparation for new buildings were unfortunately filled with water.

Cash also said that a lot of times when people back then built a basement, they also called it a story, meaning that a building with a basement, first floor, and second floor was considered a three-story building. So, the building was said to be three stories, and the structure was built in three parts. The buildings were all connected under one roof until Crum’s part of the building burned in 1980. The entire structure spanned 50 feet on Warren Avenue and 70 feet on Seneca Street.

“He (Meyer Frank) built the building in three sections. He built the bank building first, then he built what is now the back room on the Cash Box Ceramics Store, and then he added the section where Crum’s Department store was,” Cash described.

“The brick bank building erected by Meyer Frank is nearing completion. To say that it is a beauty does not half express it. All the work has been done in the most thorough manner by skilled mechanics and the best material used. The iron cornice adding much to its picturesqueness. It is highly creditable to the town as well as the builder,” the June 2, 1890 W.C. Democrat stated.

Meyer Frank continued to add onto the building even before the initial structure was completed, and he also rented out nearly all of the rooms in the new building except the bank section prior to finished construction. On June 9, the W.C. Democrat reported that work had begun on a foundation for a 25-foot addition to the bank building. A June 25 announcement stated that Judge Vaeburgh secured the office room directly over the bank, and Dr. Kelly rented an office on the second floor. The offices were said to be the most desirable and elegant spaces in the city, being “high and airy.”



The unique corner building on the corner of Main Street and Seneca (above) once housed the Bank of Newcastle and many other businesses (Submitted Photos)

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November 28 Dominoes 1:00 p.m. Dementia Support Group Mtg. 3:30 p.m.	November 25 Quizball Movie Bingo	November 29 Catholic Study Crossword Bingo Dice	11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m.
November 29 Osteo Exercise 9:00 a.m. Creative Handcrafts After Lunch	November 26 Reminisce Church	November 30 Bowling Shopping Resident's Choice	11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 6:15 p.m.
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Hilgenkamp honored as Information Tech of the Year

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

Dispatcher turned IT expert Sherie Hilgenkamp was recently recognized for her work at the Weston County Detention Center when she received the Association of Police and Communication Officer's 2017 Information Technologist of the Year award.

Part of the staff at the Newcastle Police Department since 2011, Hilgenkamp has worked as a telecommunicator and, more recently, the department's primary IT person. Her supervisor Melissa Stubbs nominated her for the award.

Police Chief Jim Owens reported that when the officer who acted as the department's IT person left, Hilgenkamp stepped in to fill that void.

"She has been a godsend for us with her in-depth knowledge of everything IT. She was worked closely with our providers and helped to tie in our new phone and recordkeeping systems with the computer system," Owens said.

In the nomination letter, Stubbs said that the department, whether it be dispatch, the squad room, the server room or anywhere else in the building, has never been up-to-date or current on standards.

"We had cables and wires that were not connected to anything. We had wires coming out of the wall that were impossible to trace, and we had old, outdated equipment that had never been cleaned or moved from

“She has turned the dispatch center into a well-oiled machine.”

— Melissa Stubbs,
Dispatch Supervisor

where it was used years ago. Sherie has worked hard to reorganize and label cables, remove unnecessary cables and get rid of equipment and cables that are no longer needed," Stubbs said.

She also noted that Hilgenkamp has completed two large-scale support projects, both with excellent outcomes, for the dispatch center. The first project was the installation of the new 911 system and replacement of the telephone system at the law enforcement center. The new system has brought the center's phone system into the 21st century, according to Stubbs.

"Sherie was very patient throughout the whole process, helping to get everyone's voice mails set up, and several other features that were specific to the detention center and sheriff's office. She worked tirelessly with the installation crew before, during and after the setup," Stubbs said.

Hilgenkamp also worked closely with the department's voice recording sales and instal-

lation team to evaluate, purchase and implement a new recording system to fit the department's needs. Hilgenkamp acted as the project manager to oversee the installation of the new system.

"She had scheduled her vacation and then learned they would be in town to install the equipment during that time. Sherie spent over two days of her vacation managing and coordinating the installation of the recording equipment," Stubbs said.

Stubbs noted that besides the major projects, Hilgenkamp continually looks for new ideas, researches different applications and contacts vendors to see if their piece of equipment would fulfill the department's needs.

"She participates in the evaluation and implementation of new computer technologies. She gathers the information, contacts the vendors and then gives her supervisors the needed information in order to make informed decisions about the best course of action for a piece of equipment," Stubbs said.

She added that this is only a small portion of what Hilgenkamp has done, and continues to do, for the department.

"I cannot tell you how much her services, knowledge and expertise are appreciated, not just by me but all of her co-workers and supervisors as well. She has turned the dispatch center into a well-oiled machine," Stubbs said.

Students

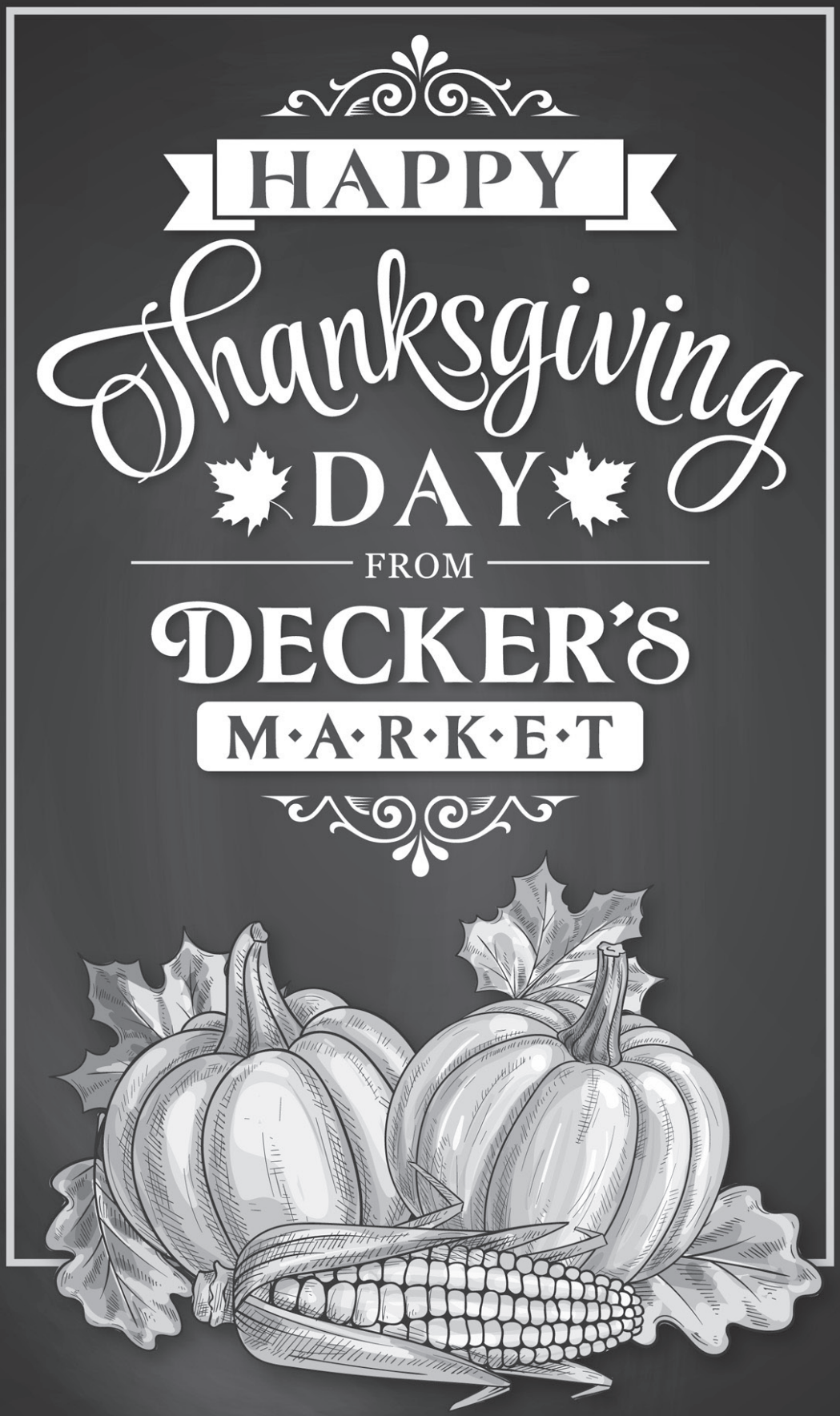
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with the increase at this time. We realize that funding is tight, and we do our best to shuffle staff to avoid increased costs," Cass said.

He acknowledged that there can be good and bad things associated with an increase in student numbers, but said he has yet to find the

bad side.

"I don't know if there is a lot of con to this increase. Sometimes there are challenges finding the right fit, program and professional to help certain students make the gains we want to see out of them," Cass said.



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Murray

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Wyoming Secretary of State Ed Murray converses with NLJ Editor Bob Bonnar Friday, when he stopped in Newcastle. (Photo by Bri Basher/NLJ)

and assist in the collaboration of governmental branches and departments. Murray says the work is in an effort to make Wyoming business friendly and supportive of free enterprise, and to "foster this new spirit of entrepreneurial energy and vitality."

With his business background and perspective, Murray also sits on multiple state boards, including SLIV, State Lands Commission, and the State Building Commission.

A very localized example of Murray's work in Cheyenne is seen at the Weston County Courthouse. Murray strongly supported the emergency application to repair the old structure last year after a water line break. Murray said he backed the repair and restoration completely because he understands the importance of that historic building in the seat of county government as not only a function of the county government but also of the county economy.

"That building is a crown jewel in Wyoming," Murray

emphasized. "It (the courthouse) is just as important as the state capital in Cheyenne or the roundhouse in Evanston or any of the historic structures that constitute the fabric of who we are as a people and as a state."

The State Loan and Investment Board's decision to follow Murray's lead and send funding for the Weston County Courthouse set a precedence for historical projects in the state. Murray explained that, initially, the courthouse restoration was not granted any funding, but he challenged the board to look at the situation from a different perspective and they approved the funding for emergency purposes.

The emergency funds allowed the community to preserve the structure of the Weston County Courthouse and ensure its function while also working toward having the building recognized for its historical significance. Rather than temporarily masking the damage from the water line break, the emergency

funds put the project one step forward toward the end goal of complete preservation. It is hoped the historical courthouse building could serve as an attraction on Main Street for which the community can work to revitalize around.

Additionally, Murray and his department oversee elections and work with each county clerk, and Murray met with Clerk Jill Sellers in Newcastle during his trip. He said their two offices are both working to replace aged voting equipment for future elections in Wyoming.

While Murray juggles many facets of his job as Secretary of State, he is optimistic about Wyoming's future and the work currently being done across the state.

"I do see our best days ahead as a state. I'm the secretary of the state, not of Cheyenne. So it is important for me to go out into the state to continue the relationship between my office and the state," Murray emphasized.

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Above, Liam Bissey shares a cookie with his grandparents after his Kindergarten Thanksgiving performance in Mrs. Von Eye's Kindergarten class at Newcastle Elementary School on Nov. 20. At right, Callan Smith, Merissa Striker, and Hunter Finley sing "Five Little Turkeys" during the class's Thanksgiving presentation.



At left, Cora Carr, Serenity Rayburn, and Ashlyn Hatheway sing "Five Little Turkeys."

Photos by Kim Dean/NLJ



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not only Mexican spices, but also Brazilian flavors.

Not only will the Short Stop offer a much larger food selection, but the Franks also plan to keep the food affordable by buying from the right distributors and making the food themselves. While fresh food preparation each day may see daunting to some, Yasmin previously worked for a tribal food program in California where she supplied elders and two schools with around 2,000 meals a week.

"On the food side, we are looking for value. It's going to be a good price and you will be satisfied. I mean, in my mind, you should be able to spend five bucks and get a nice meal," reasoned Tom. "We'd rather have them come back more often than try and get what we can out of them one time."

Tom's business sense comes from his background in the casino industry. Originally from South Dakota, he started in casinos in 1990 in Deadwood before he ended up working for Indian casinos over the course of the last 25 years. He opened new casinos across the Midwest before he traveled to South America for business.

While in Brazil, Tom met and married Yasmin and their first daughter was born. The

family lived there for two years before moving to the west coast, living mainly in California, where they welcomed their second daughter. Tom worked as the general manager of a tribal casino in northern California for the last 15 years. The casino housed 800 slot machines, a 100 room hotel, a large convenience store, events center, and the beginnings of an RV park.

While Tom mainly ran the casino side of things, he still gained experience working with the convenience store. His dad also opened a convenience store when Tom was in high school, and he worked there as a teen. Tom is confident that his familiarity with business and management will translate well in owning and running the Short Stop.

"If I can manage a multi-million dollar casino with 25 employees, I think I can handle a C-store," he said with a laugh.

The Franks are pleased with their decision to move to Newcastle, as they had visited South Dakota many times on vacation. Tom missed the culture that he grew up in, and he truly enjoys the lifestyle, nature, and hospitality that comes with living in the area.

The Franks were also tired of corporate, tribal, and California politics. They wanted to do

something different, and live in the Mountain West.

Tom and Yasmin said they actually stumbled upon Newcastle and the Short Stop by accident. The business seemed promising, so the family purchased the store and made the move. They are committed, happy, and hopeful about their new venture.

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High schools start Students 4 Vets program

High school students from both Upton and Newcastle have embarked on a new program to connect with veterans and widows of veterans through service projects. Both Weston County high schools are participating in the Students 4 Vets program, in conjunction with the American Legion George Monroe Post No. 3 in Newcastle.

Local veterans reached out to NHS, asking if there was a way the groups could work together, and Principal Tracy Ragland promptly said 'yes' to working with the estimated 600 veterans in Weston County.

"Veterans are a valuable resource, and we need to treat them that way. There are lots the kids could learn from them. They are great role models," Ragland said.

He noted that the veterans have experience and knowledge that can't be found in books, and that could prove valuable to the students.

Students will engage with the veterans at the monthly free veterans' breakfast at the Weston County Senior Center, and they will offer assistance to disabled and elderly veterans and widows of veterans.

"The student volunteers can do yard work, household chores and the occasional heavy lifting, subject to restriction for safety of the students and veterans," Post Adjutant Barry Peterson said in a press release about the program.

Peterson noted that there are over 600 veterans in Weston County, with a high percentage of those individuals being elderly, disabled and the widows of veterans who are physically unable to perform normal maintenance at their homes. Veterans and their widows—or their family, friends and neighbors who are interested in requesting help for veterans and their widows— can contact the post



Local veterans visited with students like Eli Jones at the free veterans breakfast on November 14th. The breakfast is being held monthly at the Weston County Senior Citizens Center. (Alexis Barker, NLJ)

at 746-8858.

After receiving requests for help, the post will reach out to Ragland, who will organize a group to complete the task. Volunteers at NHS include members of FBLA, FFA and different sports teams, as well as individual student volunteers. Two different Newcastle student groups completed their first service projects for local veterans on Monday.

In Upton, for the time being, student volunteers are members of the school's Future Business Leaders of America. Alysha Engle, Newcastle's FBLA director, hopes to expand the program beyond just service projects for those in need.

"I would love in the future to see more activities, not just

the veterans' breakfast, for the students to engage and connect with the veterans. Whether it is hosting a dinner or game nights, it is important for there to be more social interaction with them after the connection is made through the service," Engle said.

Engle hopes the program can close a gap between the high school-aged generation and veterans in the community. She noted that today's generation is uncomfortable interacting, and she would like to see them engage more.

"I want the students to hear their stories, to connect with them, to know they are here and who they are. They kind of know what being a veteran is about, but they don't really understand. I want them to

hear that. Those veterans have really cool stories," Engle said. "I love that this program shows the kids that we have vets in our community that were active members of the military, and that they need help and are still here. It is a great way for our students to give back and be connected with the local veterans."

Ragland and Engle said that students at the school are always looking for ways to help others. Upton FBLA director Karla Ludemann said that the FBLA members voted to join the program because they wanted to give back to the community as well. A total of 35 students will help veterans in the Upton area, with potential for more outreach in Newcastle.

Creating the partnership early

On Tuesday, Nov. 14 at the Free Veterans' Breakfast hosted monthly at the Weston County Senior Center, representatives from the Weston County Children Center spoke of their desire to join the Weston County High Schools in providing service for local veterans. Tina Chick explained that the center would love to become involved, and hopes that this involvement can include veterans coming to the school to read to the children.

"We want to create that partnership early," Chick said. She noted that the center hopes to kickoff the program with a Red, White and Blue day featuring different veterans throughout the community who will attend and read to the students. She added that the veterans would be able to interact with the youngsters while enjoying stories and treats.



Isaiah Brooks helps to rake and bag up leaves at a local veteran's house as part of the Students 4 Vets Program at Newcastle High School. Squad leaders from the NHS football team were some of the first students to do community service for one of the veterans. (Alexis Barker, NLJ)



Tina Chick (above) with the Weston County Children's Center presents her hopes of extending the Students 4 Vets program to the center. She shared that representatives from the center hope to engage veterans in a reading program with the youngsters at the center for preschool and childcare. Dillon Tidyman (far left) bags up the leaves at one of the local veteran's house. The NHS football boys did yard work for one of the veterans through the Students 4 Vets program at the high school. Sawyer Roberson (left) rakes and gathers leaves in the unattended yard of one of the many local veterans. Roberson is part of the NHS football team squad leaders that took on one of the first tasks through the Students 4 Vets program that kicked off last week. (Alexis Barker, NLJ)

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Middle School Girls Basketball		
11/28/17 "B" team @ Edgemont	A	4PM
11/28/17 Lusk Tigers	H	4PM
11/30/17 Upton Bobcats	A	4PM

Booster club is alive and well...and waiting



Sonja Karp
Karpe Dogie

It's that time of year when fundraising efforts are being jacked up in the high school and middle school.

The sports' teams are trying to earn money for their season, and different organizations in the schools are doing the same.

Unfortunately, the fundraising also coincides with the holiday season, when people are buying gifts and preparing for the upcoming festivities.

As a teacher, I get hit up by kids from almost all of these fundraisers and I want to give them my support, so I do what I can, even if I don't need another cup, or a candle, or a pie that I can't eat.

I was a parent of kids who had to sell for their various activities, so I know what it's like. I was also a coach who asked my players to go out and earn money for our team.

I get it. But what was not available when my kids were out there fundraising and when my players were doing the same, was the Booster Club, which is now in its second year of operation.

The Booster Club was reinstated to ease the fundraising frenzy, and to take some of the burden off of individuals and businesses in the community. The club does the fundraising on a larger scale, and then passes those funds along to the sports' teams and other activities in the high school.

All any organization has to do is ask.

I contribute to the Booster Club and I know several others— individuals and businesses— who do the same. With this in mind, I began to wonder if teams and clubs are taking advantage of the funds the club has raised, or if their needs are greater than the club can provide?

So I asked my friend Amy Hoffman, who happens to be the treasurer of the Booster

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Dogies round up post-season honors

Story and Photos By Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

After a great football season that ended just a little short of their goal, the Newcastle Dogies raked in several post-season awards. Players received the nod from coaches across the conference and the state for All-Conference and All-State honors, as well as from the Casper Star Tribune in their annual selection of the Super 25 from across the state.

"The post-season was good for us," head coach Matt Conzelman smiled. "We had seven guys named to All-Conference, three to All-State, and one to 2nd Team All-State. It was also great to have a Dogie named to the 1st Team Super 25, because we haven't had that happen since 1998, when Cody Hostetter made the list."

As is the case with All-Conference and All-State selections, coaches are involved in selecting the Super 25— first, second and third teams. They rank their top five players, as well as the top players from around the state, and the Casper Star uses those rankings in tandem with statistics to make their final decisions.

Not surprisingly, skill position players are more likely to receive post-season awards because they fill up the stat lines, so it is easy to see the impact they have on the game. However, as Conzelman pointed out, if it weren't for the line, those players wouldn't gain yardage and score touchdowns.

Of the seven Dogies gaining recognition in the post-season, three filled those skill position roles— Cam Quigley, Lyle Whitney and Dylan Tidyman. The other four, however, were recognized because of the type of play on the field that doesn't get your name in the paper. Sawyer Roberson, Wyatt Corley, Bryson Johnson and Dayton Williams were all recognized for their contributions in the trenches.

With the season ended, the Dogies held their annual banquet on Monday, where individual players were recognized for their accomplishments on the year.

"It's fun to come together and celebrate individual accomplishments, because all year long, it's the 'we' instead of the 'me'," Conzelman noted. "None of these awards would happen if there weren't 11 guys working toward a common goal. They had a good year, and I told the seniors that they really showed what a Dogie leader needed to be through their dedication and commitment."



Cameron Quigley: Senior Quarterback/Free Safety

Quigley hauled in several post-season awards, beginning with being named to the 2A East All-Conference team. He went on to be named to All-



State, and was voted the 2A Offensive Player of the Year.

In addition, Quigley became the first Dogie— and only the second in school history— to be named to the 1st Team Super 25 in 19 years. When looking at Quigley's stats from the season, it is not hard to see why.

Quigley ended his senior year leading the state in All-Purpose yards with 2,397. He was second in punt returns, gaining 94 yards throughout the season, and fourth in passing, where he threw 1,243 yards while completing 52 percent of his passes. He was 10th in rushing (854 yards) and finished 29th in individual defense by earning 108 points, including one fumble recovery and one interception.

He led the Dogies in all-purpose yards, passing, rushing, punt returns and punting yards. He was second in kick returns with 206 yards, kicking, individual defense and in scoring with 11 touchdowns and one two-point conversion, which totaled 68 points.

"Cam led in all-purpose yards for all classes, and I don't know that we've ever had any guy who stood out like that," Conzelman stated. "But he did everything— from passing to rushing, to punt return and kick return, so that helped him out a little bit to put up some great numbers."



Lyle Whitney: Senior Runningback/Linebacker

Whitney was a workhorse for the Dogies all season and his efforts

earned him a place on the 2A East All-Conference team, as well as All-State honors. He also got the attention of the Casper Star and was named to the 3rd Team Super 25.

Like Quigley, Whitney racked up some pretty impressive stats in his final season as a Dogie, finishing third in the state in receiving (557 yards and three TDs), eighth in the state in scoring (90 points on 14 TDs and three two-point conversions), and 10th in the state in defense (144 points, two fumble recoveries and one interception).

Whitney led his team in receiving, scoring and defense and was second in rushing (678 yards) and all-purpose yards (1250 yards). He missed making the top ten in the state in the all-purpose category by only one yard.

He was third on his team in punt returns, fourth in passing and fifth in kick returns.

"Lyle did some great things for us this season," Conzelman nodded. "It was tough for teams to get him on the ground. There were times when I was sure he was down, and then he'd come popping out of the defense and he'd be off to the races."



Sawyer Roberson: Junior Offensive Tackle/Defensive End

As a lineman, Roberson is one of those players who doesn't fill up the stat columns, but without him, neither would the backs. His contributions to his team were recognized as he was awarded All-Conference and All-State honors for the 2017 season.

He finished fourth on his team in defense with 78.5 points, which included two sacks, 45 tackles and 5.5 tackles for a loss. Though the opportu-

nity didn't present itself much, he was also sixth on the team in kick returns.

Roberson's main contributions, and the ones that earned him post-season accolades, were his blocking and defensive presence on the field. Everyone knew where #60 was, and they clearly tried to stay away from him.

"Sawyer is a force on the line," Conzelman nodded. "Teams we went up against recognized where he was, and did their best to run away from him on our strong side, or tried their hardest to get around him. It wasn't easy."



Dylan Tidyman: Sophomore Wide Receiver/Cornerback

The 2017 season was Tidyman's varsity football debut, and it didn't take long for him to catch the attention of everyone who was watching. As a first year player, he earned All-Conference honors and was named to the 2nd Team All State roster.

Tidyman used his natural athleticism to improve over the course of the season to finish fourth in the state in receiving with 509 yards, which included 6 TD receptions.

He was first on his team in kick returns (346 yards), second in receiving and punt returns, and third in all-purpose yards (863) and scoring (45 points with seven TDs, one PAT and one two-point conversion.) He was fifth in kick attempts and defense (73 points, one fumble recovery and three interceptions), and eighth in rushing.

"Dylon finished the season pretty

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A few interested residents

Dr. Jording to participate in author meet and greet



By Bri Brasher
NLJ Reporter

Dr. Mike Jording, a local family physician and Wyoming enthusiast, will participate in the author meet and greet at the *News Letter Journal* on December 1, beginning at 2 p.m.

While many people commonly hunt, fish, read, or craft during down time, Jording's favorite hobby is a bit more unique. He is fascinated by Wyoming history, an interest that began when Jording was a small child traveling the state with his parents.

"I'm really just a Wyoming guy. I don't know if the right word would be a Wyoming patriot, but I am very loyal to Wyoming," he emphasized.

Jording was born and raised in Wheatland, and said that his father liked Wyoming geography and history. They always made it a point to visit the historical monuments and markers that dotted the family's travels. While Jording says he was never quizzed on his knowledge of the sites his family visited, his curiosity and exposure to the markers and monuments cemented his interest. Jording said that he vividly remembers learning about Wyoming history from his fourth grade teacher, a rancher from Wheatland, who passed on her passion to Jording even at such a young age.

One specific marker in Fort Laramie made an especially large impression on Jording.



Above, Alex Jording (left) and Joey Jording (right) pose with a marker as little boys on a family trip with their parents, Mike and Peggy Jording. Below, Peggy Jording viewed a marker while on a trip to validate historical information for Mike's writings. (Submitted Photos)

The plaque is noted to have been donated by "a few interested residents," a phrase that has always stuck out on Jording's mind.

"It leaves the thought that people were interested in what they were doing, and that's the thought that led to the development of this (his first book)," shared Jording.

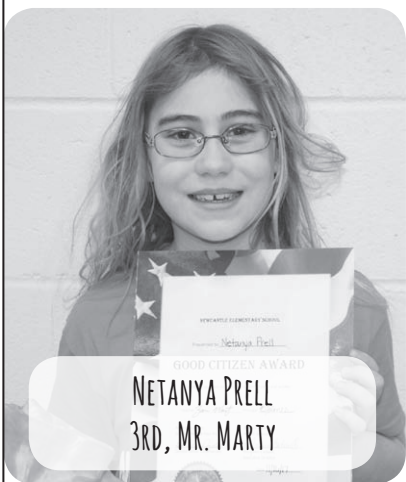
Jording wrote, compiled, and self-published his first book

with a publisher out of Montana titled, "A Few Interested Residents: Wyoming Historical Markers and Monuments." The *News Letter Journal* has copies of Jording's book for sale, and the publication can also be found online.

While the book came out in 1992, the compilation process started years prior. On his days

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GOOD CITIZEN • NOVEMBER



NETANYA PRELL
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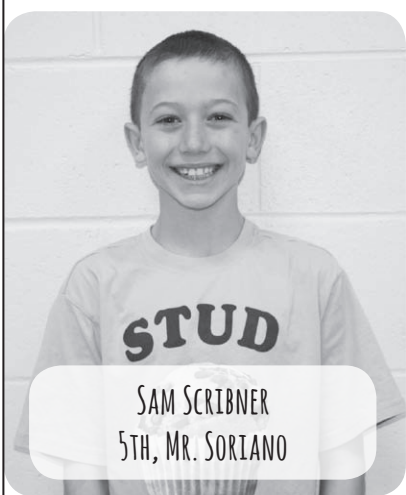
During the month of November, we are always reminded of the things that we need to be thankful for. We are thankful for one Good Citizen in particular. This student displays the six pillars of our character counts each and every day. She is very trustworthy in that you never have to worry about a little fib coming from her. She is respectful to all teachers and fellow students. This student is very caring of others feelings and of what her actions may cause. She is fair with herself and with others when playing games or working as a partner on a project. She is one of the most responsible students that I have had in my classroom. Overall, this student displays Good Citizenship daily without fail. These are the reasons why I am thankful and pleased to award the third grade Good Citizen award for the month of November to Netanya Prell.

November is the month in which people all across America celebrate the many aspects of being grateful. Gratitude is an emotion expressing the appreciation of others and being thankful for what we have! We are thankful to have this Good Citizen in our classroom, and an easy decision was made when selecting the recipient for the month of November! This very special young lady exhibits many qualities of an extraordinary individual; special in so many ways. She is a silent hero, quietly doing what is asked of her; neat and timely work, assisting fellow classmates, and providing friendship to everyone. Each day she enters the room with a warm smile and a cheerful, "good morning." Her kindness to others is very visible, and she is eager to be involved with classroom activities. As an outstanding role model for other children; she is responsible, respectable, and considerate. Being a good listener and following directions has helped her in numerous ways. She works well in all situations, even the difficult ones. She is a true asset to the Newcastle Elementary School. Congratulations to Laila Lopez!



LAILA LOPEZ
4TH, MRS. GIESLER

I'd first like to point out that choosing the 5th grade Good Citizen was an extremely difficult task this month. There were so many outstanding candidates, but in the end, we were somehow able to narrow it down to one special person with a heart of gold, a great sense of humor, and a genuine love of all types of learning. This person has been a constant source of kindness and fairness toward everyone in class—always accepting of other students and a friend to absolutely anyone. He's the kind of guy that's cool with partnering up with just about anyone, without a roll of the eyes or a sigh of disappointment. His quirky habits and quiet laughter are rarely disruptions to the class and he is always prepared and ready to work when he needs to be. He is a builder, an artist, and a scientist, as his curiosity spurs his extracurricular studies far beyond what is required, often filling me in on fun pieces of random facts and information. He will not give up on any task, resting only long enough to accept the help of others when he needs it. He has been a joy to have in class and I can't wait to see what the rest of the year has in store for us. Congratulations, 5th grade Good Citizen, Sam Scribner.



SAM SCRIBNER
5TH, MR. SORIANO

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strong," Conzelman declared. "For a first year player, he really became a key offensive player for us."



Wyatt Corley: Senior Guard/Defensive Tackle

Another unsung hero of the game, Corley was named to the 2A East All-Conference team. Like Roberson, his name doesn't appear in many of the stat columns, but his presence on the field was vital for his team.

He finished in sixth place for the Dogies in individual defense with 71.5 points, including 54 tackles and .5 tackles for loss.

"Wyatt is just one of those guys who works hard and makes it possible for our backs to move the ball," Conzelman

began. "When he hurt his ankle and was out for a couple of weeks, his absence was definitely noticed."



Bryson Johnson: Junior Guard/Defensive Tackle

Johnson was also named to the 2A East All-Conference team and joined his fellow linemen in earning the honor.

He was 10th in individual defense for the Dogies, earning 41 points with one pass breakup, four tackles for loss and 21 tackles overall. As a junior, he will be key member of the team returning to the field next season.

"Bryson does a lot for the team when he's on the line," Conzelman nodded. "Just like Wyatt, he had to sit out a game during the season with an ankle sprain, and that had an impact

on our game."



Dayton Williams: Junior Offensive Tackle/Defensive Tackle

Williams was the final Dogie who earned All-Conference honors for his work on the line. His size and never-say-die attitude gave the Dogies a much needed presence on the inside.

He finished 11th in individual defense with one interception, 24 tackles and 36 points.

"Dayton takes up some room on the line, and he's a tough guy," Conzelman nodded. "He played about half the season with a broken wrist, but it didn't slow him down."

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The News Letter Journal will be closed Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Due to the office being closed during our normal deadline, we will be accepting submissions through Monday, November 27 for the Thursday, November 30 edition of the NLJ.



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Karpe

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Club, if anyone has requested money. I was pleased to learn that girls' swimming, football and the FFA have asked for and have received funds from the club, so there are folks using it for those purposes.

The club wants teams and activities to use the funds they raise. They want people to come to their meetings with ideas or requests. They came together for the kids, and are chomping at the bit to give

them a hand.

I know it might be easy to forget they are there and ready to help, so here's a reminder that the Newcastle Booster Club is alive and well and waiting for your funds request.



Deb Piana, Jill Sellers and Mary Ragland visit amongst themselves while waiting for more shoppers to purchase the baked goods the ladies are selling at the Methodist Church Holiday Bazaar on Saturday. (Alexis Barker/NLJ)



Doug Jorrey and Ed Kiesling greet attendees to the annual Methodist Church for their "Christmas in Wyoming" bazaar held last Saturday. (Pam Penfield/NLJ)



Leslie Townsend and Sandi Shook are all smiles during the annual Methodist Church's "Christmas in Wyoming" bazaar held last Saturday. (Pam Penfield/NLJ)



Lea Mendinghall scores a shirt she liked at Rustic Buck Designs during their open house held last Friday. (Pam Penfield/NLJ)

HOME for the HOLIDAYS



Rebecca Bennett of Rustic Buck Designs checks out customers during her open house last Friday. (Pam Penfield/NLJ)

INSURANCE *Credit Freezes Burn Hackers*

More than 143 million Americans' personal information was exposed when Equifax announced earlier this year that it was the victim of a data breach. Hackers accessed consumer names, Social Security numbers, birth dates, addresses and, in some instances, driver's license numbers. Guarding against identity theft is important because bankers and insurers reward good credit. Your credit information is used when granting loans and pricing or underwriting insurance products. A favorable credit score often results in lower interest and insurance rates.

If you have a credit report, chances are you were impacted by the Equifax breach. Equifax took immediate steps to help affected consumers, including freezing customers' credit. Before you take this step, the Wyoming Department of Insurance has these tips for your consideration.

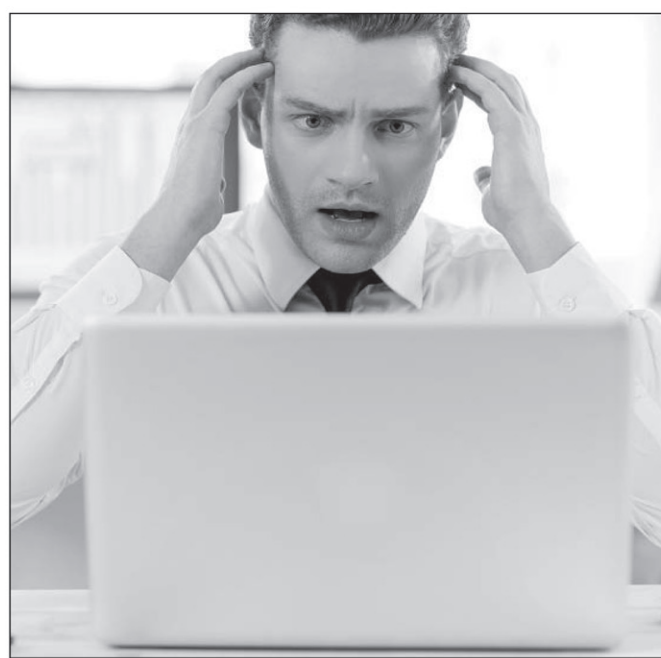
What happens when you freeze your credit?

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- Impact your credit score.
- Prevent you from getting a free annual credit report.
- Stop you from opening a new account, applying for a job, renting an apartment or buying insurance. Note: you can temporarily lift the credit freeze for a specified time to conduct this business. You may have to pay for the temporary lift, so check with one of the credit reporting agencies. There is no charge for consumers impacted by the Equifax data breach of 2017.

A hacker cannot lift your credit freeze and open a new line of credit. A personal identification number (PIN) is required to lift it.



Some states, including Wyoming, allow insurers to access your credit information to underwrite or rate. In other cases, a policyholder may want to consider temporarily lifting a credit freeze. If a freeze renders a consumer's credit report inaccessible, the insurer may rate the consumer as if they have neutral credit information or exclude the use of credit information as a factor. This means that a consumer who is up for renewal and has excellent credit may experience an increase in their rate. If you receive an adverse action notice based on the freeze, you should contact your agent or insurer.

Credit freeze versus fraud alert

According to the Federal Trade Commission, a credit freeze locks down your credit. A fraud alert allows creditors to obtain a copy of your report, as long as they take steps to verify your identity. Fraud alerts can stop someone from opening a new account in your name, but may not prevent them from misusing existing accounts.

There are three types of alerts:

- Initial Fraud Alert – protects your identity for 90 days from unverified access.
- Extended Fraud Alert – protects your credit identity for seven years, if you are a victim of identity theft.
- Active Duty Military Alert – protects deployed military for one year.

How to know if your information has been breached

You should check your credit report and look for any errors, new and unauthorized open accounts or any unauthorized charges on your credit cards. For the Equifax data breach, the company set up equifaxsecurity2017.com to help consumers find out if their information was compromised. You should check your credit report on an annual basis, but if you think your identity has been compromised, do so immediately.

What to do if your information is breached

1. **Contact one of the three reporting credit agencies** – Equifax, TransUnion and Experian can investigate fraudulent activity on your credit report and remove it.

Equifax Fraud Department

1-800-525-6285

Experian Fraud Department

1-888-397-3742

TransUnion Fraud Department

1-800-680-7289

2. **Notify your lenders, banks, and insurance companies** - Alert them of the situation. Close your accounts, change any passwords and PINs associated with these accounts.

3. **Periodically check your credit reports** - During the first year after a breach, confirm there has been no additional fraudulent activity. Working with credit card companies to reverse fraudulent charges to your credit card will cut down on this type of fraud and abuse.



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Blotter

November 12, 2017

Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Suspicious activity reported. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued. Suspicious activity reported.

November 13

Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Assist other agency. 911 misdial. Report of a dog at large, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Report of a dog at large. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Three VIN inspections requested. Possible assault reported. Drunk driver reported. Medical assist. Drunk driver reported.

November 14

Assist other agency. Suspicious activity reported. Assist other agency. Report of a dog at large. Assist other agency. Parking complaint.

November 15

No Trespass Order requested. Medical assist. Gas drive off reported. Traffic complaint. Parking complaint. Report of dogs at large.



Assist other agency. Ministerial assistance requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

November 16

Open door discovered. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Assist other agency. Fire reported. Drunk driver reported. Assist other agency. Theft reported. Report of shots fired. Vehicle deer accident reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued.

November 17

Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued. Report of a dog at large. Assist other agency. VIN inspection requested. Medical assist. Fraud reported. Welfare check requested. Minor in possession of alcohol, 2 Citations issued.

inspection requested. Medical assist. Fraud reported. Welfare check requested. Minor in possession of alcohol, 2 Citations issued.

November 18

Noise complaint. Medical assist. Report of a dog at large. Civil standby requested. Traffic stop Written Warning issued. Trespass reported. Theft reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic complaint. Medical assist.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE AND FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR THE ASPHALT OVERLAY AND CONSTRUCTION 2017 AT NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING

Notice is hereby given that work by Simon Contractors, PO Box 2469, Gillette, WY 82717, for the Asphalt Overlay and Construction 2017 for the City of Newcastle has been accepted and the final settlement for payment is to be made per WS 16-6-116 in consideration of any outstanding financial obligations. Concerned parties may contact the City Engineer, City of Newcastle, 10 West Warwick, Newcastle, WY 82701. Full amount due will be paid on January 2, 2018. The date of first Publication is November 23, 2017.

(Publish November 23, 30 and December 7, 2017)

Deadline for Legals is noon on Friday

Public Notice

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE AND FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR THE SEWER REPLACEMENT STAMPEDE STREET AT NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING

Notice is hereby given that work by Timberline Services, Inc, 623 Industrial Avenue, Sundance, WY 82729, for the Sewer Replacement Stampede Street for the City of Newcastle has been accepted and the final settlement for payment is to be made per WS 16-6-116 in consideration of any outstanding financial obligations. Concerned parties may contact the City Engineer, City of Newcastle, 10 West Warwick, Newcastle, WY 82701. Full amount due will be paid on December 19, 2017. The date of first Publication November 9, 2017.

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Bid Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given the Sweetwater Improvement and Service District, Newcastle, Wyoming will receive sealed bids for the construction of:

Connection to Cambria Water System

as called for in the specifications for the Connection to Cambria Water System project at the meeting room in the Weston County Library, 23 W. Main Street, Newcastle, WY until 2:00 P.M. (Local Time) December 20, 2017. Bids will then be opened and read aloud. All bids must be submitted on the forms supplied by the District. Envelopes containing bids shall be clearly marked with the name of the bid and shall show the name and address of the bidder. Bids which are not prepared and filed in accordance with the specifications may be rejected. Bids may not be withdrawn after the time fixed for opening. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and the right to waive irregularities in bids received.

Each bid must be accompanied by a bid guarantee as called for in the specifications in the form of a bid bond for not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of such bid, payable to, and to be forfeited to, the Sweetwater Improvement and Service District as liquidated damages if bidder fails to enter into contract within thirty (30) days after award to him/her, or fails at the time of executing the contract to furnish a performance guarantee as approved by the District in the amount of one-hundred percent (100%) of the bid. Facsimile (fax) or other copies of bonds are not acceptable, nor are cashier's checks. No bid will be considered if not accompanied by such bid guarantee.

A complete set of the plans and specifications may be downloaded after November, 22, 2017, via the QuestCDN website, Bid Document No. 5434207 which the bidder must login and pay a fee of twenty dollars (\$20). This login and deposit will ensure the plan holders are identified and supplied the possible addendum and notices associated with the project.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on December 13, 2017, 10:00 AM in the meeting room at the Weston County Library, 23 W. Main Street, Newcastle, WY.

Pursuant to W.S. 16-6-106, "preference is hereby given to materials, supplies, agricultural products, equipment, machinery and provisions produced, manufactured or grown in Wyoming, or supplied by a resident of the state, quality being equal to articles offered by the competitors outside of the state".

Pursuant to W.S. 16-6-102, if the contract is to be awarded, "the contract shall be awarded to the responsible certified resident making the lowest bid if the certified resident's bid is not more than five percent (5%) higher than that of the lowest responsible nonresident bidder." To be qualified for the preference for Wyoming residents, the bidder must provide verification it is a Wyoming resident.

The Bidder shall submit, with the Bid, the Qualification Form furnished herein completely filled out. To demonstrate qualifications to perform the Work, each Bidder must be prepared to submit within five (5) days of Engineer's request, detailed written statement of evidence such as financial data, a summary of previous experience, present commitments and other such data as may be called for by Engineer

To be considered responsive, the bid must include the following completed items;

- Bid Form
- Bid Schedule
- Qualification Form
- Bid Bond
- Acknowledge Addenda, if any
- Wyoming Resident Contractor certification if bidding as a resident.

To be qualified as a Wyoming resident; person, partnership, limited partnership, registered limited partnership, registered limited liability company, or corporation, it must be certified by the Wyoming Department of Employment.

Sweetwater Improvement and Service District By: Robert Strickland, Board Chairman

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Foreclosure Notice

FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note (the "Note") dated 06/25/2007 executed and delivered by Vance C. Bateman and Janice E. Bateman to Bank of Colorado and a real estate mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by Vance C. Bateman and Janice E. Bateman, husband and wife as tenants by the entirety (the "Mortgagors"), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Bank of Colorado, and which Mortgage was recorded on 6/29/2007, as Document No. 695229 Book 297 Page 0809 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Assignment dated: 2/23/2017
Assignment recorded: 3/1/2017
Assignment recording information: Document No. 762763

All in the records of the County clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, Wyoming.

WHEREAS, the Mortgage contains a power of sale which by reason of said default, the Mortgagor declares to have become operative, and no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof, nor has any such suit or proceeding been instituted and the same discontinued; and

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$ 118,102.40 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$107,601.24 plus Interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$6,847.04 plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of sale;

WHEREAS, the property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale. Any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting a bid;

NOW, THEREFORE Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Weston County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 AM o'clock in the forenoon on 01/16/2018 at the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 W. Main Street, Newcastle, Wyoming, Weston County for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

The South 35' of Lot 2 and all of Lot 3 in Block 1 of Edgar's Addition to the City of Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming.

-AND-

A portion of Lot 4 in Block 1 of Edgar's Addition to the City of Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 4 which is the point of beginning; thence Westerly along the North boundary of Lot 4 for a distance of 22.50' to the Northwest corner of this tract; thence Southerly parallel to the East boundary of Lot 4 for a distance of 5.60' to the Southwest corner of this tract; thence Easterly parallel to the North boundary of Lot 4 for a distance of 22.50 to intersect the East boundary of Lot 4 at the Southeast corner of this tract; thence Northerly along the East boundary of Lot 4 for a distance of 5.60 to the Northeast corner of Lot 4 and the point of beginning.

With an address of : 25 S Summit Ave New Castle, WY 82701-2224.

Together with all improvements thereon situated and all fixtures and appurtenances thereto. Date: November 3, 2017.

Brian G. Sayer
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Legal Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) approved the Application of Powder River Energy Corporation (PRECorp) for authority to adjust its Small Power Production (SPP) rate, effective for 2017. The Cooperative's SPP rate and tariff, Wyoming PSC No. 8, Original Sheet Nos. 41-42, apply to customers who install facilities on their property for generating electric power—net metering customers and Qualifying Facilities. This revision is the result of a change to the avoided cost rates of PRECorp's wholesale supplier, Members 1st Power Cooperative (Members 1st). The Commission's approval is subject to notice, protest, intervention, refund, change, further investigation, opportunity for hearing and further order of the Commission.

PRECorp is a Class C member of Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin) and purchases all of its power requirements from Members 1st at Basin's applicable rates. Based on prior Commission approval, PRECorp's avoided cost is equal to Basin's published avoided cost. Basin's current avoided cost rate is \$0.0135 per kWh, which is mirrored in PRECorp's current SPP tariff. For 2017, Basin decreased its published avoided cost to \$0.0131 per kWh. Accordingly, PRECorp requested to adjust its SPP tariff to mirror the updated avoided cost.

The Commission approved the proposed avoided cost of \$0.0131 per kWh, but ordered PRECorp to adjust for transmission line losses in applying its avoided cost using loss factors of 3.44% for the transmission level losses and 1.5% for the loss factors associated in stepping up the customer-generated power to primary distribution level. Additionally, the Commission ordered in Docket No. 10014-176-CT-16 (Record No. 14562) that PRECorp address whether the currently applied methodology of using Basin's avoided cost as PRECorp's avoided cost for net metering customers is in accordance with law due to the possibility of PRECorp earning an excess margin on the purchase of energy.

PRECorp's Application is on file at the Commission's offices, located at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming and at the Company's offices. The Application is available for inspection by any interested person during regular business hours or online at: <http://psc.state.wy.us/>.

Anyone desiring to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must file in writing with the Commission on or before December 8, 2017. A proposed intervention or request for hearing must set forth the grounds under which they are made and the position and interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please mention Docket No. 10014-178-CT-17 (Record No. 14633) in your communications.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing that you will attend, or want to make a statement, a protest or a public comment, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications-impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 711.

Dated: November 8, 2017.

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Public Notice

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

Notice is hereby given that the State Transportation Commission of Wyoming has accepted as completed according to plans, specifications and rules governing the same work performed under that certain contract between the State of Wyoming, acting through said Commission, and Surface Preparation Tech, LLC the Contractor, on Highway Project Number B154021 in Campbell, Crook, Johnson, Niobrara, Sheridan, and Weston Counties, consisting of install rumble strips, flashing beacons, and miscellaneous 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 January 3, 2018.

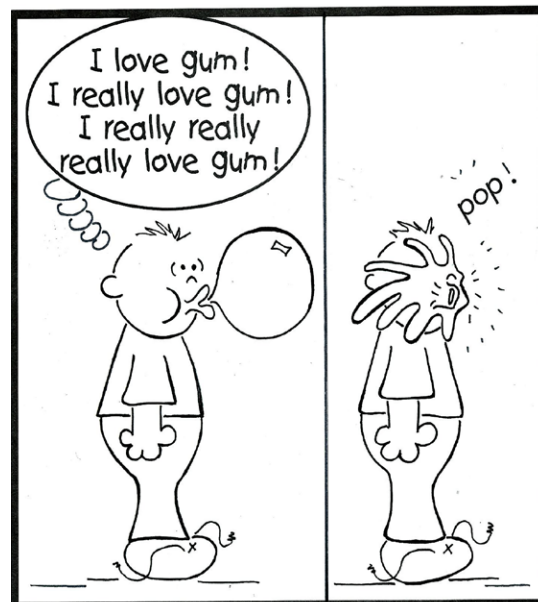
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STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING

By: Kimberly Lamb
Project Resource Coordinator
Budget Program

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ACROSS

1. "No way" partner
6. Lending letters
9. Basketball star Nowitzki
13. "Love," ‡ Paris
14. ____ date
15. Kind of chisel
16. Infamous Ford model
17. Stuff in a tray?
18. Romanov's edict
19. Bony chest plate
21. "It makes the heart grow fonder"
23. *You can't make an omelet without breaking one
24. Border
25. Prune
28. Block of granite, e.g.
30. Whacko one
35. Eye layer
37. Author Murdoch
39. Paparazzo's quest
40. Common allergens
41. *Sure sign of fire
43. Like nay-sayers
44. Rid of obstructions
46. Done to trouble
47. Asian weight unit
48. Cold sore, e.g.
50. Object of worship
52. 9 to 5, e.g.
53. Not of the cloth
55. Famous frat house
57. *Louder than words
61. *They can't be choosers
65. Allocated quantity
66. Famous T-Rex
68. Cereal killer
69. Prodded
70. **No ____ crying over spilt milk"
71. Recycle, in a way
72. H or O in H₂O, e.g.
73. **You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ____"
74. Make tea, e.g.

DOWN

1. Midday slumbers
2. Fail to mention
3. Use a whetstone
4. Grossly unconventional
5. *Two of these do not make a right
6. Genesis man
7. Pimple fluid
8. ____ center for help
9. Home of Blue Devils
10. Ali Khamenei's domain
11. CISC alternative
12. Genueflecting joint
15. Serious quarrel
20. Tangerine-grapefruit hybrid, pl.
22. Ballerina's do
24. Non-living
25. *No such thing as a free one
26. Egg cell
27. ____ Cottontail
29. Picture on a coat?
31. Not this
32. Actor Hill
33. Weasel's aquatic cousin
34. *A watched pot never does this
36. Hurry up!
38. Row of vagrants
42. With a jagged margin
45. Follows aim and shoot
49. ____ Diego
51. They're usually golden or amber
54. Question in dispute
56. White heron
57. Caribbean color
58. Like a short reply

59. Burkina Faso neighbor
60. Big-ticket ____
61. Duff in Springfield, e.g.
62. Flu symptom

63. Kate Winslet in "Titanic"
64. *Beginning of a thousand mile journey
67. "This land is your land..."

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off from practicing medicine in Torrington, where he lived at the time, Jording would travel to Cheyenne to compile and dictate data that he would then bring home to be transcribed. Jording explained that it took several years to gather all of the data and put it into a format he could follow.

Then he and his family started taking trips around Wyoming to stop at the markers and verify what was on them. At that point, Jording saw the opportunity to make a book to document his research. With the written content gathered and verified, Jording then shifted to sifting through historical files in Cheyenne and Laramie in search of pictures and other data about the Historical Markers and Monuments Program. That's where he learned even more about the people that had done work before the physical markers and monuments were placed, as well as the significance associated with them.

"That is as valuable a research as the markers and monuments themselves. The book is a catalogue of the markers and monuments in each of the counties, along with additional information about the history of each of those events," described Jording. "I'm proud of the compilation, and I think most Wyoming historians and most agencies in the Wyoming state government that deal with history continue to use it as a reference."

Jording has served on the board of the Wyoming State Historical Society, and cur-

rently leads the Weston County Historical Society. His involvement at both the state and local levels provided a new avenue for him to do more historical writing, and Jording worked with ten other committee members on a local project retelling the history of Weston County's dance halls called, "Dance Halls of Weston County."

Jording also contributed to a book titled "Images of America: Weston County," after Arcadia Publishing approached the local historical society about the series. Jording, Upton's Shelly Ritthaler, and Alice Schuette spearheaded the book by writing content, finding images, and fitting the project into the required format. The preparation for the book also facilitated the making of a digital database with nearly 900 images of Weston County. Jording and the Weston County Historical Society are now gathering steam and continue their work by collecting information on barns in the area, along with local fair history.

While Jording's two sons are now grown, they too are interested in Wyoming's markers and monuments. He and Peggy, his wife of 34 years, have fond memories of time with family, traveling around the state, chasing history.

"They know what a historical marker looks like!" Jording laughed. "They're interested and know what's going on with them, and I have some special images of them accompanying me to the markers."

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