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Up and in



Sierra LaCroix for NLJ

Senior Newcastle forward Justin Francis soars above a hapless Lusk defender as he makes a layup in Saturday's losing effort against the Tigers. See the Sports section on Page 9 for the full story.

National group objects to proposed poisoning

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

On Jan. 1 the Humane Society of the United States issued a press release expressing objections to amendments currently under consideration to the 2009 Prairie Dog Management Strategy for the Thunder Basin National Grassland that include a provision for the use of poison to control prairie dog populations on the borders of public lands. The amendments, recently put forward by the U.S. Forest Service for public comment, would allow for the use of poison within a proposed quarter-mile buffer zone around state and private lands adjacent to areas set aside as prairie dog habitat.

Contacted for comment, the Humane Society referred the News Letter Journal to Steve Forrest, senior representative of Defenders of Wildlife, a conservation group aligned with the Humane Society on the issue. Forrest, while emphasizing

he did not speak officially for Humane Society, nonetheless echoed the concerns expressed by the organization in their press release.

"We've gone through a couple of rounds of negotiation," said the Denver-based but Laramie-raised Forrest, of the Thunder Basin management plan. "Each time the prairie dog commitment has been whittled down. Here we are once again just a few years into new plan revision and the Forest Service is again being asked to whittle down the amount of acreage it's managing for prairie dogs. That's our main beef with the proposal."

"[One] problem with these anti-coagulants is that it is a slow, painful death," Forrest continued of one of the poisons commonly used. "But the bigger problem ecologically is that it [remains present] in the tissue so that any animal that eats the dead carcass is also poisoned"

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Bonuses under debate

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

At the Dec. 17 meeting of the Weston County Commissioners, the last such meeting of 2013, the commissioners voted 4-1 to award end-of-year bonuses of \$250 to those on the payroll of Weston County. The bonuses, which did not apply to elected officials, contract employees, or employees of the library and fairgrounds, were intended by the commissioners as a modest consolation for the lack of a pay increase for county employees in fiscal year 2014. The vote, however, came not without controversy, as Commissioner Tracy Hunt voiced strong objec-

tions to the process by which the bonus was decided upon in lieu of a pay raise.

Commissioner Marty Ertman, who would go on to make the initial motion to vote on the bonus, indicated her support from the outset of the commissioners' discussion of the topic.

"I'm all for it," she said, "only because we ... cancelled out on the employee raise, and while the amount is not very much, it is a token of our appreciation ... [It indicates] we are still thinking about [county employees] — I'm for it."

Commissioner Randy Rossman, who would later

second Ertman's motion, said he tended to agree, observing, "[The bonus is] not a large amount ... but it helps."

As indicated, however, Hunt expressed strongly held concerns about the integrity of the process. Speaking at length, he told the commission that he believed the last-minute decision to award bonuses represented sloppy budgeting that relegated employees to last place on the county's list of priorities.

"It looks more like fidgeting than budgeting to me," he told his fellow commissioners of

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County braces for ACA

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

The complexities and ambiguities of the Affordable Care Act were cast in stark relief at the Tuesday, Dec. 17, meeting of the Weston County Commissioners. There, Cheryl Hageman, senior vice president of Willis of Colorado Inc., a consulting firm for Wyoming Educators' Benefit Trust, of which the county is a member, presented to the commissioners for over an hour on the steps they'll need to take to bring the county in line with health care reform laws.

"There are some requirements," Hageman told the commissioners, "that [County Clerk] Mamie [Krank] and her crew are going to have to start

tracking, and you're going to need to start working on that now. I believe you as commissioners are going to have to set forth some rules with respect to how you track your employees to ensure that you're offering them coverage that's affordable."

Among the recommendations Hageman made to the commissioners were the following:

- Change the county's current 90-day probationary period for new employees to 60 days to allow more time for administrative processing. Currently, health care enrollment begins for county employees on the first of the month after 90 days of service. Enrollment under the Affordable Care

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Kitty Moats Complex moving forward

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

The Osage Improvement and Service District is moving forward with plans to renovate the old Kitty Moats Elementary School, utilizing a \$1 million grant the improvement district was awarded by the Wyoming Business Council early last year.

"The million dollars is strictly for the building itself," explained improvement district secretary Cliff Perkins of how the money is to be spent. Perkins went on to enumerate for the News Letter Journal some of the specific improvements to the building's structure that are currently planned, adding that the project's architect, Gillette-based Schutz Foss Architects, are in the final stages of the redesign, and materials to be used in the renovation will soon be chosen.

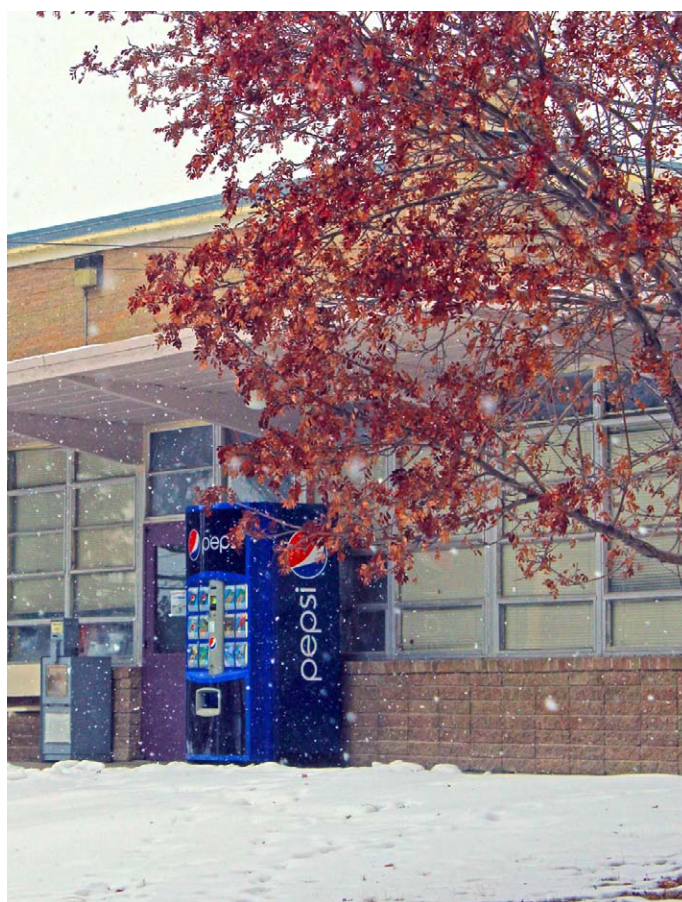
"They've already decided basically how far they can go with the million dollars. They're looking at a brand new three-stage furnace, looking at getting all of the roof done, looking at all the

doors and windows being updated and replaced, and a new façade [added to] the building to help keep it weather tight ... Three of the rooms in the front will be completely remodeled. The auditorium will be done, and we'll be working in the future on a grant for the kitchen," Perkins said of the planned changes to the former school whose ownership was transferred from Weston County School District #1 after a unanimous vote of the school board in January of 2012.

Both Perkins and improvement district treasurer Cyndi Crabtree told the NLJ the anticipated timeline for the project's completion is a short one, with construction expected to be finished before August of this year.

"We'll be putting out the bid proposal in March [through the newspaper]," said Crabtree, "and then we will [decide] who's going to be getting the contract in April. [Work] should start sometime near April, and they plan on having

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Amy Menerey/NLJ

Osage's Kitty Moats awaits renovations to become a community center, thanks to a \$1 million grant awarded by the Wyoming Business Council.

Assessment in the works at WCHS

By Denise Piscioti of NLJ

For several years the Weston County Health Services Board of Directors has been contemplating a facilities assessment to decide how to best use the space in the facility, and to find out what updates are needed in the 20-plus-year-old building. After much consideration, the decision was made to move forward with the assessment using CTA Architects out of Billings, Mont. The firm will begin the assessment this month.

"We really want someone to come in, take a look and give us ideas. That is what CTA will be doing. They will be come up with a plan, then we will decide what can we do now, what we need to put off, and then how are we going to finance the types of changes

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WEATHER FORECAST

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Hi 35, Lo 19



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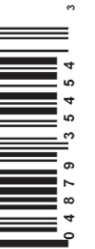


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Opinion

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Our View

Enzi wins/loses and so do we

On several occasions over the past several years we have expressed appreciation for Senator Mike Enzi, and his performance as Wyoming's senior senator in Washington, D.C. So you may be surprised to hear that we were disappointed when Liz Cheney announced the end of her campaign for Enzi's senate seat early this week.

Our appreciation for Enzi stems from the fact that he has generally shown a greater interest in producing results for the people of Wyoming and this nation than he has for seeking the spotlight. Our senator characteristically works harder to find and produce solutions — alongside friend and foe alike — to the very real problems confronting his constituents and country than he does to grab headlines by needlessly repeating declarations of problems we're already well aware of and insisting that only his opponents are to blame for them.

Enzi's approach is growing increasingly rare in national politics (and becoming less common at the state and local level as well) and the reason for that is really quite simple — in a time when our attention span is being shortened by the continual onslaught of social media, cable news networks and the ratings-driven 24/7 news cycle, consumers simply aren't as entertained by hard-working statesmen who are more interested in results than they are in attracting the spotlight so they can parrot over-used and oft-repeated talking points.

In other words, Mike Enzi's approach isn't sexy enough to draw the attention of television cameras and bloggers and consequently results in very little notoriety. That is why Cheney's decision to withdraw from the race — while all but ensuring that Enzi will represent Wyoming in the U.S. Senate for six more years — represents something of a loss for Enzi and the people of Wyoming as well.

The one advantage Cheney clearly offered — when compared to Enzi — was national name recognition, and her campaign was certain to raise Enzi's profile. While Cheney's stature in national politics may have given her a leg up in an election decided by voters from all 50 states, however, it became apparent early in this campaign that her chances of unseating Enzi in an election confined to the borders of this state were slim.

It is unlikely she would have beaten the state's incumbent Senator, so Enzi honestly gained relatively little from the end of her candidacy. What her candidacy did produce was some early national attention for Enzi, Wyoming and the manner of politics and government favored by voters here.

Cheney's decision to withdraw from the election guarantees that attention will all but disappear, and Enzi's re-election will go virtually unnoticed by people outside of Wyoming.

And that's too bad for Enzi, too bad for the people of Wyoming, and too bad for the citizens of this country who would have benefitted from exposure to Enzi's results-driven approach.

When Cheney announced her decision to challenge Enzi in the Republican primary several months ago, this newspaper encouraged both candidates to run campaigns that reflected the ideals of the people of Wyoming, and enhanced the state's image. We saw the potential a high-profile campaign had to demonstrate what we all mean when we say the United States would be better off if the federal government would learn to "do things the way we do things Wyoming."

We believe Senator Enzi's style clearly exhibits the manner in which "we do things in Wyoming," and the fact that the coming campaign would have drawn national attention that would have provided him with a platform to reveal those qualities to the rest of the country.

Those are the type of substantive qualities seldom illuminated, and we hoped that once voters outside this state were exposed to that type of responsible governance, other national politicians may have been encouraged to adopt some of those practices.

Now that the national spotlight is likely to turn away from the race for Wyoming's senate seat, we hope Enzi will be still be committed to using the election and the funds raised for his campaign to remind the people of Wyoming what is meant by doing "things the way we do things in Wyoming."

The eyes of the nation may have turned away from the race when Cheney withdrew, but the eyes of Wyoming will still be on it, and we urge Enzi to use that attention to show his constituents what it means to "be like Mike."

Manage your boss

The relationship with your boss is probably the most important relationship you have at work. Boss management can stimulate better performance, improve your working life, job satisfaction, and workload, according to Jacques Horovitz. When we think of managing someone, we usually think of managing our team members or subordinates. However, Horovitz tells us in the BoardSource newsletter that we should also understand some principles that will enhance our working relationship with our boss.

1. Decisions: If you do not want a "no" or procrastination, give him/her a hand.

Your boss has other subordinates, other decisions to make. Thus, if pressed for a decision, it is easiest to say "no."

To avoid the "no" that will ruin yours' and your team's enthusiasm, give your boss a hand.

- Remind them of where you left it last time you met;
 - Remind them of the objective rather than rushing to the 'what' and 'how';
 - Remind them of past problems encountered because a decision was not made;
 - Quickly summarize the options considered, your criteria for selecting one option — the one you are presenting;
 - Tell them what you expect from them: simply to inform, to decide jointly, to share the risk, to add one criterion, to re-examine the option;
 - Focus on the points where you need their help;
 - Be prepared with facts and data for potential disagreements. Help them out with graphics and visuals so that the situation is grasped faster;
 - After your meeting, summarize for them the decision in writing to make sure of the understanding;
 - And finally, once a decision has been made, your way, their way or no way, do not criticize it externally. You have become the best defender; the best ambassador of what was decided.
2. Manage their time: You may represent only 1 percent of their problems, don't make it as if it is 100 percent.

Yes, you have preoccupations, problems to solve and issues to tackle. However, while your time is entirely devoted to them, do not expect your boss's time to be also.

• The more simple the problem or issue at hand is, the less time you should have them spend on it: prepare, summarize, and synthesize information and options. Do not confuse your more frequent problems with the most important ones.

• Book him or her for several meetings in advance. Nothing is more frustrating than to have to wait days, weeks or months for that extra new meeting needed in order to finalize a decision or a project.

3. An opinion: If you ask for their opinion, they will always have one. And their opinion may not always be that of a genius or a visionary. However, once given, the opinion becomes a constraint: was it an order? So, if you don't want your boss's opinion then don't ask for it.

• Choose the right moment to avoid procrastination: not only save their time by focusing on big issues, but choose the right moment to do so. If you present an issue at the wrong moment, the chances are she or he will procrastinate.

• Prepare for your meeting: first because the advantage is to the one who is prepared, second because the preparation helps you reduce the time taken to come to the central issue.

• Show the forest before the trees in a discussion: if you want to avoid spending a lot of time on going back to basics before she or he is at full speed with you, start with the basics yourself. Remind them of the objective, where you stand today, and what you want their opinion on.

Next time we will cover suggestions from Horovitz on additional ways to manage your boss. Best of luck on a good working relationship.



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Defined by redemption, not expulsion

I, Sid Douglas, senior student from Newcastle High School's graduating class of 2014, was expelled my sophomore year. This was in the spring of 2012, and it was one of the most eye opening experiences of my life.

I'm here to say that where opportunity seems non-existent, there is always opportunity in this country and world of ours to succeed.

I was always just a smart kid, burdened with my stubborn grip toward laziness. The lack of motivation displayed by me became apparent to any who met me. I was involved in sports ever since I moved to this small Wyoming town, but I had always been the kid who found the path of least resistance, or made excuses. Once I realized that sports were not my gift, I joined speech and debate at the start of my sophomore year.

Through the coaching of Mrs. Peterson and Mr. Stith I came to learn and understand what I needed to do, but my lack of motivation was still prevalent. It took me going toe to toe with the unrelenting Senior Brie Kringlie to really instill some passion in me, a commitment to something that I found to be extremely important. I went throughout that year achieving more than I imagined I could, and grew excited as the end of the season drew near.

The night before the state tournament, in the beginning of March, I ended up in the office of the school for a reason I find irrelevant to the core of my story. The most important part is that I was in trouble and a decision pertaining to my punishment needed to be made.

The infraction landed me in ISS — in school suspension — which lasted nearly two months. During this time I saw and felt things I had never felt, and wish onto nobody else. I had to feel what it was like to have my life crumble around me. Everything changed in a night, and I was introduced to the stinging pain of regret. All of this happened and more, but the worst was probably seeing my mother shaken to the core with worry and sadness.

She, as all mothers are, was the person that loved me the most, and was always thinking about me — worrying about the clothes I wore, or how much milk I drank, and the grades I received. My brothers and I are the center of her life, and she could see things I was still only imagining. My opportunities, from struggles with getting into college to the possibility of not even graduating from high school, were a real and apparent worry to her.

So I had a decision to make. I could stand back up and push my way through this impossible situation, or accept defeat and let my mother's worries come true.

I did what I hope all people reading this would and should do. I stood up and wiped off the pity. This was my fault, and it was up to me to fix it.

I asked my teachers to give me all the work they could, and that's how I spent my time in ISS. I worked, as much as I could, and not only caught up in, but was able to get ahead in my classes — so much so, that I finished three of my classes and passed them, in spite of the fact that I was eventually removed from school later that month through expulsion.

I then took summer school for my English



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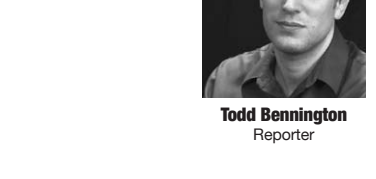
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Assessment

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that may need to happen," explained WCHS Chief Executive Officer Maureen Cadwell. "It is the very initial parts of, how do we become more efficient? How do we update the facilities to what we are currently needing?"

The assessment will take less than four months for the architects to complete. Mike Glassing, a health care project manager from CTA, visited the WCHS board meeting on Dec. 19 to explain how the assessment will work.

"I do nothing but health care, even more so, I do nothing but critical access hospitals and community health. I don't work in the big hospitals," he reassured the board. "We are really here to help you make intelligent decisions."

Before CTA meets with individual department heads questionnaires will be sent out to evaluate needs. Glassing rationalized that a lot of questions are asked to determine exactly what is necessary.

"[Sometimes] things that seem important — after you really work through everything you are dealing with — something you thought wasn't important, might actually be important. And something people thought was important, ends up not really being important," reasoned the project manager.

Glassing said a program will be generated listing everything the facility currently has in place. Then specific areas of interest will be looked at, taking into consideration the square footage currently available and the wants and needs of the hospital, before a plan of action is created.

"[We do that] because you really have to be intelligent about what really makes sense — what do we really think we need to do if we are going to do something. Let's just put that in writing and then try to decide, how are we going to go about accomplishing that?" Glassing explained of the process. "Let's really vet the information and decide what is really important — and I don't know what that is yet, but when we do, then you start looking at what really makes sense to correct that. Sometimes it is a little bit of money, sometimes it is just taking care of maintenance stuff, and maybe there are some bigger ideas that come out of that."

The assessment will address mechanical and electrical systems as well, and the system CTA proposes for creating a plan of action will help the facility plan for mechanical issues in the long run, he further explained.

Every master plan and facility varies. Sometimes only corrective action is needed and at other times larger projects develop, he told the board, adding that he has seen facilities decide in the end to rebuild. Regardless of their assessment, Glassing noted, the final decision regarding what to do — or not do — lies in the hands of the

WCHS Board of Directors.

"We are good at looking at the cost factors. We are not going to make decisions. We will try to educate you so you can make decisions," he continued.

He suggested that WCHS form a planning/building committee to include key staff, a provider and a couple of board members — somewhere between five and eight individuals — that offers a good mix of the entire organization.

A smaller group can gather information and present it to the board, rather than waiting on the entire board to get together.

"Sometimes those meetings can go a couple of hours when you are dealing with a lot of information — and that is tough to do with the board. Whereas if we can bring the planning committee in, we condense that a bit to the board, [making] it is easier than it is meeting with the board," he noted.

WCHS board treasurer Barry Peterson offered concern regarding getting stakeholder input on the planning/building committee. Because WCHS is a public facility, community involvement will be important in the process, Glassing agreed.

A public meeting can also be a valuable tool to offer understanding of possible proposals or to gather suggestions, it was noted.

"That was one of the key components of our selection. It was something that was missing in most of the other proposals. So we very much want to — not going overboard — but make sure there is some public consideration for what we are doing. [Community members are] not the decision-makers, but they have vital input," added Jill Sellers, WCHS chairman of the board.

WCHS board members Connie James and Jimmy Long reported they have heard from several community members that would like to see the facility offer urgent care and a pharmacy. Both possibilities are being looked at as possibilities, assured Cadwell.

James and Peterson elected to be the board's representatives on the planning/building committee, with Jimmy Long as an alternative. As for additional members, they were not discussed during the meeting.

The results of the CTA assessment, and what the WCHS Board of Directors will choose do as a result of the assessment, remains to be seen. According to Glassing, each facility's choices vary widely.

"From one master plan to another, and one facility to another, there might be some projects that come out of that, there might be some corrective action in the areas you decide to do," he concluded.

The motion was made to approve the assessment at the board's Nov. 21 meeting, for a cost of \$13,475, which had already been budgeted.

County health

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Act must be effective no later than day 91.

- Begin tracking employee hours over a three- to 12-month period to determine who works 30 or more hours a week and thus qualifies for coverage. Decide how this tracking period will work from year to year, and devise a method for determining how many hours the commissioners themselves work so their hours may be tracked as well.

- Ensure coverage costs no more than 9.5 percent of employee income in order to avoid "pay-or-play" penalties for offering "unaffordable" coverage, which are set to go into effect beginning Jan. 1, 2015.

Hageman went on to say that although the coverage offered through WEBT is in full compliance with the law — Willis maintains a full-time team of lawyers just to address health care reform, according to Hageman — it is critical that the county understand their obligations as employers, because, despite the support and counsel WEBT means to offer, ultimately the responsibility falls on the county.

"This is strictly employer-based law," she explained. "We're doing our best to give you good advice. However, when I say these are what we're recommending, I would strongly suggest running things past your county attorney once you make some determinations, just to have a legal person look at those."

Several of the commissioners openly expressed befuddlement and frustration at the new laws and regulations surrounding the Affordable Care Act, which can accurately be described as labyrinthine in nature and convoluted to the point of being incomprehensible to the layman, something Hageman readily admitted.

"I've gone gray in the last couple of years trying to figure it all out," she told the commissioners. "I've done insurance for 20 years now, but [with] health care reform I am spending more and more time on just trying to interpret these little caveats, and I'm by no means an attorney, but I can come up with 10 different ways to interpret every one of these things."

At times, Hageman's presen-

tation even seemed to turn palpably dark, taking on what can only be described as Orwellian overtones.

"Basically the county will at some point have to report to the IRS everything about your health plan," she said, "including what you offer, the plans you offer, the rates you offer, who you've offered the coverage to, including any dependent spouses or children. [For example], if you offered it to [one of your employees] and his 10 children [who] don't even live at home, you will still have to report on him and all of his children, whether or not they're covered, to the IRS. Eventually there'll be some iCloud somewhere where [the federal government] will be able to pull everything on you ... I just want you to know that we are headed in the direction where our private information will no longer be private. Our dependent children's names, dates of birth, social security numbers, health history — it will be somewhere."

"Health history? Medical records? All of our medical records?" Commissioner Tracy Hunt asked by way of clarification, to which Hageman answered in the affirmative.

Hunt went on to ask Hageman who, in her personal opinion, wrote the Affordable Care Act, a question to which she had no answer, stating only that she believed its origins lay in the Clinton Administration.

Eliciting further gasps of disbelief from the commissioners was Hageman's explanation of the Cadillac Plan Excise Tax, set to go into effect in 2018. As Hageman explained it, for plans with yearly premiums in excess of \$10,200 for an individual or \$27,500 for a family of two or more, a penalty of 40 percent of the difference will have to be paid. In other words, a plan with a \$1,000 monthly premium would incur a penalty of about \$720 a year.

"Would I have this properly characterized if I said the Affordable Healthcare Act requires everybody to have insurance but if your insurance is good, then [the government is] going to hammer you?" Hunt asked, to which Hageman

replied diplomatically, "That's why it's good, as we move forward in this process, to develop some different options for your employees. Rather than sticking with a \$500 deductible, it might be time to offer a couple of different deductibles to reduce your liability, make sure you're in compliance as a county. [Additionally], it [would] give [county employees] the opportunity to buy what they would like ..."

Hageman went on to attempt to assuage the commissioners' concerns by mentioning that the bulk of the changes that concern the county have been delayed until January 2015, so plenty of time exists to make preparations. The first 12 months of compliance will be the most difficult, she predicted, and after that it will be mainly a matter of keeping records up to date.

"I just feel bad for Mamie and her crew," Hageman concluded. "They are ultimately going to have an additional work load, and there will be people in here expecting things that [the county] can't give."

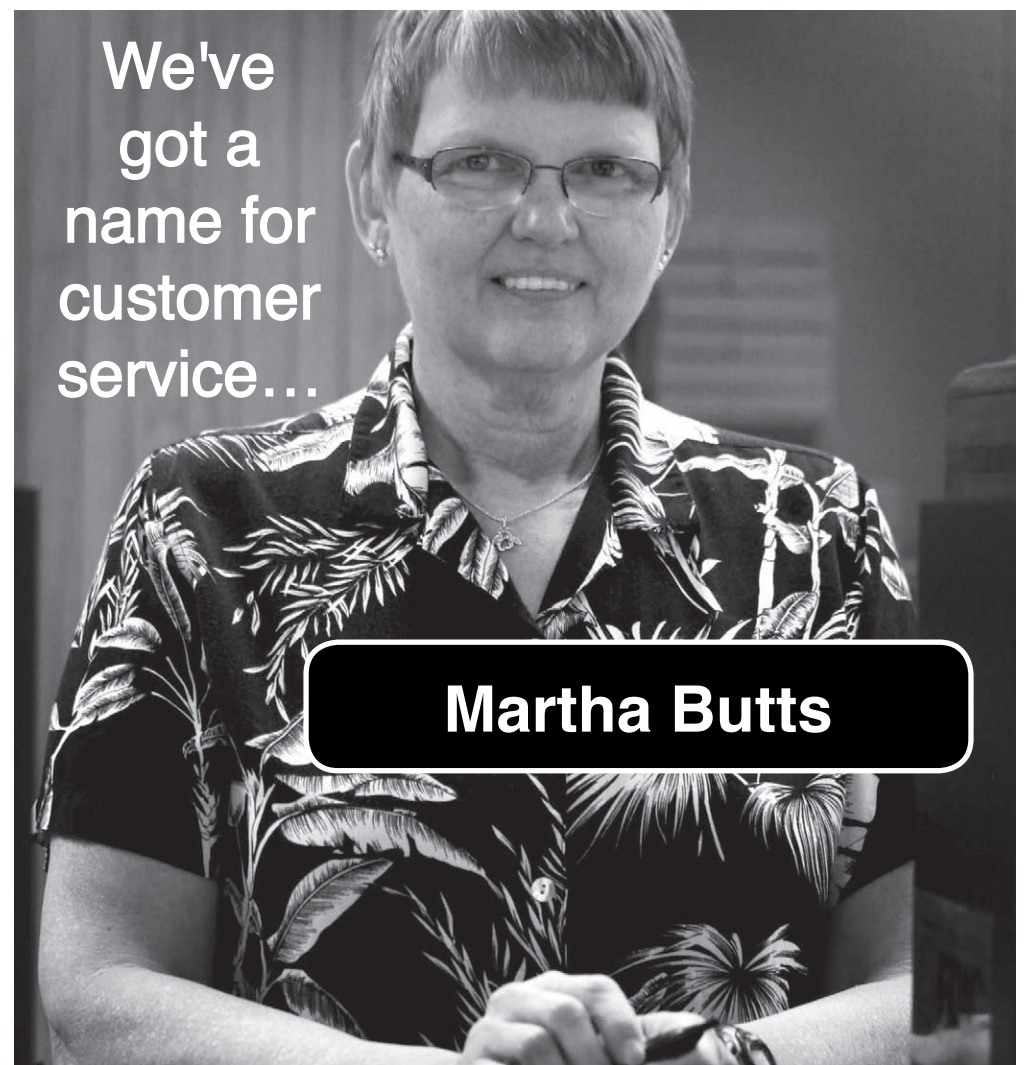
The non-profit WEBT, according to its website, is a combination of public educational entities that also offers enrollment to cities, towns, counties, and other publicly funded employers. Its stated aim is to provide high quality benefit programs while stabilizing costs.

CORRECTIONS

The name of Colin Heaton was misspelled in the photo of high school choir members "Merry gentlemen" on Page 11 of our Dec. 26, 2013, issue.

In the first paragraph of the Page 8 story in our Dec. 12, 2013, issue "Townsend named Grand Master Mason," we incorrectly stated that Townsend was appointed to the position of Grand Master Mason for the State of Wyoming by Wayne Christensen. Christensen, who is the Junior Grand Steward for Wyoming, was actually appointed to his position by Townsend.

We regret the errors.



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- ➔ **S27 • Blood Type** - Determination of ABO blood group and Rh type. Group and typing of expectant mothers and newborns may indicate potential for ABO hemolytic disease of the newborn. RH9(D) typing is used to determine Rh immune globulin candidacy for prenatal and postpartum patients.
- ➔ **S25 • Health Assessment (HA)** - Go online with the Mayo Clinic for a 12 month subscription and fill out your HA to find out your health risks & strengths. Use Mayo Clinic tools to help you with those risks.

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Chuck and Allison Farella and Family
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Brooke and Nate Githens and Family

Obituaries

LORRAINE IONE WALKUP CURREY
Feb. 1, 1922-Jan. 4, 2014

Lorraine Ione Walkup Currey was born to Albert and Marguerite Feb. 1, 1922, in Omaha, Neb., the oldest of three sisters and one brother.



Lorraine Currey

As a child she lived with her family in Omaha and Newcastle. She told stories about living in a tent on a prairie during the summer when her father was a herder, which were some of the more fun times in her childhood.

Lorraine married her best friend and love of her life, Ralph Russell Currey, on Sept. 20, 1941, in Sundance. Four children were born to this union.

She worked cleaning house to put herself through school. During her marriage she worked at Toomey's Mill, Rhoades's Grocery, Fountain Motor Inn, and she retired from Safeway as their head clerk in Newcastle.

Lorraine played with two Bridge clubs, and the one, she played with the same ladies for 65-plus years. These ladies and their husbands took many cruises together over the years.

She enjoyed first and foremost: Bridge, playing games with family and friends, reading, sewing, and in her younger years camping in their fifth-wheel camper. Her family was a very important part of her life and she enjoyed all the grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her parents, husband and two sisters.

She is survived by one brother and one sister. She is also survived by her four chil-

dren: Patricia (Bob) Gladson, two children and two grandchildren; Terry (Kathryn) Currey; Candace (Steven) Gully, two children and three grandchildren; and Cynthia (Steven) Richards, three children, one step-child, one granddaughter, and five step-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations and condolences can be sent to the Weston County Senior Center.

PAULINE HAGERMAN
Oct. 14, 1932-Jan. 4, 2014

Pauline Hagerman passed away on Jan. 4, 2014, in Ruston, La.



Pauline Hagerman

Pauline Gladys Murray was born on Oct. 14, 1932, to Everett and Vera Murray in Denver, Colo. Pauline attended rural Mason Creek School for four years near the family's ranch in Wyoming and six years in Upton. She graduated from Montecito School for Girls, in Santa Barbara, Calif., in 1950. She returned to Wyoming and married the love of her life, Billy Hagerman, on July 21, 1950.

Bill and Pauline ranched on the C-K Ranch for years and then leased the ranch and moved to Upton. Cattle and horses were always a part of their lives, and at every branding and cattle drive you could be sure to see Pauline right in the mix helping brand, giving shots, or riding a horse or four-wheeler right next to her husband. She helped with the haying and carried many an irrigation pipe up and down the fields to keep them watered, and always remembered to bring a thermos of coffee and a lunch for Bill.

Pauline worked for Boal's Department Store for two years and then purchased the store in 1967 and renamed it C-K Clothing. She had a flair for knowing what people liked and what looked good on them. She could estimate the right size of anyone or any foot that walked in the door! She was genuine, caring, always classy, and always had a smile. Her daughters and granddaughters enjoyed working with her in the store and learned many important life lessons from her along the way. Pauline ran the store for 27 years, until it was destroyed by fire in 1994.

Pauline and Billy purchased a home in Ruston in 1985 and spent most of their winters there. She became an avid fan of the Louisiana Tech Lady Techsters' basketball team. She enrolled at Louisiana Tech University, because it was close to where they lived, and she loved studying and learning so much, especially history. She was in the process of getting her college degree in history at the time of her death.

Pauline enjoyed flowers and gardening. She knew the names of every wildflower and plant on the prairie, and if she didn't she would pour over her flower books until she did. She raised first-class gardens and kept them meticulous. Her yard was her life in the summertime. She enjoyed soaking in the warm sunshine and babying every bud that bloomed. Her favorites were her roses, irises and peonies.

Staying active kept Pauline young. She loved riding horses, being outdoors and swimming laps at the pool in Upton and in Ruston. She loved picnics with her family. Her grandchildren always knew she wouldn't forget the Oreos! She hosted many elegant — See **Obituaries**, Page 5

Five Generations

For Thanksgiving 2013, 92-year-old Helen Rhoades Kaiser gathered with family members, taking a moment to take this photo of five generations. Pictured are Kaiser, Jody Rhoades Gould, Lisa Gould Smith, Ty Smith and 3-month-old Saraya Smith.

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- CAMBRIA COMMUNITY CHURCH:** Pastor Chris Walton, 19 Stampede St. 746-2321. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship 10:30 am; Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm
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- CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS:** Bishop Greg James, 120 Ash, 746-4131. Sunday Sacrament Meeting 9 am; Sunday School 10:20 am; Relief Society & Priesthood Mtg 11:15 am.
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- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Paul Holland, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Sunday School 8:45 am; Church Services 8 & 10 am; Nursery care available.
- GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Jon Andersen, Evangelical Free Church meets at the Weston County Senior Services; Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship 11 am. Call 746-8091.
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- NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sunday Worship 10 am; Wednesday Night Prayer.
- NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Wayne Wilson, meets at Black Gold Realty Building, 1517 W. Main, 746-5542. Sunday Worship 10 am.
- OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH:** 348 Sheridan St. Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm.
- SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST:** Pastor Gary Force, 78 Old Hwy 85, 746-3504 or 278-0254, Pastoral Assistant Jason Logan 746-2974. Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11:20 am.
- ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Killian Muli, Upton. Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
- VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH:** Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366.
- UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Rev. Sharee Johnson, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship 10:30 am; Children's Church & Nursery are available; 1st & 3rd Wed Evenings Prayer and Praise Service 7 pm.

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Weekly Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:18-25	Matthew 2:1-12	Matthew 2:13-23	Matthew 3:1-17	Matthew 8:1-17	Matthew 8:18-34	Matthew 9:1-17
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family dinners with her favorite sets of china, and hugs greeted every guest. She was an expert on family history, and an avid reader. She often said that a week without a good book was like a week without sunshine.

Many people commented on how sweet and kind she was. She loved visiting with people and was truly interested in their lives. She always said she hated the days she couldn't get out to visit with them. Her family loved to share their accomplishments with her. She was their biggest cheerleader, and so proud of all of them. Her sense of humor and wit were a trademark. She also had a stubborn streak and was not swayed from her ideas.

Pauline loved to travel and has been to many countries around the globe. On tours, she would walk into an airport and comment on how exciting it was to imagine all of the places the people were going. She enjoyed every minute of her trip — from the scenery, to the food, to the people she met. She noticed every small detail. No one was more appreciative. She taught that love of traveling to her children and grandchildren.

She was loved by all who knew her, and will be greatly missed.

Pauline is survived by her husband, Billy Hagerman; her daughters, Ivole (Morece) Dillon and Eileen (Tom) Nistler; daughter-in-law, Suzanne Hagerman; seven grandchildren, Marsha (Loren) Barritt, Jill (Clint) Langer, Brenna (Emmanuel) Chafee, Maura and Jamison Nistler, Michelle Hagerman, Nicole (Zach) Dewees; six great-grandchildren, Dillon and Reece Barritt, Andrew and Matthew Langer, Noella Chafee, and Cora Hagerman; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Vera and Everett Murray; her only sister, Margaret Ann O'Keefe; and her son, Lewis. Memorial services are pending.

100 YEARS AGO - JAN. 1, 1914

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Keys, of the EVA ranch on Beaver creek, reached the golden anniversary of their marriage December 30, 1913. The children living are Mrs. E. R. Maris of this city, L. R. Keys of Beaver creek, P. B. Keys of Deerfield, S. D. and Bernard Keys of Worland. A family dinner in honor of the parents was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Keys last Sunday.

Tom Shell, of the Horton area, was pleasantly surprised Friday evening by having a number of the neighbors call on him, it being his birthday. A pleasant evening was spent.

James Mayberry and Miss Mabel Love were married by Justice Shellhart Christmas day. A wedding dance was given at the home of the groom Saturday night.

A great treat was given to the patrons of the North Timber Tuesday night, by the teacher, Miss Magda Lundgren. For several weeks from the children had been preparing and being trained for their several parts. Recitations, dialogues, singing were part

of the program.

H. J. Rhine, of Cambria, returned from Sheridan Saturday after spending Christmas with the family of his daughter Mrs. Joseph Littler.

W. E. Bennett, who has a homestead on Wild Cat Creek, was in to spend Christmas with his family who are living in town during the winter months.

The Newcastle post office force is breathing again since the Christmas rush. For several days the amount of mail handled kept them on the jump, one day reaching the total of fifty five large sacks.

Dr. A. B. Cox arrived from Lawson, Mo., Tuesday evening. Dr. Cox is a veterinary surgeon and will probably take up the practice a little later, as he expects to make Newcastle his home. He is brother to Mr. Calvin Cox. Mr. Cox is also a violinist and will unite with his brother in forming an orchestra which will furnish music at The Edison and for other occasions.

Last Thursday Tom Harrison came up from Newcastle to run the Pool Hall at Cambria for Tom Carey, the latter going to his ranch to spend the day with his family.

75 YEARS AGO - JAN. 5, 1939

Nels H. Smith, 54-year-old stockman-rancher of the Horton community, became Wyoming's thirteenth governor Monday in a ceremony marked by simplicity. Smith is the first governor of Wyoming from Weston County.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church Tuesday afternoon for Anna Smith, a resident of Wyoming and Weston county for twenty years. Survivors include a brother, Jesse Freel of Newcastle.

Coach Strong's Dogie basketball team was put to a real test in their first game of the season Wednesday night and proved their strength over the Hill City team when they edged out the South Dakota quintet 18 to 17.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kudlock and son Duane and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Kudlock, of the Horton community, were guests at the George Pzinski home New Years Day.

Anna Marie Allen was a passenger on the Prairie mail Monday. She was returning to Newcastle to resume her school duties.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lauranti and son Lead and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Podio, Sr. and Tessie Piscioti left for Alliance to spend New Year's day at the home of Mrs. Lena Pizzi and family. Mrs. Pizzi is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Podio and a sister of Mrs. Lauranti.

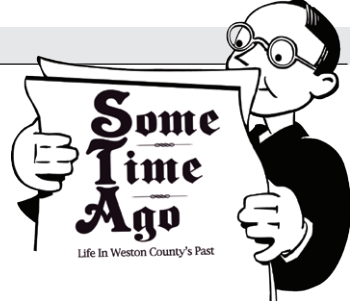
Mrs. James Holwell and son Gene, of Osage, spent Wednesday in Newcastle at the F. D. Humphries home, helping her mother Mrs. Jennie Johnson, celebrate her birthday.

Mrs. Mark Sheehan, of Osage, received a wire Christmas day that her daughter Marjorie (Mrs. Jack McCarter) saying that a 9 1/2 lb. baby girl came to their home at Upland, Calif., Christmas morning.

The Christmas program given by Mrs. Ruby Landen and pupils at the Morrissy school Friday night was well attended. Santa Claus arrived with treats for everyone. The program, which was a play, "Red and the Christmas Whoppers," was well given.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Boyd entertained on New Year's day at a dinner which was served to Mr. and Mrs. Bo Whitman and children, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hurd, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Schneider and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hurd, Mrs. Edith Boyd and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Cummings and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Walker had as guests New Year's day Chas. Lassen, Mr. and Mrs. John Knipp, Mr. and Mrs. J. E.



Long, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pollat and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Adkins and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Elliott and children, and Sam Walker. A bountiful dinner was enjoyed and chinker cheks was the amusement for the day. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Waggoner also were guests.

50 YEARS AGO - JAN. 2, 1964

Newcastle received 15.35 inches of moisture during year 1963, similar to the amount in 1962. In the drought year of 1961, Newcastle received only 6.83 inches.

Elaine Jones and Larry Holwell reigned over the Sweetheart Sno Ball last Friday evening as princess and duke. The annual ball is sponsored by the DeMolays and Jobs Daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Piscioti, Bunny, Jimmy and Gordon were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hap Metz Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Whitley, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Whitley, Jr. spent Christmas day in Hot Springs, S. D. visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Haley and family.

Red Owl Ad: 1 1/2 lb. loaf bread for 25 cents, ground chuck for 49 cents a lb., pork roasts for 29 cents a lb.

Mrs. Carl Larson was a Monday evening caller of Mr. and Mrs. Royal Bock and children of Osage.

Jack & Jill Market Ad: fresh grapefruit 4 for 49 cents. 2 lbs. thick slice bacon for 79 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. David Cellers, Stewart and Ann, of Lone Tree area, left for Buffalo Wednesday. The children stayed in Buffalo with David's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cellers. Mr. and Mrs. David Cellers went on to Sheridan for a day. They all came home Friday. Alberta Cellers stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Myers in Upton while her parents were gone.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Loth of Osage were Christmas dinner guests of her mother, Mrs. Myrtle West of Newcastle. Other guests were Mrs. Bertha Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kelley and Glenda and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kaldahl and Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Decil Bayne of Harrison, Nebr., and Mrs. And Mrs. Dick Miller and family of Edgemont, S. D., were house guests at the Lester Bayne home during the holidays.

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From the Vault of the Anna Miller Museum:

One of Newcastle's earliest and most well-known physicians, Dr. Franz, assisted by Lorlene Mitich in 1969.



WHAT'S UP

Meetings & Events Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Jan. 9	5:30 p.m.	City Planning Commission Meeting	City Hall
	7 p.m.	W.C. Museum Dist. Board Meeting	Anna Miller Museum
Jan. 10	6:30 a.m.	W.C.H.S. Blood Draw	W.C. Senior Center
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	7:30 p.m.	Square Dancing	Newcastle Elementary
	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
	3 p.m.	4-H Club Officer Training	W.C. Fairgrounds
Jan. 12	2 p.m.	Bingo	Corpus Christi Church
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
Jan. 13	1 p.m.	AARP Meeting	W.C. Senior Center
	6:30 p.m.	4-H Council Meeting	USDA Building
	7 p.m.	Square Dance Lessons	Newcastle Elementary
Jan. 14	1:30 p.m.	Dirt Daubers Garden Club Meeting	Library Meeting Room
	6:30 p.m.	W.C. Fair Board Meeting	Fair Office
	6:45 p.m.	ALANON (746-9791)	Mondell Heights
	7 p.m.	American Legion Meeting	Armory
	7:30 p.m.	Newcastle Eastern Star	Masonic Lodge
Jan. 15	9 a.m.	W.C. Senior Services Meeting	W.C. Senior Center
	Noon	Newcastle Lions Club Meeting	W.C. Senior Center
	1:30 p.m.	W.C. Weed & Pest Meeting	Weed & Pest Office
	6 p.m.	W.C. Humane Society Meeting	Shelter
	7 p.m.	Ladies Firearms Safety & Self Defense	Indoor Range
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
Jan. 16	Noon	Good Citizen Awards	NES
Jan. 17	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	7:30 p.m.	Mason's Meeting	Masonic Lodge
	7:30 p.m.	Square Dancing	Newcastle Elementary
	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Jan. 9:** Michael Whitley, Marilyn Wright
Jan 11: Mr. & Mrs. Bill Lunney, James Lewis, Jorja Hileman
Jan. 12: Curtis Wineteer
Jan. 13: Hayden Sylte, Thomas Prell, Jay Kachelhoffer
Jan. 14: John L. Ellis, Ken Pittick, Troy Cassey, David Whitley
Jan. 15: Bill & Marcella Carson

For the Ages

News Letter Journal

Newcastle's barber prepares for centennial

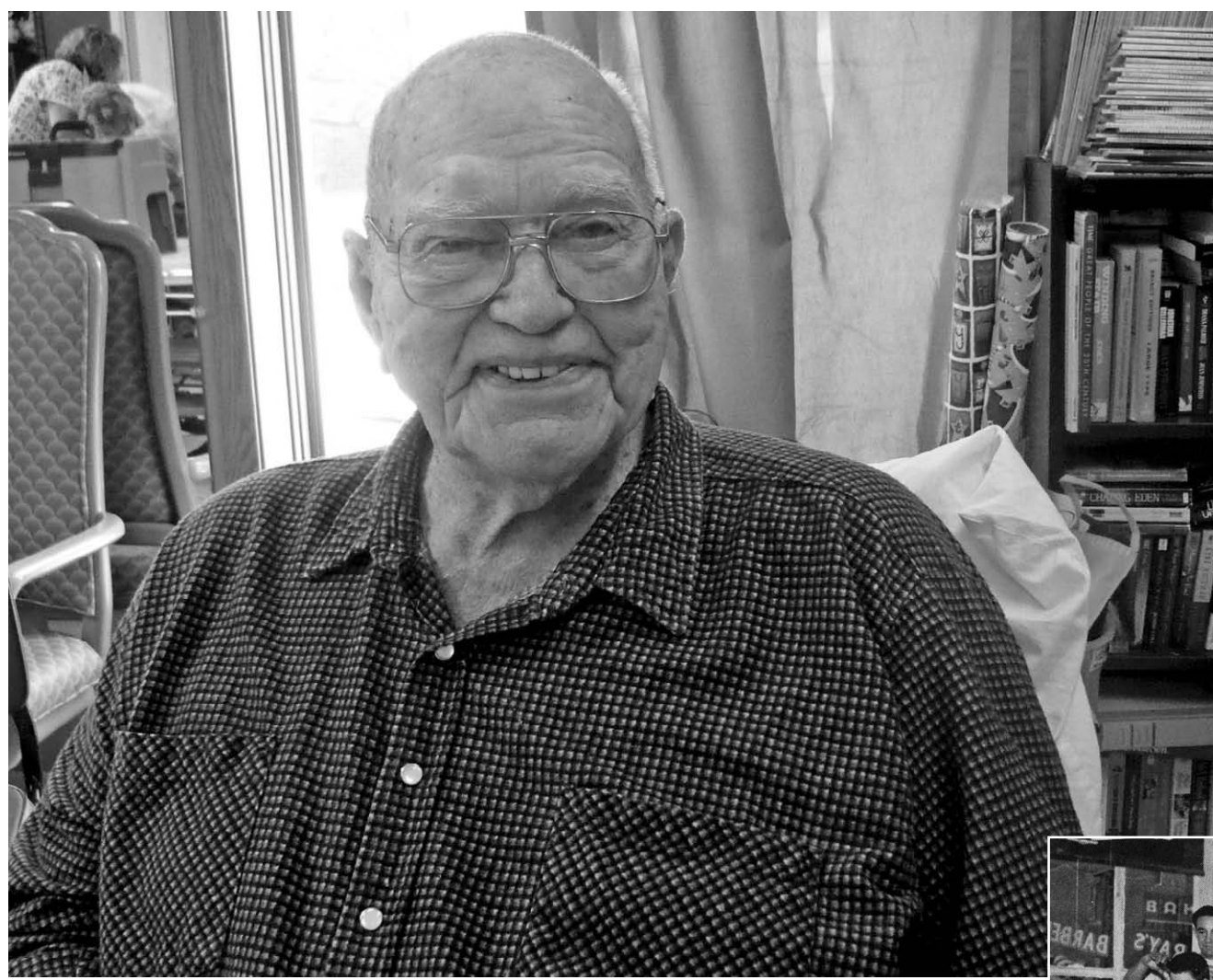
By Donna Gochanour
NLJ Senior Correspondent

In 2004, the News Letter Journal did an interview with Ray Streets on the occasion of his 90th birthday, and Streets said then that they would have to have another party for his 100th birthday. Well, now he has come to that time in his life and Streets will have a party on Saturday, the 11th, at the Manor in honor of this birthday. In 100 years, through the Great Depression and moving from place to place in his early life, Streets has a huge supply of stories to tell about his life — and I think that he could just about fill a book with it all.

I visited with his wife June and she told me a little story about Ray when he worked at Mt. Rushmore with his brother Aaron. They were pretty young, 18 and 21 at the time, and they had been hired to build toilets, clear trees and make steps. One day when shift was nearly over, they went on an adventure, climbed up to a platform under George Washington's nose and couldn't figure out how to get back down. The place closed down for the night and they remembered about a set of steps that led to a gate but it too was locked. The end result was climbing up and over the top and then down the other side. Years later, a plaque was done with the names of all of the workers on it. Aaron's name was there but somehow they didn't get Ray's name on it.

Well, there are so many stories from Street's life that it's hard to pick and choose! Ray's son Dallas drove over from Gillette and helped Ray with this interview. Streets is still pretty lively but his hearing gives him trouble.

Ray's parents lived on an island in the Missouri River. He was born on the Nebraska side and in the middle of the night, the river switched and he was



In the photos, inset, submitted by the family of Ray Streets, he is at his familiar barber chair. At left, Streets prepares for his 100th birthday celebration to be held this weekend.

in South Dakota the next day. His dad worked at a lumber mill there but the owner was a moonshiner who made most of his income selling whiskey. Ray's dad started making wine, which he hauled to Yankton and sold to supplement their income.

There were nine kids in the family, eight boys and one little girl, Mary. This little sister died when she was about 4 years old. In this large family the boys went to work when they were very young, often only 8 and 9 years old. They moved many times, and spent a lot of time working in saw mills through those years. Ray and brother Tolley worked at one saw mill for 28 days and all they got for their work was a cross cut saw and 10 pounds of navy beans.

Money was scarce and hundreds were out on the road, looking for work and hitching rides on freight trains. Custer Lumber Company was the best place they worked at, which paid their boys every Friday night. It was while working here and living in the Elk Mountain area that Ray spied a little lady who was teaching school and he started courting this little gal who became his first wife, Mary.

Making a living for a family was very hard and Ray worked for LAK for a while and here he became a cowboy, even helping to build the dam at LAK Lake. The ranch raised wheat and Ray hauled it to Newcastle to Toomey's Mill and sold straw and hay to the army for the

Cavalry horses.

Then Ray went to work at Homestake, cutting logs. Their son Dallas was born in 1940, and in 1949 Ray decided he needed something that would make a steady income and he went to barber college. About 1951, after he graduated, he set up shop in Newcastle. He was the town barber for 45 years. He and Mary built a little place east of Newcastle and life was happy for them, but in 1981 Mary passed away. They had been married for 44 years.

A year later, he married his neighbor, Jean Johnson, who had been widowed, and they had 10 years together before he lost her to cancer. Then in 1995, Ray married for the third time, to June Gould. June had



been widowed for six years and Ray decided that he was ready to retire and start a new life with a new wife. That year he took down his "barber shingle," sold his home out of town and moved in to town with June. They did some traveling but they decided that "home" was the best place to be.

Ray Streets married three times and has, according to the list Dallas made, 12 children,

31 grandchildren and another 31 great-grandchildren and of course, the list grows now and then. As June said, "he loved them all and they loved him." What better thing could be said!

Those who would like to help Ray Streets celebrate his 100th birthday can join his family at the Weston County Manor Dining Room on Saturday, Jan. 11, from 2 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Ever try to put a goat in an airplane?

Back at our airstrip in Alaska, Montana Creek Maintenance and Repair had added an air taxi certificate and formed Susitna Air Service in the early 1980s. We had added another hangar/office, also with propane and avgas service, at the FAA strip in Talkeetna. Rather than add to the traffic already covering Mt. McKinley with climbers and tourists, we specialized in Bush flying, taking all kinds of traffic out to remote locations.

Susitna Air had been formed with my husband and two Air Force buddies, both C-130 pilots, Ty Lee and Erv Hobbs. Erv was still active duty with retirement on the horizon and Ty was out of active duty and doing weekends with the National Guard. That made Ty and my husband Boyd the two pilots for the Air Taxi. I always figured Ty's mom had a pretty good sense of humor; from looking at the name everyone expected a Chinese man, but Ty was over six foot tall, blond and had a brother named Cag, as in



Donna Gochanour
I Remember When

"Commander Air Group."

I kept going at a dead run most days. The office at Montana Creek and even my house ended up with strangers sleeping everywhere, parked in front of my TV and empty coffee containers everywhere. Up at Talkeetna it was just as bad. We soon found ourselves with groups of white-water rafters and fishermen trying to get out on some river to fish. Both hangars would have loads of stuff going out to some homesteader's cabin: lumber, groceries, gasoline for generators, propane for cook stoves (no people on these volatile loads!), materials for home-schooled kids. If they could think of it, it went out. Very often passengers would show up and the weather would deteriorate so they couldn't go and I got another house guest or office-sleeper. One weekend I counted nine people that "just came up to spend the weekend."

Early in the year the guys were busy hauling Iditarod dog food up to checkpoints along the trail and that was followed by flying Channel 2 News teams up and dropping them off at checkpoints as well.

Spring came and folks from out in the Bush started hauling stuff in to remote cabins.

Then came a call on the CB radio for a request to pick up some stuff from a cabin. Turns out a couple of families got a mining claim out on Peter's Creek and the State of Alaska discovered they had used their lease to build a farm instead. The state demanded that they disband the operation and get off the property. This was going to be a big bunch of hauling! They not only had tillers and a garden and furniture and every kind of household stuff, they had chickens and a herd of goats! Oh boy, how to get an airplane full of chickens back, but worse yet, a load of panic-stricken goats.

Ty Lee paced the floor and got his mental state worked up until he felt ready to tackle the job. They started off hauling household and shop stuff and kept filling up the hangar and emptying the homestead. It was a one-shot deal: the state had given them a deadline.

The chickens were actually easy, all in cages and loaded up into the Cessna 206. But then disaster struck and Ty had a load of goats, all bleating and scared, bumping into the sides of the airplane when the

engine on the aircraft sort of conked out at Trapper Lake, just across the river from the airstrip. The aircraft filled up with smoke and the goats went nuts. He had four pregnant nanny goats in there and they were not happy!

Ty got safely landed and called me on the CB to have Boyd come with the Super Cub and pick him up. Boyd had gone on a flight out of Talkeetna and I couldn't find him. Not only were the goats desperate, Ty sounded a bit distressed himself, sort of on the way to hysteria.

I called everywhere I could think of and no help in sight, and finally I called Ty back and said, "Ty, I can't find anybody so I think you better let those goats out for awhile before they either chew the cabin up or crap in it!" The vision of cleaning up goat crap...bad!

In the end, when Boyd finally came back with the Cub, they hauled a goat at a time in that little airplane and last of all Ty Lee. There went a \$12,000 engine and I had posted a sign over the office coffee pot: "When the going gets tough, the tough get going," and Ty had written under that "to the bar!" And he did. But he walked over and kicked the nearest airplane before he left.

Senior Happenings

Weston County Senior Citizen's Center

Jan. 9: Mexican Train
Jan. 10: Blood Draw
Jan. 11: Open Rec Room
Jan. 13: AARP
Jan. 14: Trip to First Gold
Jan. 15: Toenail Clinic
Jan. 16: Trip to The Lodge
Jan. 17: Bridge Ladies
Jan. 18: Open Rec Room
Jan. 21: Mexican Train
Jan. 22: Lions Club Meeting
Jan. 23: Fancy Workers

Weston County Manor

Jan. 9: Manicures 2 p.m.
Jan. 10: Bingo 2 p.m.
Jan. 11: Happy Hour 3 p.m.
Jan. 12: Trivia 11 a.m.
Jan. 13: Resident Council 10:30
Jan. 14: Ceramics 10:30 a.m.
Jan. 15: Kickball 10:30 a.m.
Jan. 16: Al & the Gang 2 p.m.
Jan. 17: Hat Day Party 10:30
Jan. 18: Hangman 11 a.m.
Jan. 20: Cooking 3 p.m.
Jan. 21: Keepsake Krafters 2 p.m.
Jan. 22: Bingo 2 p.m.
Jan. 23: Manicures 2 p.m.

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Making plans

Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce's president, Kim Conzelman, makes a point during the Chamber's strategic planning meeting Thursday at the Fountain Inn. (Photo by Todd Bennington/NLJ)

Prairie dogs

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... The current label restrictions on Rozol, which is a new generation of anticoagulants, is really nothing new. It got past Environmental Protection Agency scrutiny mainly due to the promise of the applicator to be pretty diligent about going out on the site and [disposing of] any dead carcasses found above ground. That at least prevents secondary poisoning of things like eagles, hawks, coyotes, and foxes, because that's mainly where they're foraging. It doesn't do much good for below-ground predators like ferrets and badgers ..."

Asked if the non-lethal means of control suggested by the HSUS in their press release, namely vegetative barriers and translocation, were indeed effective, Forrest said they were, while admitting they may not be appropriate in all circumstances.

"I think vegetative barriers are probably the most reliable non-lethal method ... If you just go with a straight vegetative buffer, it can be a lot narrower than a poison or some other control buffer...They don't work in really short grass situations and there [are areas] of short grass and mixed grass prairie on the [Thunder Basin National Grassland] where vegetative buffers would not work."

Forrest went on to suggest the introduction of the endangered black-footed ferret could be one means of limiting prairie dog expansion, a controversial assertion, especially in Weston County where county officials have passed a resolution rejecting such a move and public opinion toward efforts to introduce the ferret are generally negative.

"They're not going to reduce the number of prairie dogs," Forrest said of the black-footed ferret, "but they're going to [create] some equilibrium where expansion at least is moderated somewhat."

Locals actively involved in prairie dog management tend to disagree, however, with the claims made by Forrest and, in turn, the Humane Society. Mark Stenson of M&M Services, a commercial contractor specializing in prairie dog control, and Hale Redding, district supervisor of the Weston County Weed & Pest Control District, opined that the presence of the black-footed ferret would offer no significant control of prairie dog populations given the large territories required by relatively few numbers of ferrets and the capacity of the prairie dog to reproduce itself, with females capable of producing several litters a year. The presence of

the endangered ferret would also severely restrict other options available to landowners for controlling prairie dogs on their property, they said.

As for the use of poison, Redding and Stenson explained that zinc phosphide, which acts swiftly and has no secondary kill potential, was their first choice for controlling prairie dogs due to its less time-consuming application and resultant cost effectiveness. Neither of them, as experienced users of the anticoagulant Rozol, which they described as their second choice, said they had ever seen secondary kills resulting from the product, and described its use as heavily regulated.

"99 percent of [prairie dogs] go [into their burrows] and they pass away down-hole," Stenson explained of Rozol's effects. "If an animal does happen to die on top of the ground, we are required by label and the label [reflects] the law, to go out there for two weeks after we've put the product out and monitor ... to find any carcasses that are on top of the ground and bury them ..."

"With the new Rozol label that we have now," Redding added, "before we even start putting any out, we have to do a survey of the town, check for any raptor species, anything that would be a likely secondary kill ... If there are any in the area, we're not allowed to [use the product]. We have to check the EPA website for the area we're planning to treat to see if there are any limitations I think four days after treatment we start, every other day, monitoring. We have to completely grid the entire town again on foot to check for any above-ground carcasses."

Redding, while suggesting that non-lethal techniques might be appropriate in urban areas where the use of poison is more problematic, described vegetative barriers as ineffective on the short grass prairie common to Weston County and translocation as cost prohibitive. He estimated the cost of using zinc phosphide as being about \$20 per acre while translocation is, he said, about \$500-600 per prairie dog. Neither, according to Redding, can an entire prairie dog town be moved with 100 percent effectiveness owing to the difficulty of catching every individual prairie dog.

Despite objections from people like Stenson and Redding and the apparent widespread lack of sympathy for his organization's views in Weston County, Forrest suggested there exists a silent

minority in the area that does support their efforts.

"The opinions held by a few folks are not universally held by all the landowners out there," he said. "Who we're really speaking to is the folks whose interest in those public lands includes an interest in ensuring wildlife is appropriately managed ... We're speaking to those people in Weston County who have an interest [in that]. I know they're dug in pretty deep and probably wouldn't stand up at a public meeting and applaud our efforts, but I know they're there. More importantly, we're talking to a national constituency that does have an interest in the way those public lands are managed in Wyoming."

Redding, while recognizing that Forest Service lands are publicly owned, said it's the influence of this national constituency, often uninformed about local conditions and issues, that he worries most about.

"As of Thursday [Jan. 2] the Forest Service had received over 86,000 comments on this proposed amendment. I would estimate that 5,000 or less were from Wyoming. Most of them are probably from outside of the western United States," Redding said.

Stenson expressed similar worries, noting that with the single exception of the Wyoming Game & Fish Department, the prairie dog is classified throughout Wyoming as a pest. He emphasized the creature's ability to literally overrun an area, reducing grassland to "moonscapes" and contributing to soil erosion. Many of the people weighing in on the issue in favor of the prairie dog, he said, had the luxury of not being directly affected by it, adding that the goal of those who favor the use of poisons was not eradication, which he described as impossible, but merely control.

"I don't really think that they grasp what [we're dealing with]. If they had prairie dogs causing issues in their front yard, I think they might understand it a little bit better. But I don't think they truly understand the extent of what we're dealing with," he concluded.

Contacted for comment, Neela Beardsley, shelter director of the Weston County Humane Society, distanced herself from the national organization, from which she said local chapters receive little or no funding. The Weston County Humane Society concerns itself strictly with the welfare of pets, she indicated, adding that they take no official position in regard to grassland management.



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their move to award bonuses. "It reflects a complete lack of discipline ... [and] respect for the process. We knew the position [county employees] were in when we did our budgeting ... That's why you have that process. You have ... all of your necessary expenditures for the year in front of you and each of them competes with [the others] for that money. I remember talking about this [when we did the budgeting], and ... the point that was persuasive to me [at the time], was not necessarily that we couldn't afford it, but if we could afford it this year, maybe we can't afford it next year. I don't see how [it's] any different if you create some kind of expectation that we're going to violate our budget process to extend money to our employees on a regular basis. Why don't we build that into the budgeting process?"

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— **Tracy Hunt**
W.C. Commissioner

Hunt continued by saying he was concerned about where the county was to get the funds for the bonuses and whether or not other necessary expenditures might be jeopardized by the last-minute decision, finally concluding by stating that a pay raise should have been decided on during the initial budgeting process.

"If we had the money to pay the employees at the time we did the budget we should have said that. We should not be considering our employees last ... At the time I made the point more than once that the cost of living has gone up ... more than any kind of cost of living index would indicate, and that the purchasing power of our employees has gone down over the years ... I think they deserve to be paid commensurate with what the rest of the community pays their employees, but I think that's a process, not something that you do at the end of the year while you're fidgeting over what you should have done six months earlier."

Rossman responded to Hunt's lengthy and passionate address by saying he believed county pay was by and large competitive with the private sector and that the year-end bonus option offered the county financial flexibility that an across-the-board pay raise wouldn't allow.

"To address Tracy [Hunt],"

he said, "our truck drivers and equipment operators ... are making as much or more than most people in the roustabout field ... Yes, it would be nice to pay them more, but that's something that you're locked into year after year ... [When] you don't know what the assessment is going to be next year, you're kind of setting yourself up to where you're going to have to dig someplace else."

For their part, Chairman Lenard Seeley and Vice-Chair Jerry Shepperson indicated that, though they agreed with Hunt in principal, they were in support of going ahead with the bonus.

"I'm torn between agreeing with the benevolent idea of appreciation for employees and what Mr. Hunt says, which does show some signs of logic," Shepperson commented. "Generally I like the idea of the bonus, because it is a way for us to express appreciation. With that said, I fully agree with [Hunt] on the idea that, had we been able to afford it, a raise would have been more appropriate. However, we didn't feel we could. That's water under the bridge. So yes, I'm in favor of a bonus."

"If we [don't want this to] happen again," Seeley added, "I think that in the budgeting process we could leave room for this. I'd like to see them get the bonus. I hear where [Hunt's] coming from. [He's] even right. I even agree with [him]."

In response to a question from Shepperson about whether the bonus applied to the airport manager and 4-H personnel, County Clerk Mamie Krank clarified, "No, no contract

employees were included in this and it also does not cover the fair or library who have their own budgets. It's only the employees who are paid through the county payroll. The reason ... is we would have to increase the fair and library budgets, to have a budget amendment more or less ..."

Fielding further questions from Hunt and Seeley about where exactly the money would come from, Krank explained, "When I looked at the budget, the most logical place that I could think of was out of the financial administration [account] where taxes are already pulled for employee paychecks ..."

Shepperson, recalling that a 50-cent hourly raise for county employees would have totaled approximately \$60,000 for fiscal year 2014, questioned Krank as to how much the bonus would cost the county, to which she responded that it would be about \$15,000 in total, further noting that, as a bonus, the money would not be counted toward the employees' Wyoming Retirement System earnings.

After the motion was voted on and passed, with Hunt casting the only dissenting vote, he capped off the discussion of the issue by again reiterating his concerns to the commission.

"There has to be a methodical process for establishing the wage structure for employees," he reasoned. "You've got a sack of money here that belongs to the people of the county, and these guys are all on our team; we love all these people, we see them every day, and we just decide at the last minute to reach into this sack of money and throw a little money their way. If we're not standing right by them on our wage scale, we've got to get that adjusted and then we have to live with that."

The last pay increase received by the employees of Weston County was a 50-cent hourly increase for fiscal year 2013, Krank confirmed with the News Letter Journal last Thursday.

Representatives of the Weston County Library Board appeared before the county commissioners on Tuesday to express their concerns about the budgeting process and lack of bonus for library employees, though no action was taken.

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the project done by the end of July ... That's what our architect and engineering department have planned."

"There's several major events coming up this year for the districts and the county, elections and stuff like that, so we want to make sure the buildings are ready to go for them," added Perkins.

Asked if the improvement district has received many expressions of interest from businesses seeking to house themselves within the complex, Perkins said he feels the bulk of potentially interested parties are probably holding back until work on the project is actually under way.

"I think what a lot of people are waiting for is to see if this actually happens, because there's been discussion for years and ... it takes time to get these things [going] and they're waiting for, I guess, physical action. But we've had interest. We've had people talking about variety stores ...," he said.

Still, even as it now stands, the complex is seeing a good deal of use, with both the Osage Water District and the Osage Improvement and Service District Sewer Department having located their offices within the building.

"We also have people who are using the facility for community get-togethers. We also have daily walkers in the building who pay so much per day to walk in the building, [and] we

have two of the Newcastle soccer teams up here practicing," Crabtree mentioned, adding that the annual Chili/Oyster Stew Feed will also take place at the complex on Jan. 22.

Other long-term projects centered on the complex include the potential future introduction of a convenience store, which Crabtree described as being in a state of limbo at the moment, and a community garden with which the improvement district is rapidly moving ahead.

"We have material that's coming in right now for our community garden. We'll be getting those [materials] put together so people can start planting in early spring ... Water will be available for them so they can take care of their own spot. Kind of like what Newcastle has at the senior citizen's center. It will be kind of the same set-up," said Crabtree, further explaining that exact fees will be dependent on which size garden box participants choose.

Perkins, when asked to sum up his thoughts on the project, spoke of the historic building's significance to the community and the further use to which the improvement district hopes to see it put.

"I just hope that everybody realizes the importance of what Kitty Moats is, not only to Osage, but to the county, and we're hoping more people will be able to come and use [and enjoy the building]," he concluded.

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Sports

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Lady Dogies breeze past Lusk

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

The Dogie gals cruised to an easy victory against 2A Lusk on the road on Saturday to raise their record to 4-3 and give themselves a boost in confidence just as 3A East conference play is set to begin for them this week.

Though Newcastle took a large early lead and was never in danger throughout the course of the contest, Coach Tyler Bartlett was nevertheless not totally satisfied with the performance in which he felt his team still displayed something of their tendency to let up pressure in the second half. It's a problem that has plagued the female Dogies all season.

"We talked about it at half-time," Bartlett recalled. "We've had some big leads at the half already this year and then kind of let those leads go, so we talked about [maintaining] that same intensity in the second half that we [brought] in the first half. To some to degree we did that."

"At the same time we didn't extend that lead," Bartlett lamented. "We never gave up the lead. We were up pretty comfortably the whole game. But in the second half I was hoping to extend that lead a little bit more, whereas we kept it right around 20. In fact, if you look at it, [Lusk] out-scored us by five points in the second half. Again, we're still kind of working on taking that first-half intensity and effort level into the second half. [It's] still something of a challenge moving forward."

The Dogie coach went on to mention turnovers and a few defensive lapses as being among other minor blemishes on his team's performance. Yet in the end Newcastle turned in a dominant victory, beating by a score



Sierra LaCroix/For NLJ
Anna Henkle, a senior guard for Newcastle, looks upward while seeking to score against Lusk on Saturday. The Lady Dogies took an early lead and never trailed on the way to a 15-point victory over the Tigers.

Stats

Girls Basketball Results, Jan. 4 @ Lusk
Varsity: Newcastle 50, Lusk 35
JV: Newcastle 28, Lusk 22
Freshmen: Newcastle 38, Lusk 27
Varsity Season Averages:
Alyssa Dawson Pts. 3, Reb. 2.7, Ast. 0.6, Stl. 0.7, Blk. 0.1
Scottlyn Wiggins Pts. 3.9, Reb. 1.4, Ast. 1.4, Stl. 1.3, Blk. --
Makayla Smith Pts. 1.0, Reb. 0.5, Ast. 0.5, Stl. --, Blk. --
Kianna Hobbs Pts. --, Reb. --, Ast. --, Stl. --, Blk. --
Anna Henkle Pts. 8.7, Reb. 6.3, Ast. 1.1, Stl. 4.3, Blk. --
Kendra Back Pts. 0.4, Reb. 1.3, Ast. 0.1, Stl. 0.1, Blk. --
Hannah Williams Pts. --, Reb. 1.0, Ast. --, Stl. 0.2, Blk. --
Patricia Miller Pts. 0.1, Reb. 1.6, Ast. 0.1, Stl. 0.9, Blk. --
Savannah Davis Pts. 2.5, Reb. 4.0, Ast. 0.5, Stl. 1.0, Blk. --
Abi Devereaux Pts. 0.5, Reb. 0.2, Ast. 0.2, Stl. 0.5, Blk. --
Hannah Cass Pts. 21.6, Reb. 10, Ast. 2.7, Stl. 4.3, Blk. 1.7
Abby Gray Pts. 8.6, Reb. 1.7, Ast. 3.3, Stl. 3.1, Blk. --
Bailey Karp Pts. --, Reb. 0.7, Ast. --, Stl. 0.3, Blk. --

of 50-35 a Lusk team that was no pushover and struggled hard against the Dogies to prevent a total blowout.

"Lusk is ... senior heavy [with] seven seniors," Bartlett said of the Dogies' vanquished foes. "I think they started four seniors and a junior. Coach Deb Murray has been there forever. She always gets them going pretty well. They're a disciplined team. They're tough. I think that's what you [saw] in the second half, too. I think she challenged them at half-time to step up their game a little bit ... so that's probably why it wasn't quite the runaway that it could have been, based on the first half."

As for Dogie standouts in the game, several came to mind for Bartlett, including Hannah Cass and Abby Gray who led the Newcastle effort with 16 and 14 points respectively.

"Hannah always plays well and always plays with effort, and is obviously a key to what we do," said Bartlett of his team's leading scorer,

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Schedule

Newcastle		
Boys Basketball		
01/10 V9	*Wheatland Bulldogs	A 4PM
01/11 V9	*Rawlins Outlaws	H Noon
01/16 V9	*Glenrock Herders	H 4PM
Girls Basketball		
01/10 V9	*Wheatland Bulldogs	H 4PM
01/11 V9	*Rawlins Outlaws	A Noon
01/16 V9	*Glenrock Herders	A 4PM
Wrestling		
01/10 VJ	Douglas Invitational	A 11AM
01/11 VJ	Douglas Invitational	A 9AM
01/17 VJ	Newcastle Invitational	H 10AM

Upton		
Boys Basketball		
1/10	Arvada/Clearmont @Clearmont	5:30PM
1/11	NSI @Sheridan	2:30PM
Girls Basketball		
1/10	Arvada/Clearmont @Clearmont	4PM
1/11	NSI @Sheridan	1PM

Be safe while ice fishing

Ice anglers should expect a good fishing season on Wyoming lakes and reservoirs this winter, but anglers are advised to use caution while on the ice.

The cold snap of early December has iced over the lakes in much of the state and good catches have already been reported on a number of waters, reports Wyoming Game and Fish. However, ice conditions often fluctuate throughout the winter months as water levels in lakes and reservoirs change, and freezing and thawing weather can contribute to unstable ice conditions.

Game and Fish advises anglers to check the thickness of any ice before venturing onto it, and continue checking it every 100 to 150 feet. Four inches of clear ice is usually safe for fishing. Clear ice is stronger than cloudy or white ice, which has frozen, thawed and refrozen and is not always stable. White ice can also be from air bubbles or frozen snow and is much weaker than clear ice. For white ice, double the recommended thickness.

While the ice on rivers may appear safe, Game and Fish warns to steer clear of it because water flowing under the ice can and often does cause unsafe ice conditions. Conditions can change rapidly. Winds can also affect ice. Ice that may be safe one day may be in poor shape the next after an afternoon of warm Chinook winds.

Anglers are also warned not to go out on the ice alone. Practicing the buddy system can make a life or death difference by having someone to provide assistance in the event of an accident.

Other safety precautions include wearing a life jacket and carrying a flotation device on a rope that can easily be thrown, as well as some sort of ice pick. This can be as simple as a lanyard with some spikes attached that will allow you to grab the ice if you fall in.

Low water temperatures can be life threatening this time of year as well, and hypothermia is a serious risk for anyone who does fall through the ice. Ice anglers should learn to recognize and to treat hypothermia and should always have dry clothing and hot liquids close at hand.

Game and Fish also recommends against driving vehicles or ATVs onto the ice. Every year there are instances of vehicles going through the ice and it's best not to take the chance.

Boys' battle ends in loss to Lusk

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Dogie boys' basketball came up short against a well-regarded Lusk team on Saturday, falling 82-66 against the smaller but highly ranked school.

Doubly frustrating for the Dogies, who fall to 1-6 with the loss, is that they played well in most aspects of the game despite turning in a weak defensive performance and allowing too many points off turnovers.

"We've talked about it all year long," Coach Allen Von Eye reflected. "I've said we're behind where we need to be defensively. We played well offensively, probably as good as we have all year long. We shot the basketball real well. We did some really good things. We just couldn't get stops ... If you don't play defense the way that you need to and make some of your [opponent's] looks a little bit harder [things are not going to go your way]. They got way too many good looks at the

basket. At this level you just can't give those up."

Indeed, the Dogie boys did produce offensively, shooting 53 percent from the field and 43 percent from behind the three-point arc. Still, 66 points weren't enough to overcome a slew of fatal turnovers, many of which came while transitioning, according to Von Eye.

"We turned the basketball over a bit too much. We had 19 turnovers, which isn't bad in itself ... but it led to 33 points. When you have 19 turnovers that lead directly to 33 points it's just not going to get done. Almost half [their]

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Sierra LaCroix/For NLJ
Junior guard Trenton Engle penetrates Lusk's defense en route to scoring two of his eight points in the Dogies 82-66 loss. Newcastle will try to get back on the winning track in games against Wheatland and Rawlins this weekend.

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adding, "I'm really pleased with the way Abby Gray is coming along. She's starting to be aggressive offensively. I think she could be even more aggressive offensively, but I'm really pleased with her ... effort lately."

"Savannah Davis came in off the bench and took two charges, got some rebounds, got some steals, just provided some good defensive effort," Bartlett continued. "Alyssa Dawson got a few steals at the post position which was really encouraging. If our post players are getting steals we're doing something right on the defensive end."

While allowing himself to relish victory for the time being, Bartlett was still cognizant that big challenges lay ahead for the Newcastle girls this week as they'll face two top-five teams in their first conference games of the season, Friday night at home against Wheatland and Saturday on the road against Rawlins.

"I think it's just a great weekend for us to see where we stack up," Bartlett said of the upcoming games. "They're two very different styles, but two teams who are definitely going to contend in the East. With Wheatland, they're very disciplined. They're very well coached. They play good hard defense. They take care of the basketball on offense. They've got [some experienced players]. Rawlins is a very up-tempo, aggressive, zone-pressure kind of team. They'll give us a different look than probably we've seen all year."

Bartlett, who said that practice this week will have a strong focus on defense, predicted



Sierra LaCroix/For NLJ
Determined to hang on to the ball, forward Alyssa Dawson strikes a look of intensity against Lusk on Saturday.

trying to match up against the contrasting styles in the same week won't be easy, especially since the games are timed so closely together.

"They're very different teams," he continued, "and that's part of the problem ... Plus the turnaround — you play at home Friday night and then you're on the bus at 5:30 a.m. on Saturday to head down to Rawlins — so it will be a good test of our character."

With both Rawlins and Newcastle eager to apply pressure on defense and run the ball on offense, Bartlett imagined Saturday's game will prove a high scoring one.

"What we've found to be our most successful match-ups

are those teams who don't want to play at our speed, because we can typically speed them up. With our defensive pressure we can typically get them out of their comfort zone. Whereas with Rawlins we'll be playing strength on strength," Bartlett explained of the exciting but non-ideal match-up.

Still, the Dogie coach was undaunted, feeling that the Lady Dogies can hang with the best, provided they can maintain their focus.

"We've shown that, especially in the first half, we can be as tough as anybody, but ... can we carry that over into the second half? That will be the challenge this weekend for sure," he concluded.

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points ... [came] off of us turning the basketball over."

Likewise, Newcastle was unable to return the favor, and their lack of effective defensive pressure allowed the Tigers to apparently shoot at will.

"The flipside of that is that we only turned them over four times," Von Eye continued. "We weren't able to pressure them a whole lot and so it made it nice and easy for them to come up, take their time, [and] get what they wanted as far as a shot. There are some things we definitely need to work on defensively and the guys know it."

It wasn't just technique and strategy, however, that the Dogies found wanting, but God-given attributes as well, and while lack of size and athleticism have been something of an issue for Newcastle this year, it was the latter of the two that hurt the Dogies against the Tigers and made for some bad individual match-ups.

"They were really small actually," Von Eye marveled. "It's one of the smaller Lusk teams that we've ever [faced]. They generally had five guys out there who were six foot or smaller but who shoot the basketball very well and are very, very athletic. It was one of the least physical Lusk teams we've played ... They didn't have to play physical because they were just so fast."

There were however plenty of bright spots for the Dogies even in defeat. Von Eye said he was quite happy with the way his team rebounded the ball against Lusk, which had proven to be something of a weak point previously this season, and the Dogies did battle back from being down 19 at one point to come within five points in the third quarter. Individually, too, a number of players shone brightly in the hard-fought loss.

"Wade Gordon played a heck of a game. They held him to two points in the first half and he was a little bit frustrated," Von Eye mentioned. "He had to force a couple shots in the first half. In the second half he let his game come to him and we were able to run some different things through

Stats

Boys Basketball Results
Jan. 4 @ Lusk
 Varsity: Lusk 82, Newcastle 66
 JV: Lusk 46, Newcastle 25
 C Team: Newcastle 33, Lusk 29

Varsity Game Statistics:
 Wade Gordon Pts. 27, Reb. 8, Ast. 4, Stl. 2, Blk. 0
 Dillon Ehlers Pts. 15, Reb. 5, Ast. 3, Stl. 0, Blk. 0
 Colton Sweet Pts. 12, Reb. 3, Ast. 2, Stl. 0, Blk. 0
 Nate McMahon Pts. 2, Reb. 2, Ast. 1, Stl. 0, Blk. 0
 Justin Francis Pts. 10, Reb. 10, Ast. 2, Stl. 0, Blk. 0
 Triston Roberson Pts. 0, Reb. 0, Ast. 0, Stl. 0, Blk. 0
 Trenton Engle Pts. 8, Reb. 2, Ast. 1, Stl. 0, Blk. 0
 Taylor Allen Pts. 2, Reb. 1, Ast. 0, Stl. 0, Blk. 0
 Cooper Karp Pts. 2, Reb. 1, Ast. 0, Stl. 0, Blk. 0

him and he started feeling it. He ended the game with 23 points ..."

"Dillon Ehlers played really well," Von Eye added. "He made some great hustle plays and hustle baskets ... Colton Sweet hit some big shots for us too. Justin Francis played real well inside ... So it was good. We had some kids step up and play some really good basketball. That's what makes

[the loss] a tough one to swallow."

"We'll get there," he continued of his young team. "It's about becoming accustomed to playing with one another. We'll get there."

This season's schedule continues Friday and Saturday with the Dogies taking on Wheatland on the road and Rawlins at home to kick off conference play. Von Eye said he expects his team to be thoroughly tested against both opponents.

"Wheatland is deep ... with a lot of shooters and athleticism. They're a tough match-up for us. They're similar to this Lusk team. Only they're deeper. They're going to be able to throw eight kids at us. You probably won't see much man-to-man. We'll have to zone them a little bit, but even that presents a problem because getting to shooters in a zone can be difficult ... It's a tough match-up, but we've got to go down there and play."

Von Eye said he expects Rawlins, on Saturday, to prove to be a more favorable match for the Dogies, though not an entirely unproblematic one either.

"Rawlins is solid. They're as well coached as any team in the state. They've got a good mixture of guards on the perimeter, big [men] inside. They shoot the ball pretty decent ... They'll probably have some wrinkles for us when they come up here. They always do. They game plan real well. It's going to be about adjusting," he concluded, adding that he hopes to see the Dogie faithful rock the Dome on Saturday as they cheer on their favorite team.

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Newcastle High School Choir



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Back row from left: Rachel Ehlers, Madison Manders, Tracey Whetsell, Cassandra Hawley, NaKayla Liggett, Laura Chord, Rachel Henkle, Cooper Karp, Jared Peterson, Kelsey Wood, Casey Hall, Lynell Hanson, Abigail Hutchinson, Emma Anderson, Savannah Williams, Janel Ellis and Kristin Wilkes. Middle row from left: Carissa Deming, Catherine Halliday, Alexis Krogman, Angela Troupe, Rosemarie McMahon, Flint Hossfeld, Dawson Norton, Layne Crisman, Daniel Caress, Julia Scattareggia, Madison Frazee, Katara Cade, Ashlyn Dollison, Faith Seekings, and Jenna Holmes. Bottom row from left: Heather Michaelis, Kinlee Whitney, Megan Kenney, Shawnee Wrage, Danika Guse, Chandler Burd, Colin Heaton, Wyatt Voelker, Glenda Wykoff, Daytona Bennett, Sharla Lax, Emma Evick, Gracey Carlin and Morgan Holt. Not pictured: Blade Stotz.

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County Salaries

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OF WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING DECEMBER, 2013

Salaries are listed as gross monthly salaries or actual monthly wages, not including any fringe benefits such as health insurance costs, life insurance benefits, and pension plans. Salaries or wages do not include any overtime the employees may earn which would be paid by the county.

Table with columns: EMPLOYEE POSITION, SALARY. Lists various roles like County Commissioner, County Assessor, Sheriff, etc. with their respective salaries.

Table with columns: Position, Salary. Lists roles like Detention Officer, Youth Services Educator, County Attorney, etc. with their salaries.

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Utility Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) has given Powder River Energy Corporation (PRECorp) authority to adjust its Cost of Power Adjustment (COPA) to reflect a net decrease of \$713,810 per annum in wholesale power costs charged by its supplier, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, effective for usage on and after January 10, 2014, subject to notice, protest, intervention petition, opportunity for hearing, refund, and such further action as the Commission may deem appropriate.

The average residential customer using approximately 898 kWh per month may expect an increase of \$0.008 per month. Actual bills will vary with usage. PRECorp's application is on file with the Commission at its offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and at PRECorp's offices in Sundance, Wyoming, and may be inspected by any interested person during regular business hours.

(Publish January 9 and 16, 2014)

Election Notice

ELECTION PROCLAMATION WESTON COUNTY MUSEUM DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in Weston County, State of Wyoming, on Tuesday, May 6, 2014. The office to be elected will be three Weston County Museum District Trustee positions for a four year term.

All qualified electors are entitled to vote for the election of trustees. To qualify as a candidate a person must reside in the District and be a qualified elector.

Applications For Election for the Weston County Museum District trustee position will be accepted at the office of the Anna Miller Museum, 401 Delaware Ave., Newcastle, WY 82701 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. from February 5, 2014 to and including February 25, 2014.

If you would like more information or to receive an application please call the Weston County Museum District office at 307-746-4188.

Weston County Museum District Secretary, Sam Haptonstall By Bobbie Jo Stith Weston County Museum District Director

(Publish January 9, 2014)

Utility Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) has given Powder River Energy Corporation (PRECorp) authority to revise its Small Power Production (SPP) rate, effective for usage on and after January 10, 2014, to mirror the change in the underlying avoided cost rate established by its supplier, Basin Electric Power Cooperative.

The SPP rate applies to residential and commercial member/owners who have facilities for generating electric power. Under the federal Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, PRECorp purchases all the kilowatt hours (kWh) generated by Qualifying Facilities at its avoided cost and does so through its SPP tariff.

The current SPP rate is \$0.0126 per kWh; the proposed new rate is \$0.0133 per kWh. The Commission's approval of this application is subject to notice, protest, intervention petition, opportunity for hearing, refund, and such further action as the Commission may deem appropriate.

PRECorp's application is on file with the Commission at its offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and at PRECorp's offices in Sundance, Wyoming, and may be inspected by any interested person during regular business hours.

Anyone desiring to file an intervention petition, request for a public hearing, statement, public comment or protest in this matter must file in writing with the Commission on or before February 3, 2014. The petition shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing and the position and interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

If you want 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. Please mention Docket No. 10014-149-CT-13 in your communications.

Dated: January 3, 2014. (Publish January 9 and 16, 2014)

WCSD #1 Warrants

WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 WARRANTS OVER \$500 DECEMBER 2014

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Probate Notice

STATE OF WYOMING IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WESTON SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WALTER E. MAY, DECEASED. PROBATE NO. PR-7959

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DISTRIBUTION OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that on the 13th day of December, 2013, Carmen Jolene Pullin, Veryl Ernest May, and Brenda Wilson did file an Application for Distribution of Real and Personal Property in the above-named Court pursuant to W.S. §2-1-205. The Application requests that the Court decree title to the following-described real property in Carmen Jolene Pullin, Veryl Ernest May, Brenda Wilson, and Joyce E. May:

- Tract 1, Buckhorn II Subdivision, Weston County, Wyoming, formerly described as: Buckhorn Tract 35A, a tract of land laying west of U.S. Highway 85 located in the SE 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 25, Township 48 North, Range 61 West, of the 6th Principal Meridian in Weston County, Wyoming, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the NW 1/16 corner of Section 25, Township 48 North, Range 61 West of the Sixth Principal Meridian and is the point of beginning; Thence S 85°08'02" E along the 1/16 line for a distance of 1003.53 feet to intersect the west right-of-way of U.S. Highway 85; Thence S 12°19'03" W along the west right-of-way for a distance of 1384.75 feet to intersect the south boundary of the SE 1/4 NW 1/4; Thence N 86°19'00" W along the 1/4 line for a distance of 733.87 feet to the C-W 1/16 corner of Section 25; Thence N 01°09'19" E along the 1/16 line for a distance of 1390.97 feet to the NW 1/16 corner and the point of beginning. Said tract containing 27.521 acres, more or less.

You are hereby notified that on the 23rd day of January, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Court shall consider the Application and if it appears that the facts stated in the Application are not in dispute, the Court shall enter a decree establishing the right and title to the real and personal property of the deceased. DATED this 23 day of December, 2013.

Paul G. Jarvis, 5-1692 Attorney for the Estate P.O. Box 819 Buffalo, WY 82834 (307) 684-2501

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Foreclosure Notice

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given by Pinnacle Bank - Wyoming, a Wyoming banking corporation ("Pinnacle Bank"), that default has occurred under the terms of certain promissory notes payable to Pinnacle Bank as payee, and under the terms of two (2) real estate mortgages securing said promissory notes in which Pinnacle Bank is mortgagee, which mortgages cover the following-described real property together with improvements thereon and appurtenances appertaining thereto situate in Weston County, Wyoming ("Mortgaged Property"), to-wit:

- Township 48 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M. Section 3: S 1/2 NW 1/4, W 1/2 SE 1/4, N 1/2 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4, and the SW 1/4 SW 1/4 less a tract conveyed in Book 252 of Photos, page 864, recorded October 10, 2001 Section 4: Lot 4, S 1/2 NW 1/4, SW 1/4, SW 1/4 SE 1/4, E 1/2 SE 1/4 Section 5: Lot 1, E 1/2 SW 1/4, SE 1/4, SE 1/4 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 8: NE 1/4 NE 1/4, S 1/2 NE 1/4 Section 9: W 1/2 NW 1/4 Section 10: NE 1/4 NW 1/4, NW 1/4 NE 1/4

and which mortgages are as follows: Real Estate Mortgage dated May 10, 2010 granted by Jimmy Hansen Land and Livestock Company, LLC as mortgagor to Pinnacle Bank as mortgagee, recorded on May 13, 2010 in Book 322 of Photos at page 12 in the records of the Office of the County Clerk in and for Weston County, Wyoming; and Real Estate Mortgage dated May 10, 2010 granted by Jimmy Hansen Land and Livestock Company, LLC as mortgagor to Pinnacle Bank as mortgagee, recorded on May 13, 2010 in Book 322 of Photos at page 21 in the records of the Office of the County Clerk in and for Weston County, Wyoming and modified by Modification of Mortgage dated February 9, 2011 granted by Jimmy Hansen Land and Livestock Company, LLC as mortgagor to Pinnacle Bank as mortgagee recorded on February 14, 2011 in Book 327 of Photos at page 363 in the records of the Office of the County Clerk in and for Weston County, Wyoming, and as further modified by Modification of Mortgage dated January 10, 2012 granted by Jimmy Hansen Land and Livestock Company, LLC as mortgagor to Pinnacle Bank as mortgagee recorded on January 24, 2012 in Book 334 of Photos at page 256 in the records of the Office of the County Clerk in and for Weston County, Wyoming.

Each mortgage contains a power of sale which by reason of default Pinnacle Bank as mortgagee declares to have become operative. No suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the indebtedness secured by either mortgage, or any part thereof. The amounts due upon the obligations secured by the aforementioned mortgages (principal, interest, late fees and other amounts, if any) as of the date of first publication of this Notice is \$880,073.00, to which will be added the costs and expenses of foreclosure (including reasonable attorney's fees) and accruing interest after the date of first publication of this Notice.

Pinnacle Bank as mortgagee will have the mortgages foreclosed as by law provided by causing the Mortgaged Property above-described 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 a.m. on January 21, 2014 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main Street, Newcastle, Wyoming.

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

Pinnacle Bank - Wyoming A Wyoming Banking Corporation By: James M. Peck Attorney No. 5-2021 Hansen and Peck Attorneys At Law 18 West Main Newcastle, Wyoming 82701 (307) 746-2761

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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 ("Note") and real estate mortgage ("Mortgage"). The Mortgage dated August 8, 2007, was executed and delivered by Chad Strandlien and Kelly Strandlien ("Mortgagor(s)") to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for GMAC Mortgage, LLC f/k/a GMAC Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, as security for the Note of the same date, and said Mortgage was recorded on August 13, 2007, at Reception No. 696731 in Book 299 at Page 0332 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: GMAC Mortgage, LLC
 Assignment dated: January 21, 2013
 Assignment recorded: January 28, 2013
 Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 741148 in Book 342 at Page 642

Assignee: Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC
 Assignment dated: August 27, 2013
 Assignment recorded: September 9, 2013
 Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 746376 in Book 347 at Page 527

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 Mortgage 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 \$132,419.95 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$126,240.50 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$5,657.13, plus other costs in the amount of \$ 522.32, 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 Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC, 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 o'clock in the forenoon on January 21, 2014 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY, Weston County, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 4 PINE RIDGE ESTATES SUBDIVISION OF WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

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Meeting Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Weston County Health Services Board of Trustees meeting date has been changed to Thursday, January 23, 2014 for the January meeting. Board Education will be at 5:00 p.m. and the Board Meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.

(Publish January 9, 2014)

Deadline for Legals noon on Friday

Foreclosure Notice

FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note ("Note") and real estate mortgage ("Mortgage"). The Mortgage dated September 10, 2012, was executed and delivered by Nhoun Pheak and Kasie M Pheak ("Mortgagor(s)") to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Premier Home Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns, as security for the Note of the same date, and said Mortgage was recorded on September 11, 2012, at Reception No. 738195 in Book 339 at Page 861 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, NA.
 Assignment dated: October 14, 2013
 Assignment recorded: October 18, 2013
 Assignment recording information: Reception No. 747234 in Book 348 at Page 211

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 Mortgage 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 \$233,858.02 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$228,660.89 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$4,160.11, plus other costs in the amount of \$1,037.02, 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, NA., 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 o'clock in the forenoon on January 21, 2014 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY, Weston County, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

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- Leigh is to Scarlett as _____ is to Rhett
- ____ de deux
- "Through" in text message
- ____ fair in love and war"
- Under the weather
- Sand bar
- Disturb
- "New" prefix
- Equestrian's attire
- *Eminem's 2013 hit
- *Rogers' duet partner
- Driver's aid
- Sub station
- Acid
- Often held on sandwich
- *Girl on Fire
- Creole vegetable
- Poverty-stricken
- Bank ware, pl.
- Bit attachment
- Israel's neighbor
- Catch-22
- Weight watcher's choice, pl.
- Black cat, e.g.
- First rate
- Take to one's heart
- Aquarium dweller
- **____ at Work," Best New Artist of '83
- Conceited
- Lt.'s inferior, in the Navy
- *Macklemore's kind of shop
- *This year's Grammy host
- Song of praise
- Shed tears
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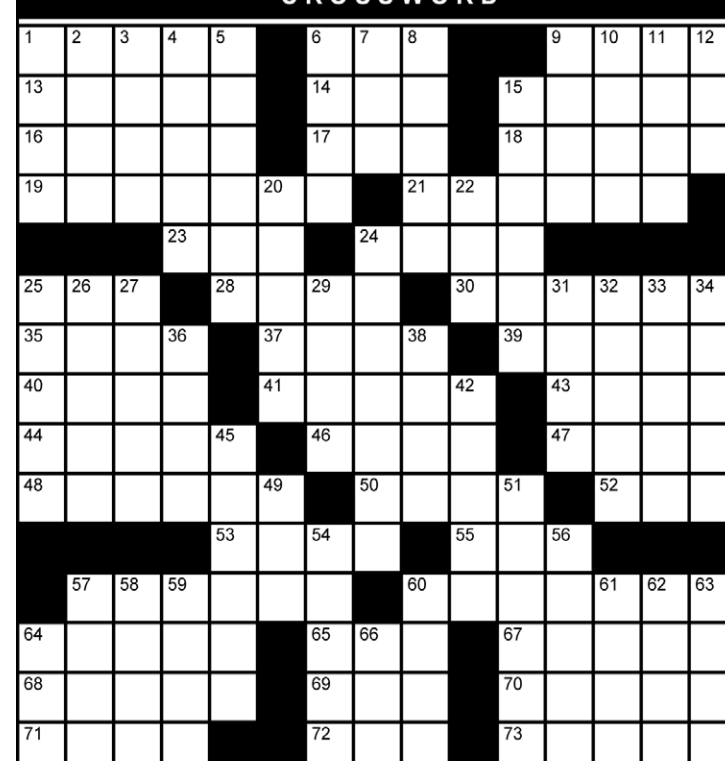
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- Medicinal house plant
- Something that happens so fast
- Famous Hungarian composer
- High regard
- **"Just Give Me a Reason" nominee
- Barley brew
- North face, e.g.
- "____ does it!"
- Tramp
- "In '85 Prince won two for "Purple _____"
- Final, abbr.
- High-pitched
- Gathers harvest
- Chicken ____ king
- Kind of security guard
- **"Royals" nominee
- Knitter's quantity
- Often done to fruit
- It goes up and down
- Bit
- Billiards bounce
- Cuckoo
- Ski destination
- A chip, maybe
- Cambodian money
- Clarence in "It's a Wonderful Life", e.g.
- Pinching pennies
- Churchill's "so few"
- Boat load
- Nervous and ansty
- Dry white Italian wine
- Hyperbolic tangent
- At this point
- Police action

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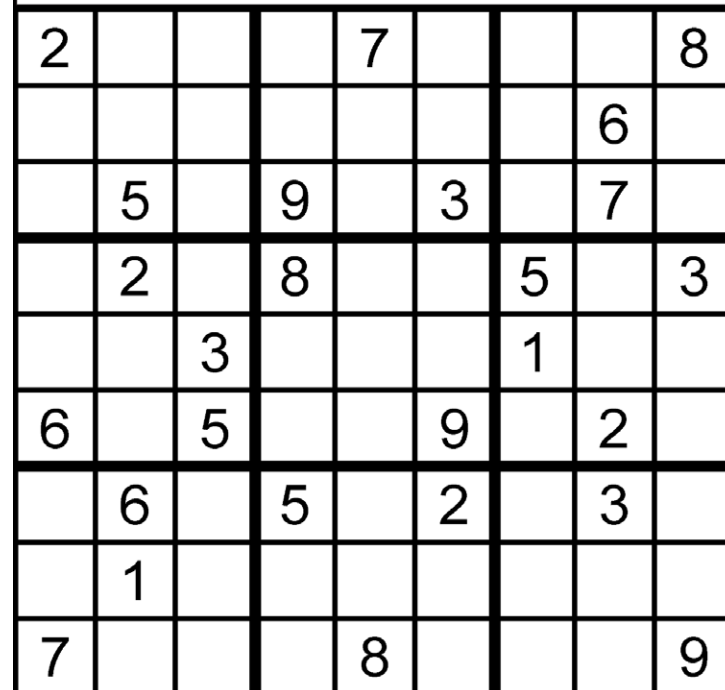
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More training for the board room

By Denise Piscioti of NLJ

During the first semester, at the Newcastle Outreach of Eastern Wyoming College, Successful Boards training was held by Bill Taylor, the Northeast Area Community Development Educator for the University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension Service. The class was well received in Newcastle with members of several area boards attending the training — so successful that this semester an advanced class, Successful Boards II, was requested.

Taylor will once again provide instruction on the topic of boards, diving deeper in to the topic than he did in the previous class. The free class will be held in the Newcastle High School library on Tuesday, Jan. 14, and Thursday, Jan. 16, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Each of the eight subjects that will be covered could actually have an entire class, Taylor told the News Letter Journal last week. He will be doing a review of the subject and discussing the different principals involved.

One session is entitled, "Visioning: Small Group Discussion," encouraging people to think wider and further ahead. Taylor sees it as the first

step in strategic planning.

"Boards are so busy doing all the different business, that it would be real helpful for them if they were to have a vision retreat or strategic planning retreat," he said.

Another topic to be discussed is "Recruiting and Diversity." The educator noted it is more of an issue for non-profit boards seeking members, but it is a valid concern for appointed and elected boards as well, looking for individuals as openings arise, to broaden the view and skills of the board.

The key concept of the concept is that the more diversified the representation of the community on a board, the better the community will be served.

"I remember working with a board in another county that was a non-profit clinic board and they had no one but doctors and nurses on that board. They didn't know anything about banking, they didn't know anything about law, all they knew was the medicine. That was one of my advices to the board, was that [they] needed to get [other] people on this board," recalled Taylor.

The "Roles and Responsibilities" section will explain the different skills

needed for the office positions of a board.

With the topic of "Division of Labor," the conversation will be primarily about boards with professional staff and the division between the director/manager and the board, working together to find balance.

"I have seen the whole gamut, from the director running the board and telling them what to do, to the board micro-managing the executive director and not giving them a chance to make any decisions — neither one are a good operation," he concluded.

Taylor will also talk about three different areas for transparency: organizational, financial and programmatic. Also in this section he will cover how to organize, who is in control, what to do and why, along with how to grasp the financial aspect to the public or audience being served.

The "Board and Board Member Evaluation" area of the class is taught because there is more emphasis on best management practices for boards to evaluate themselves, both individually and how they function as a board. He explained there are a number of different instruments — self evaluations or professional — that have

been developed by different organizations to determine how well a board is working.

"Doing an evaluation can help you become better efficient and better operating as individual board members, and as a board as a whole," he reported.

The largest amount of time during the class will be dedicated to "Group Facilitation," he said, because everyone who is running a board is basically facilitating a group. It is one of the primary responsibilities of a chair person, to facilitate, and better skills means the board will be better, so abilities and practices for managing boards and groups in general will be discussed. Knowing skills ahead of time will prevent bad habits from forming, he indicated.

"The board basically will take on the characteristics of its leadership. And so if you have someone who is committed and strict and sticks with the agenda, then the board is going to be that way. If the leadership is loosey goosey, slides from one thing to another and slides down a bunch of rabbit holes, that's the way the board is going to be. The chair, especially, and the officers become a role model for the rest of the board," Taylor said.



Denise Piscioti/NLJ

Newcastle High School Speech and Debate Team won second place in the 3A Division Sweepstakes at the Cheyenne Holiday Classic. Pictured are Sid Douglas, Megan Logan, JaeMarie Whitney, Kinlee Whitney, Alex Henkle and Riley Corfman. Team members not pictured are Kieran Winter, Colin Heaton, Madison Frazee, Danny Caress, Haley Barker and Brooklin Macke.

Speech team places second

By Denise Piscioti of NLJ

The Newcastle High School Speech/Debate team took second place in the 3A Division Sweepstakes category at the Cheyenne Holiday Classic Tournament on Dec. 21. at Cheyenne East High School, in the first Varsity debate of the year.

Coach Jim Stith described the event as well attended by many schools, including teams from Colorado, Nebraska and even Georgia. It was a widely attended meet because it is a Tournament of Champions national qualifying event. Teams from 1A to 4A competed in all areas of speech and debate, some with a high number of students, such as a Colorado team with 96 students, reported Stith.

The coach said he was proud of how well the NHS team did in the Public Forum Debate category of the tournament against the Georgia team.

"They were in our 3A category and we beat them," smiled the coach.

That triumph helped the team win second place in their division in overall classification. Getting to the sweepstakes portion of the competition was difficult because if a team did not make

it into the semi-finals or finals rounds they didn't achieve points in the sweepstakes category.

NHS did well in the preliminaries, however Sid Douglas was the only student to qualify for finals, reported Stith. With only one student placing, the coach had to make a decision whether to stay for the award ceremony, which he wanted to do, or head home at a decent hour, which was the students' choice. He easily made his decision, though, after he learned Douglas would be asked on stage.

"We get there and Sid goes on stage for his award for Super Congress. Then they get to sweepstakes and I am not expecting anything — and they call me up for a 3A second place!" he announced. "I am so glad we stayed for awards."

After the ceremony, Stith investigated why they received the honor and learned it was because the larger schools knocked many of the 3A schools out of the competition, so the few points NHS had were enough to bring home a trophy.

"We beat out Campbell County! We were fifth in the state for sweepstakes," the coach enthused.

Next on the agenda for the team is

hosting their annual tournament to be held on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 17 and 18. The team is busy calling and recruiting community members to volunteer as judges. Training is available for new judges, and there are many categories to judge.

"We are still looking for judges. If they want to contact the school and get a hold of me I would love to chat with them about that," he said.

The season begins to get busy from there on out with a meet almost every weekend in February. There will be a short break before their state competition in the middle of March. The first weekend in April will be the Hole in the Wall District Tournament where the team can qualify for the National Speech and Debate competition this summer.

In the 2012-2013 school year, Douglas just missed qualifying for nationals. The team and the coach learned from their experiences last season, and with a trophy already under their belt, say they are ready for the tournaments ahead.

"We know what to do to try harder this year. We have plans to do well," Stith said with confidence.

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