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A Good Read



Denice Piscioti/NLJ

Weston County School District #1 Board of Trustees enjoyed listening to Newcastle Elementary School first-graders at their Jan. 8 meeting, in what they dubbed to be their favorite meeting of the year. Above Daymon Oliver, a student in Marti Ostenson's class, entertained the spectators with the book entitled, "The Monster at the End of This Book." He was very animated while reading the story, noting for the trustees and the crowd in attendance that several different pages are his "favorite." Also reading at the meeting were Heather Conley, Logan Olson and Nickolas Lopez.

Hill vying for gov seat

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Having spent the day testifying before the Wyoming State Legislature's Select Investigative Committee, a visibly exhausted Cindy Hill made it to Newcastle Wednesday evening where she officially announced she would run for governor before a small but attentive crowd at the Weston County Senior Center, a former elementary school where she herself once attended.

Hill, the Superintendent of Public Instruction whose tenure has been marked by controversy and allegations of wrongdoing and whose powers were stripped by Gov. Matt Mead's signage of Senate File 104 a year ago, told those assembled that her testimony that day had been met by what she felt was open hostility and a lack of professional detachment.

"It was supposed to be a school where her mother non-adversarial experience,"

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Pool repairs in the works

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Ohio-based Enviro-Flow has been tapped to re-line a leaking water pipe that has necessitated the closure of the Kozisek Aquatic Center. Though no exact time-frame for repairs has yet been set, school district officials hope to receive a date within the next few weeks from the company for the commencement of repair work.

"Basically, as we stand right now, we have signed a contract with a company to re-line the pipe," explained Weston County School District #1 Maintenance Director Greg Gregory. "We're

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School officials meet with elected reps

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Members of the Weston County School District #1 Board of Trustees, district employees, and other local officials met with state legislators to discuss a variety of issues pertaining to education over an informal dinner at the Newcastle Country Club last Tuesday. State Senator Curt Meier and Representatives Mark Semlek and Hans Hunt took turns sharing their thoughts on current issues and legislation, and answering questions posed to them by those in attendance.

Meier expressed his skepticism early on about the current level of state expenditures, both on education

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— Rep. Mark Semlek

and other areas, saying that it is untenable given the decline in coal prices, for which he blamed the administration of our country's president, Barack Obama.

“In general [Gov. Matt Mead] has given everybody just about anything they've asked for with few exceptions in the budget. To me, it's looking at it through rose-colored glasses in a lot of ways ... I don't think we should just continue to spend money without the realization that the price of coal is going down. They'll probably try to interrupt our exports of coal. This particular administration is trying to hit Wyoming with every practical thing they can.”

Meier continued on, suggesting a solution.

“We need to look and apply some business principles to government. That's not being done. Hopefully we

can do some of that and have some practical outlook about how we're running government. Because we're not looking at anything practical now. It's like there are people who really love spending other people's money. That's not me.”

On a similar note, lack of local autonomy and the seeming unresponsiveness of state government on educational issues were complaints expressed by several attendees. School board chair Bill Lambert said he hopes to see a constitutional amendment reserving certain powers to local districts, though he said he well understands the inherent difficulties in drafting such an amendment.

“[School boards] continue, in my mind anyway, to lose power, to not have power ... Somehow we've got to give that power back to the local boards and I would prefer a constitutional amendment just because it's harder to change, although that's a real uphill battle ...”

“I've had some conversations with some leadership on the [Select Committee on Statewide Education Accountability]. I can promise you that they do not respect me.” Lambert continued of the frustrations he's encountered. “If that's what the State of Wyoming wants and that's what you

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Unique reference books discovered

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

Finding a local historical reference book became easier for Weston County residents since the discovery of some unique books in the Newcastle High School library. NHS librarian Sally Hoover, while cleaning book shelves, was pleased to discover rare, hard-to-find old books with details of local historical events, signed by the authors.

“What happened was, all the students have their own computers now so we stopped doing regular book research, most of our research is online, so behind my desk has always been a shelf of reference material and most of it was here before I came in 2005. I didn't put really any books in there, they were all here — and most of them came from the old

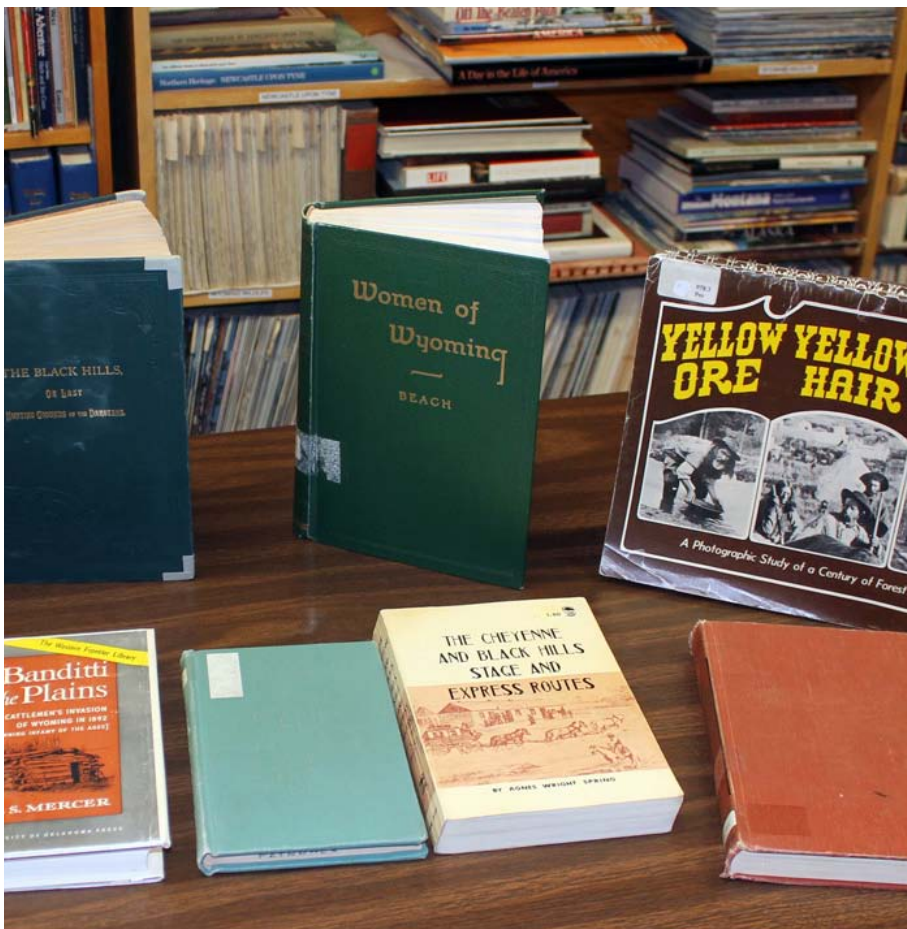
school. A lot of them were pretty old and we didn't use them much,” Hoover explained.

As she looked through the books she discovered most copy-right dates were from the 1950s and '60s, which does not provide up-to-date research for students. But while sorting through the books, deciding which books to keep on the shelves, she discovered Wyoming history books, some published in the early 1900s, as well as history books about neighboring Wyoming towns like Lusk and Douglas.

Hoover told the News Letter Journal she believes the valuable books were still at the library because the previous librarian, Stuart Shipman, knew their value and brought them to the new school from the old one.

“He knew he should not get

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Denice Piscioti/NLJ

A recent cleaning at Newcastle High School's library revealed several books of historic interest, now being housed at the Anna Miller Museum.

No more Safe Ride

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Those in need of transportation around Newcastle may now find themselves short of options with the recent closure of Safe Ride. Scott Murray, who operated the free shuttle service with his wife Judy and two other occasional volunteer drivers, told the News Letter Journal he is shutting down Safe Ride, effective immediately, owing to issues of driver safety and insurance costs.

“It [wasn't] exactly a taxi service,” Murray clarified of the operation. “It was a service to take people to doctor appointments, grocery stores, [to and from bars], so they don't get DUIs and [to help] reduce the people out there drinking and driving, along with getting the people who don't have a [means of transportation] around after 4 p.m. The senior center runs a shuttle service, too,

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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 29, Lo 18



Friday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 43 Lo 25



Saturday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 41 Lo 29



Sunday
Sunny
Hi 46, Lo 24



Monday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 39, Lo 19



Tuesday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 41, Lo 23

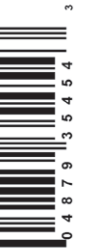


Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 41 Lo 22



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Our View

Winter woes

It's probably time for us to admit that we just aren't as tough as we used to be. While the record cold temperatures we endured as a result of the "polar vortex" a week ago rekindled national debate over whether or not global warming and climate change really exist, that cold snap — and the surprise blizzard that came out of nowhere and buried us in blowing snow on Tuesday — stirred up a different kind of debate in Weston County.

Schools across much of the region announced closures or late starts on Monday, Jan. 6, in anticipation of the sub-zero temperatures from the polar vortex, including Upton. They made those declarations as much as a full day ahead of the actual arrival of those frigid conditions, but Newcastle schools started at their usual time on that day.

Parents who spent that Sunday afternoon watching football and seeing a steady stream of closures and delays scroll across the bottom of their screen kept looking for the announcement for Newcastle that never came, and by that evening grumbling over our exclusion from the regional "snow day" was making the rounds on social media.

Local schools did start two hours later after Monday night's brief flurry intensified and stuck around for about 15 hours, but a short time after kids arrived at school, other public and private entities began announcing they were going to close up shop at noon and go home early because of the storm. That, of course, prompted some criticism as well, and there is probably merit in both sides of the debate.

Those who argue that we are too quick to seize on an excuse to forego work and productivity for a day aren't entirely wrong, but at the same time the people who make the decisions about cancellations and closures do so largely out of a concern for the safety of employees, customers and the public as a whole.

Comfort, or the lack thereof, generally enters into our own personal thoughts when we think about whether or not we should go to work or school when we're confronted by inclement weather. Comfort, however, shouldn't enter into the equation for those who decide whether schools or other offices should close because of that weather, and as long as it doesn't we should respect the decision, and be glad we're not the ones who have to make it.

At the end of the day, it is likely true that the threshold for closing schools, public offices and other businesses has moved considerably in the past 30 years, and conditions don't have to be as harsh as they once were to justify closures.

But none of you ever actually walked five miles to and from school — uphill both ways — while carrying 50-pound feed sacks either, so we should probably just admit we weren't ever as tough as we thought we were anyway.

Letters to the Editor

What happens when dogs and cats run wild

Dear Editor,

Obama, Bush, Clinton, Reagan and their respective political parties were and are beholden to the Big Bankers and Big Business Moguls for the campaign money that elected them. Meanwhile, these Moguls and Bankers are tending their own bottom line and only their bottom line. To get a bigger bottom line they do not hesitate to take bigger risks.

But, it's a crapshoot. Sometimes they win and pack away enormous bonuses and profits. Sometimes they lose. Then the government takes the people's taxes and bails them out. Even if there are no profits to haul off, the big dogs still get enormous bonuses! It's a form of welfare for the rich, paid for by the people of the United States.

It's a sweet deal for the Big Dogs at the top. Not so sweet for the worker who didn't follow his job when it went to China or Mexico. No, the worker gets

berated for not having a job.

The way things are going, every worker in the world, including the USA, will have the same wage — around 15 to 23 cents per hour with no benefits, no retirement and no vacation.

A hundred years ago it was similar, the Fat Cats were rolling in dough. The workers were not. One of the Fat Cats, Henry Ford, observed that the

people did not have enough money to buy his Model T's and make him rich. No, he did not move his factories to China or Mexico. Instead, he raised wages substantially above what everybody else was paying. His scheme worked! Other employers raised their pay and soon

there were customers with money to spend. The workers, the Big Dogs and the Fat Cats were all making money and the economy was growing. Life was good. The unregulated "Free Market" economy grew like a weed — until late 1929. That's when the unregulated free market crashed and the subsequent Great Depression changed everything.

But, that's another story.

—Jerry Baird



Need to talk to a public servant?

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Abortion is not teen birth control

By the time a child reaches middle and high school age, he or she has come to the realization that the story that a stork drops babies off on doorsteps is extremely false.

As such, if any of these adolescents is going to take it upon themselves to make grown-up decisions, they better be ready to man-up and take on the responsibility of whatever consequences may occur.

At middle and high school age, pretty much everyone knows where babies come from — sexual activity, but with their raging hormones, it is not uncommon for teens to become promiscuous and engage in sexual activity. A teenager that willingly has sex knows exactly what he or she is risking, so why are they justified to take drastic measures if an unwanted pregnancy occurs?

Alright guys, let's grow up a bit now. You think you are big enough to make your own decisions. Then why aren't you big enough deal with the consequences that result from your actions? Having sex is a very grown-up and emotional step in someone's life, whether it is with that special someone, or with multiple partners.

Teens seem to live in this fantasy world where everything is going to go exactly how they planned, and nothing will ever go wrong. "Oh I don't want a baby right now. I won't get pregnant even if I have

unprotected sex!" News flash! We have this wonderful thing called life, and, honey, it doesn't work that way! I would love it if everything went how I planned, but it doesn't always work out the way we want.

There are many forms of birth control out there, so if someone has it set in his or her mind they do not want a baby at a certain point in their life, why don't they take advantage of these? While no form of birth control is 100 percent effective, the majority of those available are almost there — from condoms, the Depo-Provera shot, the implant and the Mirena — just to name a few. There are many more out there.

If you're one of those teens out there that "don't want their parents to know," you don't even need a parent's permission! Condoms can be purchased over the counter just about anywhere, and reproductive health clinics give them out for free! If a young girl goes to a reproductive health clinic or a gynecologist wanting to get the pill, or another form of birth control, if they can pay for it, they don't have to have a parent present.

So why on earth would someone use abortion as birth control after they become pregnant when there are so many opportunities to prevent a pregnancy in the first place? Abortion was never intended to be a birth control method.

A teenager may not feel that he or she is ready to be a parent, but there are options other than terminating the pregnancy. There are couples out there that cannot conceive a child of their own. They would love to adopt, and adoption is one of the most selfless things anyone can do. Giving a child life is a beautiful thing, and giving that child a home where they can grow up happy, healthy and be provided for is amazing.

Teens should look past their image, and really look at the big picture. Why abort a baby when there are couples out there just waiting to adopt?

Teenagers are always complaining that they are "treated like babies," but they never want to take responsibility for their actions. If a child is going to make adult decisions, they need to live with the adult consequences. Having sex is a very grown-up choice, and sex is a very intimate and personal thing that I personally believe should be shared between two people who really love each other. If a pregnancy does occur from this action between two teens, they shouldn't automatically turn to abortion. Teenagers who become pregnant should weigh all of the options. After all, they had the power to prevent this in the first place, so why shouldn't they give someone else a life they deserve?

Is it just because you aren't ready to end your life, as you know it? A baby could be the biggest blessing of someone's life, regardless of how old they are.



Courtnie Ondriezck
Better Be Ready

Time for parents to make their stand

Living in a smaller — and older — community, I often hear people say how bored they are, but in my opinion this is a poor and inaccurate excuse for many teens my age to turn to substance abuse.

Time and again in this small town, I hear of another teen being put on probation for the use of one or more drugs, and I am honestly sick and tired of it. Some of these people I have known personally, and they have the potential to be good, clean people. I would just like to know where their drive is to do drugs, and as a student concerned about the safety of her classmates and friends, I would like to see parents take the certain points I am about to make into consideration.

Teens often blame their usage of drugs or their "addiction" on the lack of recreational activities. My answer is to get over it, open your mind up and get creative. People will not hand over a silver platter full of ideas to choose from, nor will they spoon-feed ideas to a person because that individual is too lazy to make their own brain work.

There are so many things to do in this town, whether it be heading down

to the park to play volleyball or hitting up one of the courts for a round of 21. If you are not athletic, try building something. When worse comes to worst, play a video game. The excuses of having nothing to do in this town are becoming more and more cliché by the day, not to mention that boredom is a pitiful excuse for using drugs.

If an individual resorts to drugs because they think that there is "nothing to do" in this town, then I don't feel bad for them, and they deserve every curve ball that life throws at them.

If a parent knows their children are using drugs, they should get them help immediately. Too many parents think their kids are perfect, and with the right amount of time, their children will snap back to reality, open their eyes, and quit doing whatever substance they are consuming. In 10 years would these parents rather see their children living a well established life with the possibility of children of their own, or

would they rather live with the possibility that a small amount of substance abuse as immature teens escalates into a major problem that they have when they are older?

That alternative results in their home eventually being a cold jail cell or a tattered, torn up apartment complex that even a rat wouldn't reside in.

Get off of your butt and do something with your child. Get them help, and probation is a good start. If a person is unsure of what probation is, or what benefits it will bring to a parent with drug-using children, ask one of our local probation officers. They are great people and are willing to help families get through specific problems like this.

However, you must know that as a parent, you will also have probation rules. For example, when on probation, your child will not be able to leave the house after a certain time of the night unless they are with their parent, and as the parent, it is your responsibility



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BLM plans prescribed burns

The Bureau of Land Management High Plains District plans to burn slash piles this winter, contingent upon fuel moisture and weather conditions. The prescribed burning will dispose of slash from forest health and fuels reduction treatments.

Project areas include slash piles created during timber thinning in the Mallo Camp area northeast of Newcastle. Prescribed burning is scheduled to

begin Jan. 13 or 14, if weather conditions allow.

All prescribed burn projects are conducted in accordance with approved burn plans which specify weather, smoke dispersal, and fuel moisture conditions.

For more information about prescribed burns, contact Jodi Stone at (307) 261-7631 or Jennifer Walker at (307) 684-1164.



Todd Bennington/NLJ

State Senator Curt Meier, left, discusses educational policy over dinner at the Newcastle Country Club last Tuesday. Seated next to him is Weston County Commission Chairman Lenard Seeley.

Schools

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legislators want, then go tell the people that. We don't need to be elected. Honest to gosh we don't. There's a gentlemen down there, who is the chairman of the committee. He and I stood face to face and he has zero respect for me. He will not look at me, will not talk to me. That's got to change or else go tell the people ... that we're just rubber-stamping people who make sure [Superintendent] Brad [LaCroix] shows up on time ..."

Meier seemed to agree saying, "There's no doubt the legislature has been acting like a state-wide school board these last few years ... There's little doubt that the three legislators sitting here are a little frustrated with that. Frankly after Senate File 104 got through, I don't think there's enough horsepower in the conservative folks in the legislature to kill these things. I think they're going to go forward."

The tendency toward focusing on college-track educational assessments at the expense of other career routes was also a topic of concern during the meeting.

"It seems like ... everybody's moving toward the college track and they're leaving our vocational programs and a third of our population on the side of the road," Meier commented, "and that's something I really want to work with you guys [on] to make sure we're not leaving those kids on the side of the road, and to make sure we're not leaving Wyoming's economy on the side of the road."

Hunt, a member of the legislature's General Education Committee, suggested that one fix might be somehow dividing the Hathaway Scholarship Program into two distinct tracks.

"If we had two separate scholarship programs, one aimed at kids who want to go to a four-year institution, one

aimed at kids who want to go to a two-year community college or vocational school. I think that would help everybody on both ends. I think that it would help those students by giving them options, giving them choices," Hunt commented.

Semlek emphasized that responsibility for assessment programs need to be devolved to a lower level.

"There's no way we can run an assessment program out of the state. We can't even decide on the very fundamentals of the administrative structure of the superintendent," he said, adding that the focus on education should not be at the administrative level.

"The good things that happen [in regard to education] happen in the classroom between the teacher and the student," Semlek commented, to everyone's agreement.

School board member Bob Bonnar brought up a controversial aspect of the Wyoming Accountability in Education Act, a memorandum of understanding that would enable the sharing of comprehensive personal data across state agencies, information which would be stored in an online database.

"There is a component in accountability, too, that was passed last year that I don't think most of you guys knew was in there. It was tucked away in there," he said, addressing the three legislators. "[The data collection] is all being done in the name of higher test scores. At what point are we trading too much in our quest for higher test scores? There's really no guarantee. [The state] doesn't even have an idea yet of what they're going to do with that data."

"The line in the memorandum of understanding,"

Bonnar continued in response to a question from Meier, "says personal identifiers will be eliminated when they are

deemed no longer necessary ... It doesn't even say which agency is going to deem it no longer necessary."

Bonnar went on to speculate that, with various agencies potentially expressing continuing need, personnel identifiers attached to the collected information might never be deleted.

"We have a principal who is on the [Professional Teaching Standards Board]," Lambert explained of how the data issue had come to the district's attention in the first place, "and actually if the PTSB board director had done what they had authority to do, they would have just signed it and we wouldn't ever have even known about it. This deal is slicked under the rug because if the director would have just signed off then the PTSB board wouldn't have even known about it. That's the only reason we found out about it. It was an accident."

Other issues and concerns raised at various points throughout the course of the evening included proposed legislation mandating suicide prevention training for teachers, other legislation requiring cameras be mounted on the inside and outside of school buses, traffic and safety issues related to school buses, and what some described as a lack of mental health resources available to school officials.

Despite some of the frustrations expressed by those in attendance, a strong sense permeated the meeting that positive changes on educational matters are not out of reach, a sentiment perhaps best summed up by Semlek.

"We should be the best, because we have the resources ... If we want to effect a change, we can do it here. A lot of other places it just gets lost," he said of the advantageous position Wyoming holds when it comes to educational matters.

already high for those transporting members of the general public.

"This last thing, this was the last straw. It just got to too dangerous ... It's to the point where it's just not safe for our drivers," he explained, adding that all who drove for Safe Ride were volunteers.

Murray estimated that the majority of those utilizing the service were bar patrons and that Safe Ride transported 25-30 people on an average night and approximately 150 on "heavy" nights like New Year's Eve.

Murray went on to say that he regrets no longer being able to offer the service to the community and he hopes people will behave responsibly by ensuring they have a designated driver should they choose to patronize local drinking establishments. He is currently looking for someone with the willingness and capability of taking over and continuing the service, he added.

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but they shut down at 4 ..."

"We ran it for several years ... I think Judy [took it over] in 2008 or 2009," Murray continued, recalling how he and his wife initially became involved with the service. "It was originally started by Alan Kaufman. It was called Free Ride. He had us take it over. We changed the name and kind of expanded on it."

Murray told the News Letter Journal he made no money from Safe Ride, often paying out of pocket just to keep it going.

"It was a non-profit. We only took donations ... [and] tried to make it self-sufficient [that way]," he said.

Murray explained that the immediate reason for the closure is a recent incident in which he alleges a female passenger attacked and bit him, causing him to have to seek medical attention. However, Murray said several similar incidents have occurred in the past, and he can no longer afford the insurance rates that are

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Obituaries

Bill Stubbs passed away on Saturday, January 11, 2014 at the Weston County Health Services Hospital in Newcastle after a courageous fight with cancer. His partner and wife of 31 years, Melissa, was by his side. His daughter Maggie as well as many close family members and friends attended to his needs and comfort throughout his long illness. Bill's body will be cremated and his ashes spread over the Black Hills area this summer.



It was never Bill's intentions or wishes to mourn his death, but rather to celebrate his life and share with others in all of the ways that he has touched YOUR life.

There will be a celebration of Bill's life on Saturday, January 18, 2014 at the Newcastle Country Club from 7 - 9 p.m.

This will be a casual affair, open to anyone who Bill had the privilege of knowing and plan on having a good time. In lieu of flowers please pay the kindness forward, donate to your local animal shelter or hug your pets tight in memory of Bill. Please bring a snack to share.

CHERIE ANNE AIMONETTO
Dec. 1, 1940-Jan. 8, 2014

Cherie Anne Aimonetto died Jan. 8, 2014, at the Weston County Manor in Newcastle. She was born Dec. 1, 1940, in Rapid City, S.D., to Joe and Lola (Skog) Aimonetto of Newcastle.

Cherie graduated from Newcastle High School and the University of Wyoming. She received a Fulbright Scholarship and studied in Norway for a year at Oslo.

Cherie was employed as a pharmacist at General Rose Hospital, Denver, Colo., and in Laramie, Gillette and Newcastle. She retired to her family home in Newcastle.

She will be buried with her maternal grandparents in Rapid City.

Cherie is survived by her mother, Lola Aimonetto of Newcastle, and a brother, John Andrew.

Memorials can be given to the Weston County Humane Society, Box 744, Newcastle, WY 82701.

VIRGINIA LOUISE (ERLAND) HILAVKA
Dec. 31, 1974-Jan. 9, 2014

Virginia Louise (Erland) Hlavka, 39, of Sundance, passed away unexpectedly at home on Jan. 9, 2014.



Virginia Hlavka

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at Fidler-Roberts & Isburg Funeral Chapel in Sundance.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at the old high school gymnasium in Sundance, with Pastor Dave Jageman officiating. Burial will take place at Greenwood Cemetery in rural Crook County. The family would like to invite Virginia's friends to the courthouse basement for fellowship following the burial.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established at the Sundance State Bank to benefit Virginia's children's education. Condolences may be sent to P.O. Box 351, Sundance, WY 82729.

Virginia was born Dec. 31, 1974, to Donald E. and Phyllis (Orwick) Erland in Spearfish, S.D. She attended school at Spearfish Seventh Day Adventist Elementary, Belle Fourche Middle School, Newell High School and graduated from Elgin High School in Elgin, Ore., in 1993. Her eldest son, Leaf Eryk Erland, was born March 18, 1992, and daughter Lacy May Finn was born July 16, 1998. Virginia married Eric Finn on Aug. 20, 1999; son Levi Marvin Finn was born Feb. 19, 2000. Virginia married

Pete Hlavka on Oct. 15, 2005.

She is survived by her husband, Pete Hlavka of Sundance; her children, Leaf, Lacy and Levi of Sundance; granddaughter, Caprice Rose Marie Erland of Newcastle; her father, Don (Kami) Erland of Upton; mother, Phyllis (Mike) Southard of Pine Haven; sister, Anita (Barry) Lawson of Bald Knob, Ark.; brothers, Jeremy (Amber) Kiel and their children, Jonas, Colton and Kimber, of Buffalo, Minn., and Sid Erland of Upton; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and many, many dear friends.

Arrangements are under the care of Fidler-Roberts & Isburg Funeral Chapel of Sundance.

Online condolences may be written at www.fidler-isburgfuneralchapels.com.

ESTHER MARTIN-MARKEY
Oct. 16, 1922-Jan. 5, 2014

Esther Martin-Markey, 91, died Jan. 5, 2014, at Sidney Regional Medical Center in Sidney, Neb.

Esther was born Oct. 16, 1922, at Broadwater, Neb., the daughter of David Emil Evey and Beulah (Davis) Evey. She was raised in Broadwater where she attended local school.

On Aug. 27, 1941, she married Cecil Martin in Chadron, Neb. He preceded her in death in 1981. In 1991 she married Woodrow Markey, he preceded her in 2005.

Survivors include her children, Warren Martin, Ronald Martin, Charles Martin, John Martin, Carol Bloom and Lisa Johnson.

Preceding her in death were her husbands, and children, John Martin, Tricia Markgraf and Linda Martin.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Jan. 12 at the Newcastle Seventh Day Adventist Church. Burial followed at the Greenwood Cemetery near Sundance, under direction of Worden Funeral Directors of Newcastle.

ELSIE MATERI
April 17, 1926-Jan. 8, 2014

Elsie Materie died Jan. 8, 2014, at Weston County Health Services in Newcastle.



Elsie Materie

Elsie Elizabeth Butcher was born April 17, 1926, in Warrensburg, Mo., to parents James and Myrtle (Darrah) Butcher. She grew up in the Osage area and graduated from Upton High School in 1944.

She married Herbert Peck Jr. in 1944 and lived in California where she worked as a "Rosie the Riveter" building aircraft during World War II. Tragically, Jr. was

killed in battle, and she returned to Cheyenne and worked as a telephone operator until the end of the war. She was united in marriage to Lawrence Materie on Aug. 24, 1946. The couple made their home in the Upton area where they enjoyed raising their family.

Elsie loved traveling the world with Lawrence and her children, her sister, Jimmie, and brother-in-law, John Nelson. The family cabin in the Big Horn Mountains was a cherished place to spend family time. She was active in her children's school activities, Mother's Afternoon Extension Homemaker's Club and Merry Homemakers Extension Club, Soda Butte 4-H Club, and St. Anthony's Catholic Church and Altar and Rosary Society. She was a long-time member of the Big Deal Bridge Club and the Afternoon Bridge Club. She was an avid reader and would often read until the wee hours of the morning, lost in a good book. In later years, she became a bird watcher, sitting in her chair by the window with her binoculars and bird book. Elsie was simply known as "Grammy" to many and embraced that role with love.

Survivors include her sister, Jimmie Nelson; one son, Keith (Dormie) Materie; seven daughters, Yvonne (Tim) Barritt, Janet Materie, Elizabeth (Tom) Barritt, Christine (Steve) Hampton, Lori (Joe) Olson, Cheri (Troy) Claycomb, all of Upton, and Susan (John) Bullard of Eaton, Colo.; 21 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husbands, her parents, her sister, Imogene Bartlett, and three sons, Lawrence Eugene, Lawrence (Larry) James, and Steven Dwayne.

Vigil and Rosary service was held at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 10, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Upton. Mass of Christian burial was held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 11, at the Boal Auditorium with burial following at Greenwood Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the care of Fidler-Roberts & Isburg Funeral Chapel of Sundance. Online condolences may be written at www.fidler-isburgfuneralchapels.com.

HAROLD RAYMOND MCNUTT
Aug. 26, 1939-Nov. 22, 2013

Harold Raymond McNutt, 74, was born Aug. 26, 1939, in Custer, S.D., to Raymond and Dorothy (Mihills) McNutt. He graduated high school and attended two years of college before he joined the Navy in the early 1960s.



Harold McNutt

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- CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Pastor John Hopper, 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9 am.

- 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.
- CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Killian Muli, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5:00 pm; Weekday Mass 8 am.
- COUNTRY CHURCH:** Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley, 746-9712, Worship 10 am.
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:** Pastor Gary Anderson, 903 S. Summit, 746-2188. Bible Study 9:15 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Teaching Service 6 pm; Wednesday Service 6:30 pm.
- FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH:** Pastor Lynn Schleicher, 301 Delaware, 746-9663. Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship 10:45 am; Prayer Service 5 pm, Christian Academy.

- 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. Sheree 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 9:18-38	Matthew 10:1-15	Matthew 10:16-31	Matthew 10:32-42	Matthew 11:1-19	Matthew 11:20-30	Matthew 16:13-28
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— Matthew 5:16

Obituaries continued

In 1962 he married Hazel Esther Huckins and together they had five children, Ronald D. McNutt, Lavonne Wraye Townsend, Doraine Kaye McNutt, Lorraine Faye Irvine, and James Percy McKnight.

In 1975 Harold married Charlotte Faye Olheiser, who had two boys of her own, Miceal Eugene Olheiser and Bradford Lee Olheiser. Together Harold and Charlotte had one son, Steven Ray McNutt.

Charlotte passed in 2004 after almost 30 years of marriage. Years later, Harold married Jeanette Patik while residing in the Weston County Manor in Newcastle. They had two happy years together before Jeanette passed in 2012.

Throughout this time in Newcastle Harold worked delivering propane, on hot oil rigs and in the saw mill. He spent many happy years giving back to the community through his volunteer work as a Cub Scout leader and baseball coach. He was also a member of the First United Methodist Church, Cambria Lion's Club and the Methodist Men's Club.

Harold was preceded in death by both parents, one brother and two wives.

Harold is survived in death by six biological children, Ronald D. McNutt of Rapid City, S.D., Lavonne Townsend and Doraine McNutt, both of Colorado Springs, Colo.,

Lorraine Irvine of Rapid City, James McKnight of Sioux Falls, S.D., and Steven McNutt of Upton; and two step-children, Miceal Olheiser of Custer, S.D., and Brad Olheiser of Las Vegas, Nev. Also surviving are 16 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Harold will be dearly missed by all due to his unexpected but peaceful passing on Nov. 22, 2013.

Services were held at 1 p.m. on Nov. 26 at the First United Methodist Church, with Rev. Paul Holland officiating.

A memorial has been established to the Newcastle Lions Club.

**BILL STUBBS
July 19, 1954-
Jan. 11, 2014**

Bill Stubbs is: The man. The myth. The legend. Bill is the true Most Interesting Man of the World. Men wanted to be him and women loved to be around him.



Bill Stubbs

Just Bill died Jan. 11, 2014, at 12:30 in the morning at Weston County Health Services.

Bill loved chocolate doughnuts, cinnamon licorice, and Miller High Life (the Champagne of Beers). He hated pickles and tomatoes on

his sandwiches. You could find him any morning watching his favorite show, "The Price is Right," with his beloved fat chocolate lab, Chocko. He had a great knack for writing Sasquatch commercials that could persuade anyone to buy some beef jerky. Bill was never one for watching sports, but he loved to do everything outdoors. He was an expert trap shooter and hunted grizzlies with his bare hands.

Bill was born in Florence, Ariz., on July 19, 1954, to Lorene and Francis Stubbs. Ever since Bill could form a conscious thought, he was independent and happy. His parents passed away at a very early age, so he bounced around between his eight other siblings. Between all of these people, Bill created a lot of memories spanning the entire United States.

Bill adored the ladies and they loved him. He got married to Lori when he was 17. They had three children, Tiffany, Elizabeth and Matt, but it didn't last. However, Bill was no quitter — he gave it another shot when he met his sweet Melissa. This time it stuck, and they had one perfect, beautiful baby girl, Maggie Rae.

Bill is best known for his amazing Stubbs charm, big goofy smile, amazing personality, and his friendliness. He made friends with every person he encountered.

There was only one person who would have a bad word about Bill, but being his truly amazing self, Bill took care of him and they became best friends. Bill loved to tell stories — and you could be sure 50 percent of every story was true, you just never knew which 50 percent. Many of his friends will remember going to the weight room to work out, but when Bill arrived they only ended up exercising their jaws, because he could talk their ears off.

On a brisk chilly morning, Bill left this life for another, where he could finally run and walk unhindered. He left behind his wife, Melissa Stubbs; daughter Maggie Stubbs; his sisters, Donna Bell, Frankie Layva and Mary Stubbs; and his brother, Peter Mony.

Bill was killed when he rushed into a burning orphanage to save a group of adorable children. Or maybe not. We all know how he liked to tell stories. After all, his initials are BS. Bill actually battled many of life's biggest road bumps: two strokes, Parkinson's disease, ACL repair, and finally prostate cancer.

A memorial celebration will be held Saturday, Jan. 18, at the Newcastle Country Club, from 7-9 p.m. In lieu of flowers please pay the kindness forward, donate to your local animal shelter, or hug your pets tight in memory of Bill.

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100 YEARS AGO - JAN. 8, 1914

The hospital record of Dr. Bradbury at Cambria for the year 1913 is as follows: No lives were lost through accidents in the mines. No limbs were amputated. No women died in camp. No babies have died. Only one child has died, a case of pneumonia. Two men have died of heart disease, and one from accidental shooting. There were 30 births in Cambria. Grip and measles were the only epidemic diseases.

Henry Hansen, of the Horton area, is milking seven fresh milk cows and expects to be milking a dozen before spring.

William Stearns, of the Elk Mountain vicinity, was a business visitor in Newcastle Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning.

H.F. Smith, T.P. Sweet, L.R. Keys, Jess Scott, W.H. Fawcett and son and daughter, were Beaver Creek representatives in town during the past few days.

Anton Tavegia was in town the last of the week and is preparing to have the finishing work done on the modern residence he is having built at his ranch on Skull Creek.

Mrs. Ben Thoeming returned Sunday from Nebraska City where she was called a few weeks ago by the serious illness of her nephew, Kirk Crow. Kirk was able to return home with Mrs. Thoeming and will regain his health in the pure air of Wyoming.

Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Marr have returned to their home in Staples, Minn., after spending the holidays at the home of their daughter, Mr. C.C. Farber, at the LAK. They were accompanied home by their daughter Flossie who had been visiting her sister for a month prior to the arrival of her parents.

Last Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1913, the child of Mr. and Mrs. Louie Zucal of Cambria died of pneumonia and measles and was buried last Friday morning at the Catholic church, Father DeNicholas officiating.

Mr. Jackson was in Cambria from his ranch last Thursday catering to his egg customers. He seems to have a good supply of the hen fruit, selling them at 35 cents per dozen.

75 YEARS AGO - JAN. 12, 1939

A 33-year-old mother and her 9-year-old daughter were fatally burned and

another daughter badly burned when gasoline being used for cleaning exploded at a mining camp near Custer, S.D., last Tuesday. The dead are Mrs. Richard Martin and her daughter, Marian, former residents of Newcastle.

Dogies to seek third win in four starts against Rozet here tonight.

H.B. Fowler of Newcastle, who is beginning his third term as representative of Weston County, was elected as Speaker of the House for Wyoming's 25th legislature.

Mrs. Harry Sedgwick and daughters Jean and Joan will leave the first of the week by train for New York City, where they will spend several months. En route to New York they plan to visit Mrs. Sedgwick's parents in Kansas City for several days.

Mrs. Bud Wing went to Hot Springs on Wednesday evening, where she planned to attend the alumni meeting of the Sisters Hospital nursing school.

The four upper grades of the Osage school have access to the library, which consists of 183 volumes.

Elizabeth Pzinski is staying in Newcastle with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Pzinski, while attending school.

Completion of the new Hotel Chief, located on Seneca Street on the road leading to the high school, was announced this week by its owner, Ralph Doyle. Each of the 16 rooms, seven apartments and two business offices are built and furnished to offer the utmost in comfort with the building completely air conditioned.

Triple T Extension Club met on Thursday afternoon at the Osage community hall with 12 ladies present.

Mrs. Anna Pollat and Mrs. Virgie Elliott were callers at the F.A. Bergstrom home in the Fairview community Wednesday evening in the interest of the Progressive Anns Club.

Mrs. Marie Adkins, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Walker, Charles Lassen, Mr. and Mrs. John Knipp and Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Long were Fairviewites in Newcastle Saturday.

50 YEARS AGO - JAN. 9, 1964

A report presented to the Newcastle Ministerial Association at its regular meeting Tuesday indicated that 30



families were presented with Christmas baskets from the Christian Christmas Center. The baskets included both food and toys for the needy families.

The Newcastle wrestlers journeyed to Casper last Friday, where they were beaten 24 to 17 after leading the Mustangs.

Explorer Scout Post 98 will hold their charter night and election of officers Monday evening at the fire hall.

The Wheatland Bulldogs downed the Newcastle Dogies last Friday by a six-point margin, 66 to 60.

The Weston County United Fund is at 80 percent of its goal, at \$7,224.83.

We would like to mention an attractive new sign added to Newcastle's Main Street. The alighted sign, which flickers from yellow to white, was recently installed on the News Letter Journal building. We invite you to glance often at the sign as the attached clock will keep you on time wherever you might be going.

Janet Leigh, Dick VanDyke, Ann Margaret, in "Bye Bye Birdie" are showing at the Dogie Theatre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Joint installation ceremonies for Newcastle Lodge No. 20 and Gateway Rebekah Lodge No. 37, IOOF, were the order of business Monday evening at the local IOOF Hall.

Open house honoring the 55th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Strouse was held Dec. 22 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russ Moser. About 65 friends and neighbors called to extend their best wishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gregory and two sons, Mrs. Emery Kropatch, Debbie and Michael and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bayne were visitors at Fillinger's Friday.

WHAT'S UP		Meetings & Events Calendar	
DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Jan. 16	8:30 a.m.	Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)	W.C. Senior Center
	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
Jan. 19	2 p.m.	Bingo	Corpus Christi Church
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
Jan. 20	7 p.m.	Square Dance Lessons	Newcastle Elementary
Jan. 21	9 a.m.	W.C. Commissioners Meeting	W.C. Courthouse
	Noon	W.C. Cowbells Meeting	West End
	4:45 p.m.	Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)	1st United Methodist Church
	6:45 p.m.	ALANON (746-9791)	Mondell Heights
	7 p.m.	City Council Meeting	Council Chambers
	7 p.m.	Helping Hands Meeting	W.C. Senior Center
Jan. 22	7 p.m.	Ladies Firearms Safety & Self Defense	Indoor Range
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
Jan. 23	8:30 a.m.	Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)	W.C. Senior Center
	11:45 a.m.	W.C. Health Services Foundation Mtg	Board Room
	6 p.m.	W.C. Health Services Meeting	Board Room
Jan. 24	11:30 a.m.	W.C. Library Board Meeting	Newcastle Library
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	7:30 p.m.	Square Dancing	Newcastle Elementary
	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Jan. 16: Brittany Osborne, Charla Kachelhoffer
- Jan. 17: Tracy Hunt, James Osborne, Frank Humes, Fred Hansen, Kobee Fatzinger, Carol Sylte
- Jan. 20: Sandra Berge, Kyle Kachelhoffer
- Jan. 21: Heather Ann Stith
- Jan. 22: Salina Suess-Baker, Amy Brown

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With the beginning of the new year, the Newcastle Police Department Communications Center is asking all business owners or managers in Weston County to mail or fax dispatch updated information on their business, or if they are a newer business, to have that information added to the dispatch records.



The NPD Communications Center dispatches all Newcastle, Upton, Osage and Weston County law enforcement, fire departments and ambulance services.

NPD Communications Sgt. Mary Robertson said this information is very important in an emergency.

"Even if you are a business that has been around for years, make sure we have the correct information," she explained. "If there is an emergency with your business, we need to be able to contact you quickly."

Robertson stated that the information needed is: The correct name of the business,

a brief description of the type of business (i.e. construction, auto mechanic, restaurant), the address, phone and fax numbers, and after-hours emergency contact names and numbers.

"If there is a fire at your business, or even just an unlocked door, we need to know how and who to contact about it," Robertson said.

There may also be times when local businesses can be of assistance during an emergency, and officers or fire or emergency medical personnel may ask for that type of business to be contacted.

A prime example of this is a business that has construction and earth-moving equipment, which may help haul water and put out wildland fires with their heavy equipment.

Robertson stated that not only does the Communications Center need

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EMERGENCY CONTACTS
 (please list in the order you want the contacts called):
 1. NAME: _____
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 2. NAME: _____
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 CELL: _____

the names of businesses, but churches, schools, and local/county/state run government offices also need to update and add their information.

"If we see water running out of the back door to one of the libraries or we get a report of the Home Health office being broken into, we want to

be able to get in touch with the proper people quickly," she said as an example.

To update or add business information, mail the following form to: Newcastle Police Department; 25 N Sumner Ave; Newcastle, WY 82701; or fax the information to 307-746-2428.

Season of Giving

Weston County has earned a reputation as a giving community, but just how much was donated during the 2013 holiday season?

- Weston County United Fund Pie Auction: \$8,702
- Kids Helping Kids: \$3,700 (estimate)
- Operation Santa: 199 kids received presents; 78 families served (largest to date); 682 tags from Operation Santa tree at Family Dollar (twice as many as last year, 335 tags in 2012)
- Girl Scout drive for Operation Santa: 102 pairs of pajamas, 56 pairs of gloves, 54 sets of hats and gloves
- Stuff the Bus for Operation Santa: \$2,384
- Anonymous group donation of 52 sets of socks & underwear, and 52 sets of hats & gloves
- Tree of Love: \$7,420
- Festival of Trees: \$28,466

Pool

just waiting for them to schedule a crew to get here. I'm hoping it will be within two weeks that we get a date when they can be here to do it. They estimated it will take four to five days to actually do the work, and then it's going to take us close to a week to get [the pool] filled back up and heated up and our chemicals [balanced] in it."

Gregory emphasized that no reliable estimate for when the pool might be reopened can yet be given.

"Nothing is set in stone right now," he said. "Once we get a date when they're

going to have a crew here, then we can probably start narrowing the time-frame down a little bit."

Gregory went on to explain that Enviro-Flow has been contracted only to re-line the damaged pipe and not any of the several other water lines running into the pool. School officials had initially feared that more costly and expensive repairs might be necessary if the other lines were affected as well.

"When we had Associated Pools here, [the company responsible for the pool's design and initial construction], they tested

all the other lines and found no issues [whatsoever] with any of the other lines," Gregory said.

Though Gregory didn't have the exact figures on hand, he told the News Letter Journal the re-lining process will cost roughly \$34,000.

"I'll be glad when it's done — and I don't even use [the pool]," Gregory concluded of the repair process, which has proven to be a worrying and frustrating one for school district officials and also necessitated the cancellation of the high school boys' swim season.

Books

rid of them, so at least they were here still. It was just really neat to see that we have all that history right here and didn't even know it!" proclaimed the librarian.

With more than 10,000 books on the shelves in the school's library, knowing each book is impossible, so she was delighted to find tales of local history that can be shared with future generations. She is familiar with the historic books in the library that are utilized each spring when students write historic essays in NHS Instructor Kara Sweet's English writing class.

When she started looking up the books in the NHS library system, the one used by all the state and public libraries, she discovered there were only five copies in the entire state for some of the ones she had discovered, a few in private collections or in locked cases.

"So it was really interesting, especially to have the few that were signed by the authors, to see, and a couple were published in Lusk, Wyoming. It was just crazy that I had all these books here that I didn't even know about. They are not valuable in terms of money,

but they are valuable for their content," she acknowledged.

Several of the books are also unique because they were not mass produced. With that in mind, she decided the treasures really should be shared with the public.

"I thought, 'these are just on my shelf, that is probably not the best place for them.' I thought the public library would take them, but then I thought the museum is where they belong so I called Bobbie Jo [Stith, Weston County Museum director]. I read her a couple of the titles and she said, 'we want those,'" recalled Hoover. "It was neat to be able to give her those."

Both Hoover and Stith agreed the Anna Miller Museum would be a logical place for students and the general public to go to find the books when they are researching local history.

The NLJ visited the museum to view the books, upon examination the copy of "Great Stagecoach Robbers of the West," it was stamped from the NHS library the same year it was copyrighted, in 1962.

"I was excited to get some of these because we didn't have them and they are significant to

the area," Stith stated.

"The Banditti of the Plains," written by A.S. Mercer, was originally published in 1894. He wrote it right after the Johnson County War, Stith said. The book was anti-stockmen, which made it controversial, so most of the books were all gathered up and burned.

"A few of them escaped being burned and were reprinted. We do have an original in a safety deposit box," Stith noted.

Now there are two copies in the museum, which will be nice because it is a book that has been regularly checked out over the years, recalled the director.

Another interesting book from the newly discovered collection is "The Story of Wyoming and Its Constitution and Government," which was printed in Douglas, copyrighted in 1938.

T.A. Larson, a professor at the University of Wyoming wrote, "History of Wyoming," and it is signed by the author. His study of Wyoming history is well known, added Stith.

"Women of Wyoming Volume II," by Cora Beach, was printed in Lusk, a nice addition featuring historic knowledge of

women at a time when most books were about men. It was a book the museum did not have, but now they hope to find Volume I someday, Stith said.

"It is wonderful! We just want the rest of the story," she smiled.

Another cool find was "The Black Hills Flood of June 9, 1972," an excellent source of pictures and facts on the flood in Rapid City, S.D. It was published by Midwest Research Publishers the same year as the flood.

Also part of the collection given to the museum was another book the museum didn't have, "Yellow Ore, Yellow Hair and Yellow Pine," which is a photographic study of extensive forest ecology.

"It is a fabulous book about the history of the Black Hills, an excellent resource on the ecology of the Black Hills. And around here they have become pretty scarce. Sally did find there were a few more out there than she originally thought there was, but not right here in this area. I think it is going to be a wonderful research tool for people," offered Stith.

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Controversial Superintendent of Public Instruction Cindy Hill fields a question from William Curley last Wednesday evening at the Weston County Senior Services center. Hill made an appearance at the center, a former elementary school she once attended, to officially announce she will run for governor.

Hill

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she said. "At certain points [the special council] was clearly very angry."

Hill went on to describe the investigative hearing as "well-choreographed" with "prepared questions [and] maybe prepared testimony" from the witnesses called.

"It's been an interesting three years and an interesting three days," she continued, summing up both her tenure as an elected official and the three-day hearing.

Fielding a number of questions from an apparently largely sympathetic audience, Hill described her political stance as one of a constitutionalist in opposition to what she feels is a tendency toward increasing government centralization and usurpation of power. She indicated that, if elected, she will favor time limits on state employment, the conversion of permanent state positions into at-will positions, rescinding the Common Core educational standards, and resistance to tuition increases at the University of Wyoming, per the state constitution.

"We have four branches of government, and the fourth one is bureaucracy," she told the crowd. "If there was one bill [I would like to see], it would be that you can't be in state government your whole life, because you forget what it's like, I think, to be in the real world. There are term limits on elected officials. I believe in them. Maybe there should be limits to how long you can be in state government."

"I know there's institutional knowledge," she continued of the state's administrative apparatus. "I've heard about it and heard about it. You know what else. I've experienced the other end of that where they do not want to change. I came into an agency, [the Wyoming Department of Education], that had not been focused on instructional practices, and if you would have heard the testimony on Monday and Tuesday ... you would have been so disappointed in how disinterested the people who testified were in kids. When asked about data and growth and children through [questions provided by my staff], they weren't interested, and they didn't know the answers."

Regarding the cost of public higher education in Wyoming, Hill said the state constitution is clear on the issue, mandating tuition be kept as low as possible.

"No matter how uncomfortable, no matter how many times," she said of her dealings with the State Board of Education regarding the issue, "I will read that constitution and I will say, 'why would we put the burden of higher tuition on our students in this state when our constitution says our tuition should be as nearly free as possible' ... All power is inherent in the people. Our constitution matters and it needs to be alive and well. You need to be willing to speak to it

no matter where you are."

Hill, who will be ineligible to run for governor should she be impeached from her current position, was asked at one point if she could be an effective governor given the numerous political enemies she has made in Cheyenne. Hill responded by claiming that she, in fact, has more supporters within the state power structure than her current situation indicates and she has already demonstrated that she possesses the required fortitude.

"I think that's why I will be an effective governor," she said of her political enemies. "I've watched I don't know [how many people give in to political pressure]. The governor folded early on. I can give you examples. I don't know if I need to do that tonight. I've been willing, even when you're not looking, to be alone in a room — not alone because there are bureaucrats and consultants in there, and there are many people who are benefitting from the wealth of the state in those rooms — but I'm willing to speak to the values of the Wyoming people. That's why they want to get rid of me so badly. Heck, I'm an educator. Why would that be such a [threat]? They did Senate File 104. Why would they have to take me through an investigation, [as well]? Because I'm willing to say, [Senator] Phil Nicholas, I think what you just did is corrupt ..."

"I don't know anyone who has gone through what I have and has an understanding of state government like I do," she continued of her credentials. "I have a lot of support in state government. That's what you don't know. There is more support than you would think. They tried to do damage to me today. But there are people in state government who know who I am."

Responding to further questions, Hill said she was unconcerned about potentially splitting the Republican primary vote with Taylor Haynes, should he officially decide to run. Haynes, Hill said, lacks her qualifications and experience, not to mention willingness to go against the current of opinion.

"I ended really questionable practices in the Department of Education, and they were not happy about it but [those practices] should have been ended," she said. "I'm familiar with one of the largest budgets in the State of Wyoming, almost two billion dollars ... I can learn all the budgets and I can hold to our values no matter what situation I'm in, and I don't know that Taylor can do that. He doesn't have three years of tested experience. He was on the State Board of Education for nearly a decade, and I don't think he ever voted against the tuition increase."

"I'm not running for governor because I want to," she went on, explaining her reasons for seeking the position. "I'm

running for governor because I feel I must right now. If someone steps into the race — and it wouldn't be Taylor Haynes — who I valued, who I said 'yes, I know that they can do what is needed right now, they have enough knowledge, they have the fortitude, they're tenacious and they're not going to fold no matter where they are, and they have my values,' I'd step aside ... But I don't know of anybody like that right now."

Hill went on to say that she realizes that she has an uphill battle ahead of her and that she will face opposition from a variety of quarters, including certain segments of the media. She singled out the Casper-Star Tribune as a newspaper that she feels has been particularly unbalanced in their treatment of her.

"They never have anything correct in the Casper-Star," Hill complained. "I don't believe anything I read in there. You're going to hear, in the next eight months, a lot of negative about me. It's not because I'm not keeping my promises. It's because I am. The Casper-Star and I have nothing in common ... I will not be beholden to the Casper-Star ..."

When it was pointed out to her that Casper-Star political reporter Laura Hancock was in attendance, Hill apologized profusely to Hancock, saying she has nothing against Hancock personally, while still maintaining her stated disdain for the publication.

"This is what you should know about me," Hill concluded as those in attendance applauded. "I'm not the best talker. I walk the walk. That's where I'm strong."

William Curley of Concerned Citizens of Weston County in Support of the Sheriff's Office, the group that extended the invitation to Hill, told the News Letter Journal, "Cindy's not the first person who's ever been invited up here and accepted. There will be more. We were really glad that she was willing to come ... Personally, I think it's great she's throwing her hat in the ring. Enough people may be tired with business as usual ... I think she has the bona fides. They really don't like her down in Cheyenne ..."

Danny Bau, also a member of the Concerned Citizens group, expressed similar sentiments, saying he feels Senate File 104 had effectively cheated voters.

"We think the more candidates we can get in here the better the chance of having an informed electorate ... A lot of us in Weston County feel [Hill] got a raw deal ... There was a contract signed between [Hill and the public] when she ran for office and got the votes. The legislature can't just throw that out the window at their discretion ... We're wanting to sponsor the other candidates that run for governor, too, and get them in here. It's hard to judge somebody in the paper."



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Learning fun

Enjoyment was had by all who attended the Family Fun Night on Monday at the Weston County Children's Center. Pre-school age children, along with their parents, had the opportunity to make an educational craft, paint snow with water colors and experiment with water and dry ice to make bubbles. At left, Evelyn Garcia makes a handmade snow globe. Above, Brenda Clarke shows Scotlyn Carr and Savannah Carr how to make giant bubbles. (Photos by Denice Piscioti/NLJ)

Beehler earns national certification

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

Learning never stops, no matter your age or profession, Newcastle Physical Education instructor Kathy Beehler pointed out during a recent interview to talk about achieving National Board Certification for Teachers.

The objective of the Wyoming National Board Certification Initiative is to strengthen the quality of teachers in the state's public schools, so having a teacher that is National Board-certified is an asset for any school. Weston County School District #1 is fortunate to now have three teachers that are certified.

Beehler, who recently earned the distinction of being nationally board certified, joins NES teacher Erin Pzinski and Newcastle High School English instructor Kara Sweet as those in the district who have earned the honor.

"National Board certification gives teachers the tools to define and measure teaching excellence. Similar to certification in fields like medicine, National Board certification is a rigorous, peer-reviewed process that ensures the Board-certified teachers have proven skills to advance student achievement," Beehler explained to the News Letter Journal.

Besides teaching physical education to every student at NES, Beehler keeps busy managing the Kozisek Aquatic Center throughout the school year and coaches two high school sports, one middle school sport and two elementary sports. This busy woman managed to complete the required four entries, and six tests in three years — although it took longer than she had hoped.

"That is, I guess, how long



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Newcastle Elementary School students Justin LaCross and Callie Hiser listen as Physical Education Instructor Kathy Beehler visits with Stacey Jones' fourth grade class about turning in their fitness sheets before the end of the quarter this week.

it is supposed to take, but I was trying to speed the process up. Just reading it, it seems fairly simple. It seems when you get into it, it goes much deeper. I thought I knew why I was doing things, and then I really looked at it and thought, 'okay, why I am doing what I am doing,'" she explained. "It allowed me to think more deeply about what my students did and didn't know. It made me back up a little bit and add more to what I am doing."

It is estimated the average National Board-certified teacher spends 400 hours preparing the paperwork to demonstrate they have met all qualifications to be certified. In addition to presenting that she could effectively design, teach, assess and evaluate appropriate lessons

for individual students, Beehler also had to prove she directly impacts students.

It was not easy, she admitted, as there were times she didn't think she could finish the task. Especially toward the end of the process, after working at the pool she would go home and work on her paperwork until 4 a.m., then sleep for a few hours before she had to get up and begin another day. But it was worth it, she said, because it opened her eyes to how she can make a greater impact on students.

In May of 2013 Beehler turned in her National Board Certification Packet. A panel reviewed her entry to see if she provided clear evidence that she is affecting students, impacting them and directly relating to

the standards, giving motivating feedback and meeting every student's needs.

There are many ways she had to demonstrate how she has earned the honor. More than one 20-minute video was required, along with student assessments, accomplishments, and extra activities outside the classroom. Providing evidence she impacts students' lives outside the classroom was not difficult for Beehler because she had implemented such activities previously, such as the grade school mile club, Fitness Challenge and Pedometer Challenge, along with ski trips, a cross country run, swimming parties and more. She partners with the community by incorporating Zumba, visits from medical doctors and public

health, for example.

The Fitness Challenge is an example of how she communicates with parents, another requirement for certification. The P.E. instructor sends home fitness sheets for parents to go over with their child and initial the activity their child chooses to accomplish. Additionally families are given the opportunity to 'be the instructor' and motivate each other to participate in exercise and nutrition activities through offerings provided by Beehler.

The National Board Certification Packet she submitted was reviewed by a panel, and she was notified in November she was a National Board-certified teacher. The three-year certification process was an eye-opener in many ways.

"Probably the biggest thing it did for me was make me realize how much my students didn't know, that I took for granted," she said of the certification process.

One concept Beehler stresses with her students is to be cognizant that exercising is just as important as reading and writing. Telling the students why they are doing specific activities is now integrated into her day.

"Why are we learning volleyball? Because it is a lifelong skill and if you learn to become proficient at this skill there is a better chance you are going to use it more often. If you are confident, there is a better chance you are going to play it with someone else," noted the P.E. instructor. "I tell them, 'you don't have to be good at everything, you just want to improve all the time.'"

Beehler sought National Board certification because of a desire to improve after she completed her master's degree. In

education, experts are brought in to teach the instructors new strategies, but that's not the case with physical education, she noted.

When her husband, Scott, an instructor at Newcastle Middle School, comes home from different learning opportunities, she questions him on what he learned.

"Every time I hear anyone talking about, I am like a sponge. I am, 'what did you learn, what did you learn?' I just want to learn more. This seemed like a way to do it — there just isn't that much for P.E. teachers," she indicated. "I just like to learn, I always want to learn more all the time."

To that end, she has even considered going back to school to learn accounting, a field she considered going into when she began attending college at Black Hills State University. With a business major she has taught what she calls a mix-match of courses throughout her career — computers, business classes, yearbook — but the majority of the time she has taught physical education and coached.

"[The certification process] has made me a more powerful teacher. I have slowed down some of my teaching. As I slowed down and reflected more with students, I realized they didn't know some of the things I had taken for granted. I also ask myself why I am doing a certain lesson in P.E. I am able to reflect better on why I am doing a lesson, and whether it is truly impacting students, or is it just fun. I believe I am more effective and efficient at assessments," she revealed.

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01/16	V9	*Glenrock Herdiers	H 4PM
01/18	V9	*Worland Warriors	H Noon
01/23	V9	*Buffalo Bison	A 4PM
01/25	V9	*Douglas Bearcats	H 2:30PM
Girls Basketball			
01/16	V9	*Glenrock Herdiers	A 4PM
01/18	V9	*Worland Warriors	H Noon
01/23	V9	*Buffalo Bison	A 4PM
01/25	V9	*Douglas Bearcats	H 2:30PM
Wrestling			
01/17	VJ	Newcastle Invitational	H 10AM
01/24	VJ	Lander Invitational	A Noon
01/25	VJ	Lander Invitational	A 9AM
Upton			
Boys Basketball			
1/16-18		West River Tourney @TBA	TBA
1/24		Kaycee @Kaycee	4/7PM
1/25		Midwest @Upton	1/4PM
Girls Basketball			
1/16		Sundance @Upton	5/6:30PM
1/24		Kaycee @Kaycee	4/5:30PM
1/25		Midwest @Upton	1/2:30PM
1/28		Hulett @Upton	4/5:30PM

Men hit the skids

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

"It was a rough weekend for us," Coach Allen Von Eye confessed of the Dogie boys' games against Wheatland and Rawlins Friday and Saturday, which they lost by respective scores of 69-48 and 67-32. The losses drop Newcastle to 0-2 in conference play and 1-8 overall.

Things seemed hopeful at first on the road against Wheatland (6-3 overall) on Friday, where the Dogies managed to keep it close for much of the game, even holding the lead throughout much of the second quarter.

"We played a great first half ... and a pretty decent third quarter, and then we just couldn't close in the fourth," Von Eye recalled. "We had some turnovers and really struggled defensively. We gave up way too many easy baskets and just ended up with a big loss. It was closer than what the final score indicates. It ended up being a 21-point loss but we were only down by five at half, and we shouldn't have even been down then. We led almost the entire second quarter."

"They jumped up on us early in the first quarter," Von Eye elaborated of the disappointing loss. "We trailed the entire first quarter and then we took the lead early in the second quarter and led the entire way until the last 30 seconds of the second quarter, where we gave up an easy basket and then had a couple fouls that put them at the free-throw line."

But despite being well within striking distance at the break, the Dogies found themselves unable to turn things around in the second half, falling only deeper into the hole against the Bulldogs.

"The second half, despite only being down five, we came out really hesitant," Von Eye lamented. "The things that we did well in the first half we stopped doing ... You could see our kids, all of a sudden, for whatever reason, lean back on their heels and stop attacking ... Against a very active and aggressive team that puts you at a

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Ladies split weekend games

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

The Dogie gals went 1-1 last week, holding off Wheatland at home on Friday by a score of 42-33 before falling at Rawlins 43-38 in a back and forth contest on Saturday. The two games, the first conference competition of the year for the Dogies, brought Newcastle's record to 5-4 overall and 1-1 in conference play.

Somewhat uncharacteristically, Newcastle started out slowly against Wheatland (6-4 overall), falling behind within the first few minutes.

"That was probably the first game we've really started shaky with some turnovers and even looked a little out of sync on the offensive end," Coach Tyler Bartlett recalled of Friday's game. "If we hadn't played really good defense we could have been behind by a lot more. I think the first four trips [down court] we turned the basketball over. We really could have dug ourselves a hole."

That disciplined defense would fortunately save the Dogies from such a fate, however, and Newcastle turned things around quickly against the Bulldogs, maintaining a significant lead for much of the game.

"I was really pleased with our defense in that game, especially since that's something we've kind of talked about as a team," Bartlett said. "Sometimes we struggle to score the basketball and so it's important for us to be able to get some stops on the defensive end. Whether that's rebounds or turnovers, that helps us create offense too ... We had way too many turnovers on offense but at the same time the defensive effort and rebounding made up for a lot of that."

The Dogie ladies also managed



Abby Gray surveys the floor for an open teammate during Friday's game against Wheatland at the Dogie Dome.

Todd Bennington/NLJ

Stats

Jan. 10 vs. Wheatland (home)
Jan. 11 vs. Rawlins (away)

Varsity:
Newcastle 42, Wheatland 33
Rawlins 43, Newcastle 38

JV:
Wheatland 29, Newcastle 17
Rawlins 39, Newcastle 36

Freshmen:
Wheatland 39, Newcastle 37
Wheatland 36, Newcastle 29

Varsity Season Averages:
Alyssa Dawson Pts. 2.8, Reb. 2.9, Ast. 0.4, Stl. 0.9, Blk. 0.1
Scottlyn Wiggins Pts. 3.0, Reb. 1.9, Ast. 1.6, 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. 8.3, Reb. 6, Ast. 1.2, Stl. 4, Blk. --
Kendra Back Pts. 0.3, Reb. 1.3, Ast. 0.2, Stl. 0.1, Blk. --
Hannah Williams Pts. --, Reb. 1.0, Ast. --, Stl. 0.2, Blk. --
Patricia Miller Pts. 0.6, Reb. 2.7, 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. 1.1, Reb. 0.1, Ast. 0.3, Stl. 0.4, Blk. --
Hannah Cass Pts. 20.6, Reb. 10.1, Ast. 2.7, Stl. 4.6, Blk. 1.8
Abby Gray Pts. 8.7, Reb. 1.7, Ast. 2.9, Stl. 3.1, Blk. --
Bailey Karp Pts. --, Reb. 0.7, Ast. --, Stl. 0.3, Blk. --

to put on a much better second-half showing than they have at other points in the season, maintaining their focus and intensity throughout Friday's contest.

"Coming out of half-time I was really pleased. We made a little run coming out of the break and threw a couple different things at them defensively, and the girls just did a really nice job ... of creating turnovers and getting buckets," Bartlett commented.

Asked if that's something they've been working on in practice, Bartlett indicated that is the case, though he didn't think it was something for which his coaching is entirely responsible.

"Part of that has probably been

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Wrestling continues rocky season

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Despite having outpointed Niobrara County (Lusk) at a dual meet held on Jan. 7 in Upton, Head Wrestling Coach Sean Crabtree seemed to express ambivalence about how this year's wrestling season was shaping up when he spoke with the News Letter Journal on Monday.

"There were a lot of forfeitures," he said of last Tuesday's meet. "[Niobrara County's] down with numbers too. Everybody who wrestled, wrestled tough. Phil Jagelski wrestled well."

Newcastle, who have combined teams with Upton this year, next met with more mixed results when they attended the Shane Shatto Memorial Tournament in Douglas on Friday and Saturday.

"I feel we did real well Friday," Crabtree reflected of the tournament. "We only sent two [wrestlers] home who didn't make it to the second day."

Not bad considering it was

a major tournament attended by a number of 4A teams and the toughest level of competition the Dogies have seen yet this year.

Still, as Crabtree explained, Newcastle has been plagued by lots of minor misfortune this season. While his son Merritt wrestled well, losing only once on points to Sheridan's Cody Delk, who is currently ranked number two in the state in 4A at 182 pounds, most of his wrestlers did not fare comparably.

Garrett Liggett, who Crabtree said was recovering from an illness, went 1-2 at the tournament, while Junior Varsity wrestler Preston Rushton sustained a shoulder

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Garrett Liggett lost by a pin Jan. 7 against Lusk, but the Dogie wrestling team is looking forward to a better meet Friday when they host an invitational in Newcastle.





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Back row from left: Sid Douglas, Alex Henkle, Daniel Caress, Colin Heaton, Kieran Winter, and Coach James Stith. Front row from left: Megan Logan, Kinlee Whitney, Brooklin Macke, Jae Whitney, Haley Barker, Riley Corfman and Maddee Frazee.

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injury after winning his first three matches. "We've had a lot of injuries this year," Crabtree said with an air of disappointment about him. "Between injuries, illnesses, and kids not keeping their grades up, it's killing us team-wise. We're having a hell of a time putting a full team together."

Indeed, that seems to be the case, with the aforementioned Jagelski not even making it to the Douglas tournament owing to an elbow injury he sustained at practice last Wednesday, one serious enough that he'll unfortunately be out for the rest of the season.

Physical ailments aside, Crabtree is still not happy with where his wrestlers are at mentally either.

"We're in a mode right now where it's pin or get pinned instead of wrestling the full six minutes. We need to dig deep and try to figure out how we can go the full six instead of getting pinned," he said.

Asked if it might be a conditioning problem, Crabtree assured the News Letter Journal it's instead a 100 percent mental issue.

"Heck, we'll be winning a match, then all of a sudden we go to our backs and we're stuck," he explained. "Mentally we're weak. We just kind of give up."

Putting oneself in an engaged and positive mind-set, Crabtree suggested, is half the battle.

"If you're out there on the side [of the mat] thinking, 'I'm going to take this guy down and I'm going to do this and do that,' I don't care how tough he is, you'll go out and wrestle a whole lot better. But we have kids who get themselves beat before they even go out on the mat."

Such a positive mental attitude and desire to persevere in the face of adversity, Crabtree insisted, cannot be taught, or at least not instilled by a wrestling coach over the course of a season. "That's one thing that you can't teach them.

It's something that they have to do themselves," he said, while adding that he still hopes to see all his wrestlers qualify for State.

"You can scream and yell, but sometimes you have to be careful of their feelings," he continued of the difficulties inherent in motivating those who are unwilling to give their full effort. "You might hurt a feeling or two and next thing you know they don't want to wrestle for you anymore."

Crabtree indicated this hasn't been an issue specific to his team but is one faced by all coaches trying to get the current crop of high school students to commit themselves fully to a grueling sport.

"It's not only us. I've talked to a lot of coaches and it's the whole state," he said. "They're battling kids right and left. Kids that don't want to be there. Kids who go out for wrestling for two weeks and then quit. A lot of it stems from the parents. That's how I feel about it ... Parents need to be more involved."

"It's a lot of other things too," Crabtree added, trading his wrestling coach hat for that of social critic and going on to suggest the current political and cultural environment are partly to blame.

"The damn government gives [people] whatever they want. [People] can get out [of school] and get on food stamps right off the bat. They don't have to work hard for anything. In wrestling you have to work hard to be a champion or be a winner. It's irritating and it's frustrating as a coach ... [Kids tend not to have] to work hard before they get in the wrestling room."

The Dogies will have a chance to better impress their coach at a tournament they'll host at home Friday, beginning at 10 a.m. Approximately 12 schools are expected to attend.

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disadvantage. Late in the third we had a spell where we made about four turnovers that led to buckets [for Wheatland]."

Although the Dogies may have let the game against the Bulldogs slip out of their hands, at home on Saturday against the Outlaws (8-2 overall) they seemed never to have had much of a chance. Rawlins, in Von Eye's estimation, are as solid a team as the Dogies are likely to face this season, and he wasn't hesitant to give the Outlaws their due.

"Rawlins is probably as good as we've seen with the exception of maybe Cody. The pre-season accolades that they've garnered [and] the rankings they carry right now are justified. They are tough. They are big, which presented a bit of match-up problem for us because they're able to throw two big [men] at you at all times. They have some really good shooters. They have some great ball handlers. They are as well coached as anybody in this entire state," he said. "They're disciplined, and they do things the right way."

The Dogies, however, came ready to play against the current 3A conference leader and put up a pretty good fight — at least initially.

"They jumped out on us early, but our kids battled back and put ourselves again in a pretty good situation in that second quarter," said Von Eye. "We made a run at them. Unfortunately, late in that second quarter ... we gave up a couple of easy buckets and we went into the half down by 12."

Still within reach of a potential comeback, the Dogies unfortunately came out flat after the break, eventually succumbing to Rawlins' high-pressure style of play that prevented the Dogies from getting good looks at the basket and shooting the ball effectively.

"We were outclassed. We just couldn't stay with them. That's a good basketball team and when you're struggling to shoot the basketball [that makes things even more difficult]," Von Eye admitted. "It's really tough when you have a team come into your house and control most of the game. That's difficult ... Once you've started losing it's really tough to buck that trend and find out how to make those close situations go your way."

Asked about his personal

Stats	
Jan. 10 vs. Wheatland (away)	Wheatland 69, Newcastle 48
Jan. 11 vs. Rawlins (home)	Rawlins 67, Newcastle 32
Varsity:	
Wheatland 69, Newcastle 48	
Rawlins 67, Newcastle 32	
JV:	
Wheatland 49, Newcastle 28	
Rawlins 50, Newcastle 27	
C Team:	
Wheatland 45, Newcastle 21	
Rawlins 22, Newcastle 13	
Varsity Game Statistics — Two Game Totals	
Wade Gordon Pts. 26, Reb. 23, Ast. 0, Stl. 4, Blk. 0	
Dillon Ehlers Pts. 10, Reb. 13, Ast. 1, Stl. 1, Blk. 0	
Colton Sweet Pts. 2, Reb. 1, Ast. 2, Stl. 0, Blk. 0	
Nate McMahon Pts. 3, Reb. 3, Ast. 1, Stl. 1, Blk. 0	
Justin Francis Pts. 15, Reb. 8, Ast. 0, Stl. 4, Blk. 0	
Triston Roberson Pts. 0, Reb. 1, Ast. 0, Stl. 0, Blk. 0	
Trenton Engle Pts. 18, Reb. 5, Ast. 3, Stl. 4, Blk. 0	
Taylor Allen Pts. 16, Reb. 3, Ast. 1, Stl. 0, Blk. 1	
Cooper Karp Pts. 0, Reb. 0, Ast. 0, Stl. 0, Blk. 0	
Alec Walker Pts. 0, Ast. 0, Stl. 0, Blk. 0	

However you also have to look at the big picture. We learn a whole lot more from losing, whether it is on the basketball floor or whether it is in life, than we do from the wins ... You can guarantee that by the time the end of the season rolls around we're going to be right there. We're going to be competitive ... We'll get the wins rolling. The second time we see these teams it's going to be a different basketball game."

Neither did Von Eye take issue with the amount of effort he sees his team putting forth, saying it's just a matter of working smarter, not harder, for his relatively inexperienced players.

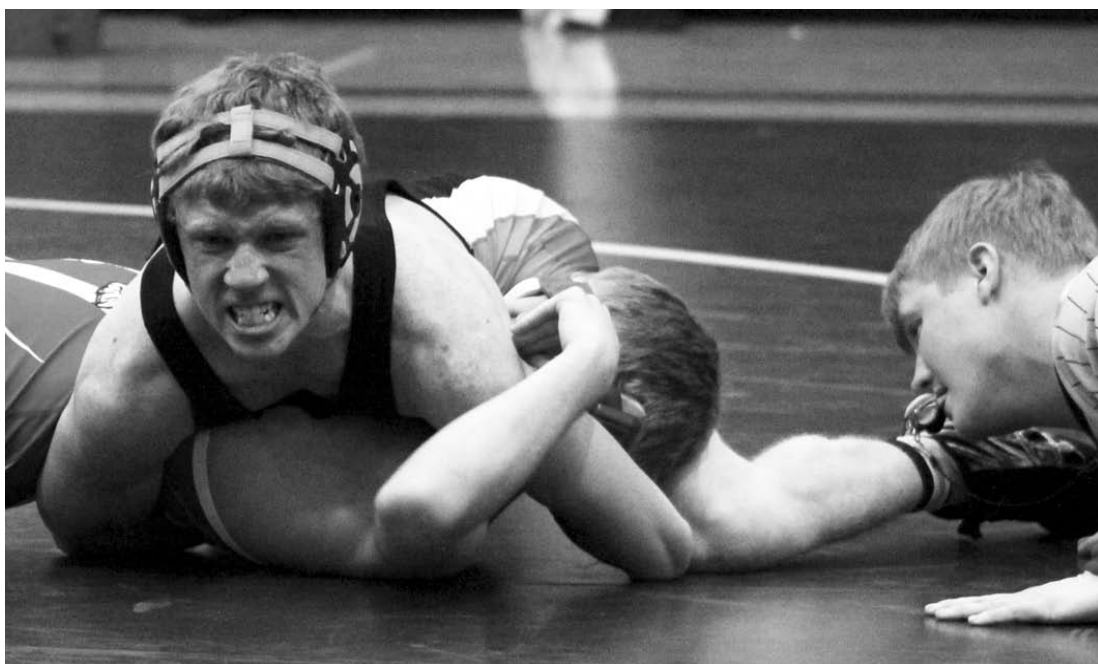
"You can never fault our kids' effort. Our kids work their tails off and we love them for that. We're so proud of the way our kids work. We don't always work the smartest and that's where we're at right now. We're a young basketball team that's still trying to figure out how to play."

philosophy regarding losing, now that Dogies have fallen near the bottom of the conference rankings, Von Eye was reflective, saying it goes with the territory and provides learning opportunities on which to build future success.

"Nobody likes to [lose]. I'm very passionate about the sport and about competition ... I hate to lose as much as anybody.



Denice Piscioti/NLJ



Denice Piscioti/NLJ

Bradon Rushton lost his first match in Douglas, but came back to win his next one.

Taylor Allen drives to the basket in the Dogie Dome Saturday.

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our preparation and practice and doing different things to try to get them in shape and keep them focused for longer stretches of time," he said, "and part of it is just a credit to the girls that they understand that now we're in conference play. You can't go slacking off in the second half or you're going to lose every one of these games."

Having made it past the Bulldogs, the Lady Dogies next got up bright and early on Saturday morning for a long bus ride to Rawlins for a game that would prove to be a tough loss for the Dogies, but

the Outlaws themselves, who are 8-2 overall and trail only Douglas in the 3A conference standings, weren't the only challenge the Dogies faced there.

"It's not a good place to play," said Bartlett matter-of-factly. "That's probably the most disrespectful crowd we'll see all year. That's just the way that it is. We know it. Everybody knows it ... They try to do some things to get you out of your comfort zone."

"I thought we came out and played pretty well," he continued of the game itself. "We were up 8-2 very early. We made some runs and led

at half-time. It just really ... came down to not being able to score enough; 38 points isn't enough to beat Rawlins. It was a combination of poor help-side defense, not moving our feet, and poor officiating."

Indeed the Lady Dogies did seem to be on the wrong end of a case of home-court advantage when it came to the officials, with Rawlins having 33 opportunities at the foul line in comparison to Newcastle's 13. Still, Bartlett said his team wasn't entirely blameless in that regard.

"We were in foul trouble the whole night. Kids that never

have foul trouble were in foul trouble. I think every starter had at least four fouls. Part of that falls on us not moving our feet and not communicating," the coach indicated.

Bartlett said he wouldn't trade the Rawlins' experience, however, calling it a character-building one.

"That's what I love about going down there this time of year," he reasoned. "That's as tough as it will get in our conference on the road. You're probably not going to get the best officiating. You're going to get the loudest, rowdiest crowd. You're going

to get 10-minute warm-ups instead of 15 like everywhere else you go."

Bartlett did, however, admit that it would have been nice to have picked up the win against the Outlaws, something which managed to elude them as time ran out.

"We were down two with three minutes to go," he recalled. "We were right in the game ... You hate losing a conference game. I really felt like we should have won that game and beat that team, but at the same time I'm really proud of the girls for the way they battled with all the things

going on down there ... We needed some scores and stops down the stretch. We didn't get scores and we didn't get stops, so we ended up losing by five. We were up a decent majority of the game and just needed to close it out," Bartlett concluded of the disappointing loss. He went on to mention the contributions of Patricia Miller and Abi Devereaux in helping to make it a close contest for Newcastle.

The ladies will next face Glenrock on Thursday, Jan. 16, followed by a home game against Worland at noon on Saturday, Jan. 18.

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A new year – a new you



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■ **District, chamber team up for fitness**

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Weston County School District #1 and the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce have teamed up to offer a “A New Year – A New You” weight loss and fitness challenge to those seeking to make good on their New Year’s resolutions.

The 12-week program will commence with registration and initial weigh-ins at the Newcastle High School office on Jan. 29 at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$100 for a five-person team, with the collected money to be divided among the eventual top three finishers.

“The first-place team will get 50 percent of the money that’s paid in, the second-place team will get 30 percent, and the third-place team will get 20 percent,” explained school nurse Kristin Wilkes, who is helping to coordinate the challenge.

Co-organizer Kim Conzelman, outreach director for Eastern Wyoming College, explained that bashful participants needn’t worry about stripping down to their tidy

School nurse Kristin Wilkes and EWC Newcastle Outreach Director Kim Conzelman stand in front of exercise equipment in the fitness center on Friday. The two are organizing the “A New Year – A New You” weight loss challenge to begin on Jan. 29.

whities for their weekly weigh-in session. “[Weigh-ins] will be conducted by Kristin in private in our high school office,” she assured the News Letter Journal.

“It’s just important [participants] wear about the same amount of clothing each time so that the clothing doesn’t affect it,” added Wilkes, who explained that the taking of measurements will also accompany the first and last weigh-ins of the challenge.

However, those who slack off during the course of the three-month challenge and gain weight from one week to the next, as well as those who fail to show up for their weigh-ins, will be subject to fines. They’ll pay a dollar per pound gained, with the money going into a weekly pot that will be awarded to each week’s top individual weight loser.

All money awarded, Conzelman explained, will be given in the form of Chamber Bucks to ensure that the proceeds from the challenge go back into the community.

“[Chamber Bucks] can be

used anywhere. It does not have to be at a chamber business. [Local businesses] just cash it like it’s somebody’s personal check,” she explained of how the vouchers work.

Both Wilkes and Conzelman were quick to point out, though, that while fun, weight loss, and monetary gain are immediate goals of the competition, but its broader purpose is the development of a healthy lifestyle.

“It’s not just about weight loss and losing those pounds quickly ... We’re looking at overall health,” affirmed Conzelman.

“We’re not just focusing on the exercise [and] fitness part of it either,” added Wilkes. “We’re also focusing on nutrition and journaling what you eat. [I’ll] be sending out weekly emails that help give information on fitness, exercise, stress, sleep — just basic health and wellness and also just a little motivation to keep them going.”

A pedometer will also be provided to each participant, Conzelman and Wilkes said, adding that they weren’t certain what kind of a turnout

to expect yet.

“I’ve heard lots of talk about it already,” Conzelman stated. “People sound pretty excited, but we don’t know [how many] we’re going to get. Our school district is very supportive of this whole idea, so I think there’ll be a big push for our school district people to be involved.”

Among the local exercise options available to challenge participants or anyone else who might want to further their fitness goals, according to Conzelman, are an indoor walking program, yoga, Zumba, men’s league basketball, karate, and women’s fit class. More information about these can be provided by the Eastern Wyoming College Newcastle Outreach Center.

Those seeking further information about the challenge or who find themselves short of members for their five-person team can contact Conzelman at 746-3603, or Wilkes 746-2717.

Next week NLJ explores the community programs offered by Eastern Wyoming College.

Apply now for scholarship

The Allen A and Dorothy Belle Dickey Scholarship provides financial assistance to graduating seniors, GED graduates, and past-graduates of Weston County who are enrolled full-time at any educational institution in Wyoming.

Three scholarships of \$5,000 and three scholarships of \$2,500 will be awarded for the 2014/2015 academic year. Preference will be given to those interested in the areas of agriculture or nursing, but other areas of study will also be considered.

“This wonderful scholarship was left to be stewarded by Beta Sigma Phi Sorority of Upton, an organization whose

members are dedicated to ‘life,’ ‘learning,’ and ‘friendship,’ according to a release from the sorority.

Applications with detailed eligibility and submission requirements are available online at the Wyoming Community Foundation website, www.wycf.org. Applications must be submitted to the Wyoming Community Foundation no later than Feb. 1.

“Several graduates from Newcastle have benefited from this scholarship [in the past] and we hope to continue doing this for many years to come,” said Judy Kosola of Beta Sigma Phi.

Accomplishments

BHSU announces Fall 2013 Dean’s List

The Office of Academic Affairs at Black Hills State University has released the Dean’s List for the Fall 2013 semester. A total of 722 students maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or above while taking at least 12 credit hours to be named to the list this semester.

From Newcastle on the list are Rebekah Clyde, Devin Dickey and Elyse Gray. Upton’s Susan Ludemann also earned Dean’s List honors.

Founded in 1883, Black Hills State University is a master’s level University that promotes excellence in teaching and learning; supports research, creative and scholarly activities and pro-

vides service to the state, region, nation and global community. The third-largest University in South Dakota, BHSU enrolls nearly 4,500 students from each of the 66 counties in South Dakota, 44 states, and 29 different countries.

Highfill, Jons named to President’s List

Two Newcastle students have been named on the Chadron State College fall 2013 President’s List.

In order to qualify for the list, students must earn a 4.0 grade-point average on a scale of 4.0 and be enrolled in at least 12 hours.

Veronica Highfill and Channing Jons both earned President’s List honors.

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In addition, over the past few months there have been some changes in the Affordable Care Act that everyone should be aware of:

For Individuals

- Citizens that received a notice of cancellation from their insurance company may be able to keep their plan for one additional year. Note that these extended plans will not offer any of the changes in insurance coverage mandated by the ACA. Each insurance company has discretion as to whether it will allow the canceled plans to continue. So you should contact your insurance company to see if your plan will be continued.

- If you received a notice of cancellation from your insurance company, you may be eligible for a hardship exemption. That would waive the tax penalty that is to be assessed against people who don’t have health insurance. A hardship exemption also allows enrollment in a catastrophic plan, which generally has lower premiums and higher deductibles. People can get an

exemption application at healthcare.gov. The application must be accompanied by a copy of the policy cancellation letter.

For Employers

- Under the original terms of the law, large employers (those with 50 or more full-time equivalent employees) were required to provide health coverage for their full-time employees or face a penalty. The penalty has been delayed for one year.

- Originally, small employers (those with fewer than 50 full-time equivalent employees) could purchase health insurance for their employees online through the SHOP program. However, the online enrollment option will not be available until 2015. SHOP enrollment in 2014 must be completed through an agent, broker or insurance company.

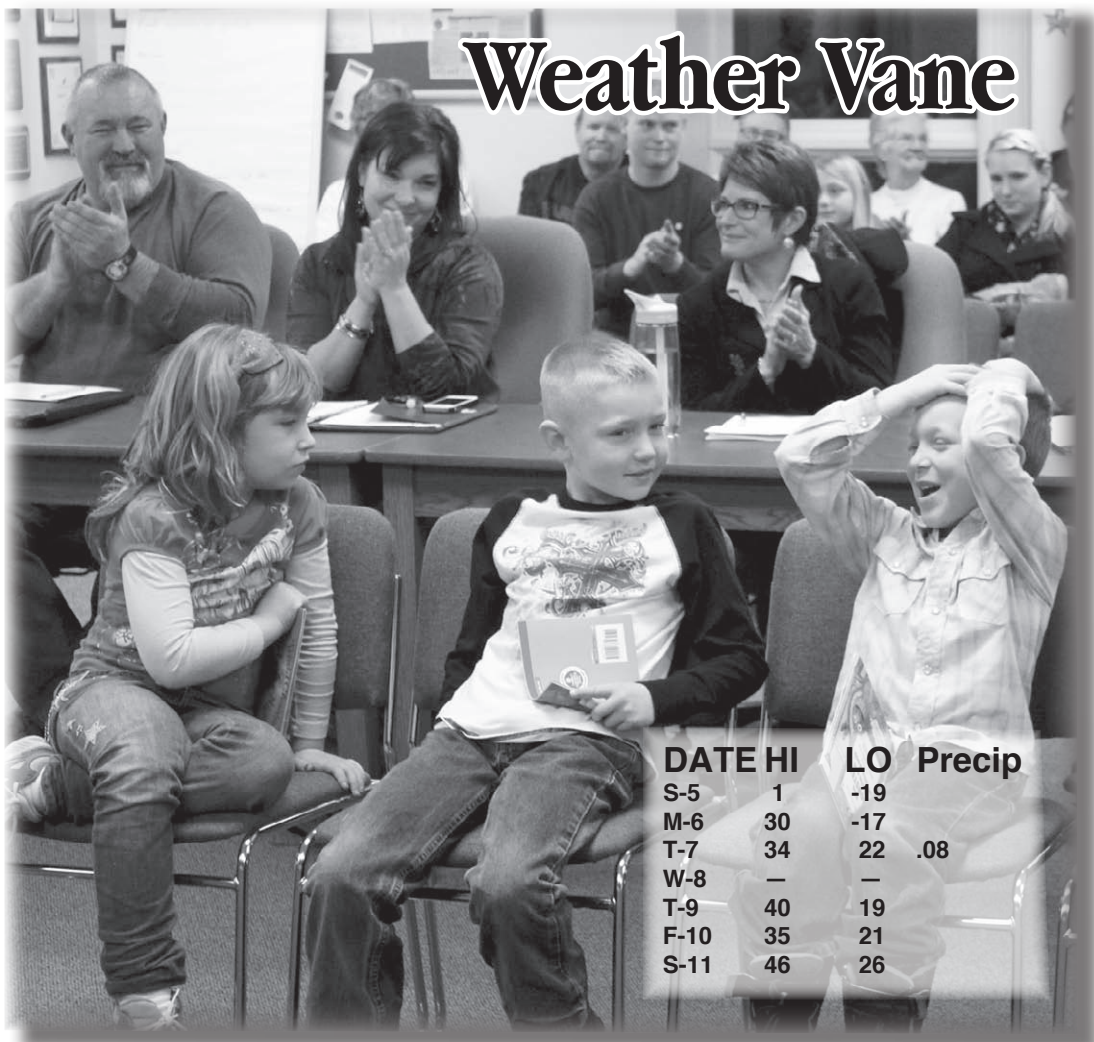
For information and help with enrollment, individuals and employers should contact their insurance agents. For additional help with enrollment, citizens may also contact Navigators. Navigators are trained and offer free assistance to consumers. Contact a Wyoming Navigator by calling 2-1-1 or by visiting wyo-ming211.org.

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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 Mortgagee 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;

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 Assignment recording information: Reception No. 747234 in Book 348 at Page 211

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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;

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Fun and Games

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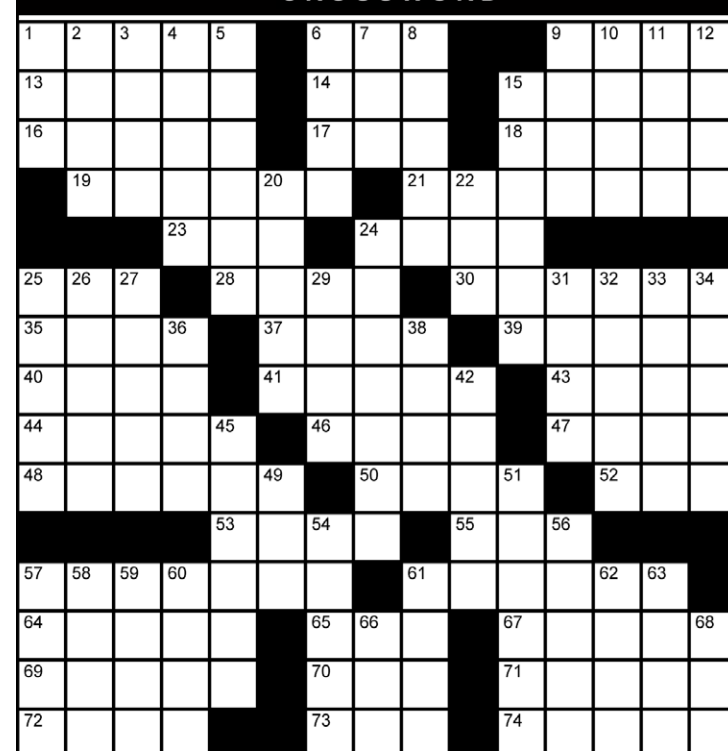
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19. *The coldest Super Bowl venue to-date
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70. *It's raised for field goals
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72. The Benevolent and Protective Order of _____
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County Commission Minutes

JANUARY 7, 2014

The regular meeting of the Weston County Commissioners convened at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioner Seeley presiding. Present for the meeting were Commissioners: Lenard D. Seeley, Marty Ertman, Tracy Hunt and County Clerk, Mamie C. Krank. Not present were Commissioners: Randy Rossman and Jerry Shepperson.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Seeley gave the Invocation and Commissioner Ertman led the delegation in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Elect Commission Chairman and Vice Chairman

Commissioner Hunt nominated Lenard D. Seeley for Chairman and Jerry Shepperson for Vice-Chairman of the Commission. A motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to retain Lenard D. Seeley as Chairman and Jerry Shepperson as Vice-Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners for calendar year 2014. **Carried.**

Wyoming County Commissioners Association

Commissioner Ertman discussed several issues of interest brought up by the Wyoming County Commissioners Association (WCCA) for the Board's consideration. Pete Obermueller, WCCA Executive Director, would like to meet with the Commissioners on January 21, 2014. An appointment will be set. Commissioner Ertman presented a letter of support from the WCCA for continued funding of Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT). Commissioner Ertman stated that she had responded to an email supporting future PILT funding. Mamie C. Krank, County Clerk and Susan Overman, County Treasurer, already responded in support of future PILT funding. The Commissioners agreed with the WCCA letter of support for PILT funding. The Commissioners agreed to draft a letter to Senator Curt Meier in support of Governor Mead's proposed allocation of forty percent (40%) Consensus funding and sixty percent (60%) Direct funding to Counties. No action was taken.

Teckla-Osage-Rapid City Transmission Project

The Commissioners discussed a forty-five (45) day comment period which began December 27, 2013; for the proposed Black Hills Power transmission line project. Chairman Seeley noted a personal conflict and refrained from the discussion. The proposed project would construct a 230 kV transmission line connecting the Teckla Substation in Campbell County to the Osage Substation in Weston County, WY and the Lange Substation located near Rapid City, SD. Commissioner Ertman stated that she would write a letter to be presented during the comment period. No action was taken.

Library Board

Cathy Dunford and Candy Driver-Ratigan, Library Board Members, met with the Commissioners and discussed the recent employee bonus which included only those Weston County employees paid through the County payroll. Commissioner Ertman suggested that the Library Board could pay employee bonuses out of the Library's cash reserve fund and request reimbursement from the County next budget session. Chairman Seeley explained that the Library employees were not intentionally excluded, however; the Library and Fair Boards are separate entities with separate budgets and payrolls. No action was taken.

Board Appointments

Planning & Zoning Board: A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, to re-appoint Rick Dunford to the Planning & Zoning Board for a three-year term. Discussion ensued, **carried.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to re-appoint William Curley to the Planning & Zoning Board for a three-year term. **Carried.**

Recreation (Mallo) Board: A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, to re-appoint Ted J. Ertman to the Recreation (Mallo Camp) Board for a four-year term. **Carried.**

Fair Board: A motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to re-appoint Craig Deveraux to the Fair Board for a five-year term. **Carried.**

Predatory Animal Control Board: A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to re-appoint Gary Barnes to the Predatory Animal Control Board for a three-year term. **Carried.**

There were no letters of interest received for the CLG Historic Preservation Board; the Commissioners agreed that these available positions should be re-advertised. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 10:29 a.m. with all present, except Commissioner Rossman who was not present for the entire meeting.

Accept Collections

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to accept the collections of the District Court in the amount of \$1,164.50. **Carried.** A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to accept the collections of the County Clerk in the amount of \$8,896.75. **Carried.**

Mondell Airport Runway Project 13-31

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, to authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on a letter addressed to First Northern Bank of Wyoming, authorizing the final retention payment of \$81,428.41 to be made to DRM Inc. on January 16, 2014, for the Mondell Airport Runway Project. **Carried.**

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 17, 2013, as published. **Carried.**

Mallo Camp Water Tank Replacement Project

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to accept and authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on two copies of an agreement with Bearlodge Engineering & Surveying for the Mallo Camp Water Tank Replacement Project. **Carried.**

2014 Legal Newspaper

Weston County received two sealed bids from the News Letter Journal and the Weston County Gazette for the 2014 legal County newspaper. Both bids were opened and read aloud by Chairman Seeley and were for the same

price as last year. After review and discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to accept the proposal received from the News Letter Journal as Weston County's official legal newspaper for the calendar year 2014. **Carried.** The recorded votes were as follows: Yea: Commissioners Shepperson, Hunt and Seeley; Nay: Commissioner Ertman.

Sheriff's Department

Bryan Colvard, Sheriff, met with the Commissioners and thanked the Board on behalf of his employees for the employee bonuses which were approved last meeting. Sheriff Colvard went over the department's accounts receivable and monthly fees. Sheriff Colvard discussed various upgrades to the Law Enforcement Center including the expansion of the IT Room, removal of a fire place from the administration office and the construction of a new evidence room. Sheriff Colvard will get quotes for the proposed work and report back to the Commissioners. Sheriff Colvard stated that the jail has obsolete and/or inadequate camera equipment and presented an approximate cost of \$80,000.00 to upgrade the existing system. Sheriff Colvard discussed upgrading the cameras in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse to include audio. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 1:28 p.m. with all present.

Contract Engineer

Jerry Hunt, Contract Engineer, met with the Commissioners and reviewed the procedures for opening bids. Mr. Hunt discussed a pressure test for the water line at the Weston County Event Center which will be completed on January 8, 2014. Mr. Hunt discussed floor issues in the basement of the Courthouse and stated that he had left a message for John Francis. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 1:42 p.m. and reconvened at 1:48 p.m. with all present.

Road & Bridge Old Shop Roof Project

The hour being 2:00 p.m., Chairman Seeley opened two sealed bids received for the Road & Bridge Old Shop Roof Project. Bids were received from Leighton Construction and Howard White Construction; both bids conformed to the requirements of the bid documents. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 2:12 p.m. and reconvened at 2:16 p.m. with all present.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to take the bid information under advisement until the next Commissioners meeting to be held on January 21, 2014. **Carried.**

Road & Bridge Department

Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Foreman, met with the Commissioners and discussed various county roads. Issues on Salt Creek Road were discussed, a copy of a letter to the Commissioners from Don Hansen, County Attorney, dated December 17, 2013, was given to Mr. Williams. Mr. Williams questioned the possibility of using county road funds to purchase gravel. Mr. Williams will provide a list of roads and an approximate cost to Mamie C. Krank, County Clerk, for a possible budget amendment from the county road fund. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 3:17 p.m. and reconvened at 3:47 p.m. with all present.

Direct County Funding

The Commissioners drafted a letter to Senator Curt Meier in support of Governor Mead's proposed allocation of forty percent (40%) Consensus funding and sixty percent (60%) Direct funding for Counties. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on the letter in support of Governor Mead's proposed funding; addressed to Senator Meier and copied to Governor Mead. **Carried.**

Approve Vouchers

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to approve the vouchers as presented. **Carried.** They are as follows:

066 NCPERS, financial admin, \$304.00, AFLAC, payroll ded, \$1,678.58, Blue Cross Blue Shield, financial admin, \$58,680.74, Office of Child Support, payroll ded, \$175.00, Orchard Trust, payroll ded, \$1,120.00, WEBT, financial admin, \$185.10, Weston County Clerk, financial admin, \$48,155.50, WY Child Support, payroll ded, \$1,175.00, WY Dept of Workforce Services, financial admin, \$3,166.44, WY Retirement System,

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.

Anyone desiring to file a public comment, statement, protest, intervention petition or request for a public hearing in this matter must file with the Commission in writing 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 wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing that you will attend, or want to make a statement, a protest or a public comment, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay by dialing 711. Please contact us as soon as possible to help us serve you better and please include reference to Docket No. 10014-150-CP-13.

Dated: January 3, 2014.

(Publish January 9 and 16, 2014)

financial admin, \$26,443.87, WY Retirement System, financial admin, \$613.98, Postmaster c/o Sheriff, post/freight, \$190.00, Hermes Consolidated Inc, gas/oil, \$25,593.52, DRM Inc, master plan airport, \$42,189.74, First Northern Bank of WY, master plan airport, \$2,220.51, Morrison Maierle Inc, master plan airport, \$6,531.82, First State Bank, misc, \$21.00, Pitney Bowes Inc, misc, \$794.67, Ad Pro, ag exp/p-hlth exp, \$47.39, Alpha Communications, tower rent, \$55.00, AlSCO, janitor supp, \$13.00, American Red Cross, school exp, \$570.00, American Solutions for Business, misc, \$86.57, American Welding & Gas Inc, repair/maint, \$131.65, Arrow Electric Inc, brd of prisoners, \$941.32, Arrow Service, vch maint/fuel, \$120.00, AT&T Mobility, comm, \$959.32, B-4 Automotive LLC, repair/maint, \$19.49, Black Hills Auto Salvage, vch maint/fuel, \$87.90, Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial, brd of prisoners, \$561.76, Black Hills Plumbing, repair/maint/brd of prisoners, \$529.35, Black Hills Power, util, \$3,054.24, Black Hills Printing & Signs, supp, \$353.25, Byrand Streeter, contract wages, \$1,071.88, C&J Newcastle Hardware, repair/maint, \$391.74, Cambria Supply, repair/maint, \$440.40, Casey Thorson, janitor supp, \$380.00, CDW Government Inc, supp, \$2,099.48, City of Newcastle, util/dispatch/pub def/p-hlth exp, \$4,923.26, Collins Communications Inc, radio exp, \$201.75, Comtronix, p-hlth exp/misc, \$156.00, Culligan Water Conditioning, misc, \$27.50, Decker's Market, supp/ag exp, \$133.21, Dixon Bros Inc, oil/gas, \$180.64, Eddie's Truck Center, repair/maint, \$51.05, ESP-Wyoming, ag exp, \$45.00, Fastenal Company, repair/maint, \$383.80, Frontier Home Ranch & Hardware, brd of prisoners/repair/maint, \$690.61, Gaylord Bros Inc, record retention/repair, \$127.00, Gillette Medical Imaging, misc, \$43.00, Godfrey's Brake Service, repair/maint, \$57.24, Golden West Technologies, comp software, \$1,100.00, Great Western Tire Co, repair/maint, \$4,270.13, Grimm's Pump & Industrial Supply, oil/gas, \$85.11, Grizzly Services, cntrct/equip/lbr, \$850.00, Hansen & Peck, office exp, \$4,250.00, Heritage House 76, p-hlth exp, \$63.75, Hillyard/Sioux Falls, janitor supp, \$160.02, Inland Truck Parts, repair/maint, \$315.30, Jerry Shepperson, mile/trvl, \$97.00, John's Electric, library, \$229.57, KASL, p-hlth exp, \$684.00, Kone Inc, repair/maint, \$508.92, Lab Corp, pre employment, \$106.75, Lea Mitchell, coroner, \$100.00, Leads Online, investigations, \$1,188.00, Lenard D. Seeley, mile/trvl, \$335.00, Lichen Research Center, comp software, \$1,000.00, Linstad's Alignment & Brake Service, repair/maint, \$127.00, Lori Bickford, p-hlth exp, \$1,151.80, MasterCard, mile/trvl/school exp, \$1,554.70, Max Masters, gis land records, \$1,900.00, MG Oil Company, oil/gas, \$615.76, Michael Chad Sears, planning brd, \$108.00, Minuteman Lube Center, vch maint/fuel, \$105.00, Moore Medical LLC, p-hlth exp, \$102.25, Motor Power Equipment, repair/maint, \$191.48, Mountain States Lithography, supp, \$167.70, Newcastle Ambulance Service, ambnlc, \$1,458.33, Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, ag exp, \$25.00, Newcastle Extinguisher, p-hlth exp, \$56.78, Newcastle Motors, vch maint/fuel, \$322.94, News Letter Journal, print/publ/supp/ag exp, \$3,588.01, Northern WY Mental Health/ Newcastle, pre employment, \$150.00, Pitney Bowes Inc, misc, \$39.09, Plainsman, supp, \$1,255.51, Postmaster c/o Sheriff, post/freight/brd of prisoners, \$184.00, Powder River Energy Corp, util, \$1,366.30, Power Plan OIB, repair/maint, \$1,442.38, Preventive Health & Safety Division, p-hlth exp, \$28.00, Proforma, misc, \$867.93, Quality Agg & Construction Inc, gravel/rd mtrl, \$19,559.00, Randy Rossman, mile/trvl,

\$24.00, Regional Health, autopsies, \$323.00, Regional Medical Clinics, pre employment, \$100.00, Ringer Law PC, special attny, \$63.00, Roadrunner Disposal Service, util, \$60.00, Robert Kenney, coroner, \$100.00, Rocky Mountain Re-Veg, cntrct/equip/lbr, \$7,960.00, Roger Hespe, coroner, \$29.24, RT Communications, comm, \$1,925.79, Servall Uniform/Linen Co, repair/maint, \$225.44, ShopKo, janitor supp, \$28.96, Source Gas, util, \$2,390.49, Stacy Madden, ag exp, \$60.00, Sundance Equipment Co, new equip, \$2,750.00, Taser International, new equip, \$836.00, Top Office Products, supp/p-hlth exp/ag exp, \$651.11, Town of Upton, community ctr/landfill, \$2,875.00, Uber Geek Computers, ag exp, \$20.00, Ultra Max, equip/ammo, \$1,488.00, Upton Ambulance, ambnlc, \$4,375.00, Urban Law Office LLC, special attny, \$265.96, Vaisala Inc, awos, \$449.00, Verizon Wireless, p-hlth exp, \$89.86, VISA, record retention/repair/school exp/ag exp, \$203.89, WC&PAA, attny assoc dues, \$200.00, WCS, comm, \$191.30, WD Larson Co LTD Inc, repair/maint, \$249.49, West End Water District, util, \$60.00, Weston County, insurance, \$887.00, WC 4-H Council, ag exp, \$44.00, WC Gazette, p-hlth exp, \$48.00, WC Road & Bridge, vch maint/fuel, \$2,838.43, WC Sr Services, school exp, \$24.00, WC True Value, repair/maint, \$6.49, Weston Engineering Inc, engineer srvs, \$1,000.00, Whirlwind Services, janitor supp, \$560.00, Woody's Food Center, brd of prisoners, \$273.68, WPOA, misc, \$130.00, WY Automotive Co, repair/maint/oil/gas, \$219.83, WY Behavioral Institute, invol commit, \$2,740.00, WY Dept of Health, p-hlth exp, \$632.00, WY Dept of Transportation, grvl/rd mtrl, \$69.80, WY Honor Conservation Camp, brd of prisoners, \$1,899.80, WY Machinery Co, repair/maint, \$6,246.09, WY Network, financial admin, \$201.25, Net Payroll, \$152,190.74.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Lenard D. Seeley, Chairman
Attest: Mamie C. Krank, County Clerk

(Publish January 16, 2014)

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 $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ less a tract conveyed in Book 252 of Photos, page 864, recorded October 10, 2001
Section 4: Lot 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$
Section 5: Lot 1, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$
Section 8: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$
Section 9: W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$
Section 10: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

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.

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A Wyoming Banking Corporation
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City Council Minutes

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MINUTES MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014

Mayor Greg James called the regular meeting of Monday January 6, 2014 to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were: Greg James, Roger Hespe, Linda Hunt, Archie Callander, and Todd Quigley. Absent: Iva Carter Also present Department Heads: City Attorney Jim Peck, City Clerk/Treasurer Brunner, Police Chief Jim Owens and Engineer Hartley as well as several guests.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Linda Hunt moved and Roger Hespe seconded to approve the agenda for January 6, 2014. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Archie Callander moved and Linda Hunt seconded to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 16, 2014. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOMINATIONS FOR RECOGNITION: Linda Hunt nominated First State Bank for their generous \$3000 donation for the Newcastle Greenways.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION: Mayor James gave a Certificate of Recognition to Hattie Conley, the new owner of Isabella's restaurant.

Mayor James commented that the City needed to swear in the municipal court judge. Treasurer Brunner then led Judge Crow in the Oath of Office.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS – IN WRITING: None.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS – VERBAL: None

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS: - 1. Mayor James then named the Standing Committee members for 2014 with the members as per committee in 2013. The committees which had former Councilman Jim Bunch on will be filled by whoever replaces him. 3. He reminded Council of the Jan. 13th Candidate Forum in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. He asked Council to pick six of the submitted questions for the forum. 4. He reminded the Council that the next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan 21st at 7:00 p.m due to the Martin Luther King Monday holiday.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

City Attorney Jim Peck - 1. commented on a collection agency letter which "dunned" the City for a "fake" check that was cashed as though it was a real check drafted on the City. Since this was a false check cashed at a Wal-Mart in the south the City will not be "making good" on the check. Attorney Peck sent a letter to that effect to the collection agency. 2. read RESOLUTION NO. 1, SERIES 2014 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FEES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ALCOHOL AND MALT BEVERAGE LICENSES AND PERMITS WITHIN THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE WYOMING. He reviewed that all license fees will remain the same as previously set with the exception of the Bar and Grill license that will be set at the minimum fee of \$1500.00 per Wyoming State Statute W.S. 12-4-413. The City currently holds 2 bar and grill licenses but none are currently issued. Roger Hespe moved and Linda Hunt seconded to approve RESOLUTION NO. 1, SERIES 2014 as read. **MOTION CARRIED.**

City Engineer Hartley: 1. the refinery meter building is finished; 2. next week will put in a water tap across from Centennial Park for the refinery. They are going to put in a fire loop. 3. Birch Street will start with water line repairs next week. 4. the Safe Routes to School study is complete and in the City's possession.

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 SE¼NW¼ 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°08'27" 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°19'35" W along the west right-of-way for a distance of 1384.75 feet to intersect the south boundary of the SE¼NW¼;

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

(Publish January 9 and 16, 2014)

Police Chief Jim Owens - 1. reviewed the Calendar year 2013 versus 2012 Calls for Service report. 2. Officers Herrberg and Tacy began training at the Law Enforcement Academy January 6, 2014. They will be done on April 3, 2014. 3. Dispatcher Sherie Hilgenkamp completed requirements for advancement from Basic to Advanced certification. He requested a \$.50/hr raise effective December 29, 2013. Dispatcher Genell Rothluter completed requirements for advancement for Advanced to Professional certification. He requested \$.50/hr raise effective December 29, 2013. Roger Hespe moved and Archie Callander seconded to approve the raise requests as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.** 4. Dispatch Center has been operating short on personnel since December 29, 2013 due to staff family medical issues. 5. Safe Ride is shut down until further notice or until a new driver is located. 6. He is scheduled on January 18, 2014 to meet with the new director of FOCUS to discuss policies, procedures and services. 7. Requested a Police Committee meeting to set a date to set a meeting to discuss the future of E911. The meeting was set for January 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

City Clerk/Treasurer Brunner – 1. stated that the Northeast Wyoming Economic Development Group would like to have someone from the Council attend their meetings in replacement of Jim Bunch. 2. she requested appointment of the City's official voting delegate to the WAM Winter Workshop in February. Roger Hespe moved and Linda Hunt seconded to appoint Archie Callander as the City's WAM Winter Workshop voting delegate. **MOTION CARRIED.** 3. she requested appointment of the News Letter Journal as the "official" newspaper of publication for the City's legal publications. Roger Hespe moved and Todd Quigley seconded to appoint the News Letter Journal be the City's newspaper for legal publications for calendar year 2014. **MOTION CARRIED.**

At 7:30 p.m. Mayor James stopped the regular meeting to hold a public hearing for the transfer of the restaurant liquor license from Kenneth and Debra McKee, d/b/a as Isabella's to Isabella's LLC d/b/a Isabella's. All fees and documentation have been received and the license application has been approved by the Wyoming Liquor Division for transfer of ownership. Mayor James asked for any public comment. There was no public comment. Roger Hespe moved and Linda Hunt seconded to approve the ownership transfer of Restaurant License #2 for Isabella's as requested. **MOTION CARRIED.** Public hearing closed at 7:39 PM.

City Clerk/Treasurer Brunner – (continued) 3. she informed Council that all 2013 "passed" ordinances have been sent and received by Municipal Code Corporation for official publication in the City's code books as well as on-line. 4. she reminded Council that they need to schedule their annual Strategic Planning meeting. The workshop meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. 5. she reviewed a financial "snap shot" of one week's money receipts in December 2013 (after the

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Meeting Notice

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS MEETING

There will be a special meeting of the Weston County Commissioners on Monday January 20, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Weston County Courthouse at 1 West Main St., Newcastle, Wyoming.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Weston County Event Center.

(Publish January 16, 2014)

Meeting Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Weston County School District #1 Board of Trustees will have a 5:00 p.m. early start on January 29, 2014 for an executive session under Wyoming Statute 16-4-405(ii) to discuss the superintendent's contract and the administrators evaluations and contracts.

(Publish January 16, 2014)

Election Notice

PROCLAMATION & NOTICE WESTON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT ELECTION WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014

Notice is given that on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, Weston County Hospital District will hold an election to fill two (2) Weston County Hospital District Trustee Positions, each for a four (4) year term.

The filing period for these positions is from February 5, 2014 through February 25, 2014. Applications for a Weston County Hospital District Trustee position are available at 1124 Washington Blvd., Newcastle, Wyoming, 82701 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or online <http://www.wchs-wy.org>. Weston County Hospital District Secretary, Jimmy Long, is the filing officer.

(Publish January 16 and 23, 2014)

water crane costs per load increased from \$1/500 gal. to \$6/500 gal.) compared to the same week from November 2013. Taking the cost per 500 gallon load the number of users appears to have dropped from 145 per week in November 2013 to 43 per week in December at the new cost/gal. rate. She will continue to monitor.

There was no STANDING COMMITTEE, WRITTEN BUSINESS, NEW BUSINESS, or OLD BUSINESS reports.

Linda Hunt moved and Archie Callander seconded to pay claims dated January 6, 2013. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Roger Hespe moved and Archie Callander seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Claims: Ad-Pro Office, supplies, \$95.42; Alpha Communications, Dec '13 tower rent, \$95.00; American Red Cross, class fee, \$114.00; Anderson Contracting, remove meter/hard pipe, \$593.00; AT&T Mobility, cell phone, fire dept., \$879.47; BH Power, electricity, \$9790.24; BCBS of WY, health insurance, \$33,097.53; Blue Tarp Financial, wood insert, \$1395.15; Bryand Streeter, airport wages, \$1158.75; Butler Machinery, M-Seal stk, \$248.55; Cambria Supply, supplies, \$726.73; City of Newcastle, WA/SW/GA law enf ctr, pool, city hall, fire dept, \$344.25; CAN Surety, notary bond/E&O policy, \$100.00; Croell Redi-Mix, concrete, \$1092.25; Dana Kepner, conductor wire, \$203.65; Energy Labs, water testing, \$60.00; Gateway Auto, supplies, \$479.04; Hallie Bell, city hall cleaning, \$360.50; Jim Peck, attorney retainer, \$2800.00; John's Electric, RR horn adj/water tank telemetry, \$8,536.34; Knecht, supplies, \$1257.26; MasterCard, supplies, travel/training, \$1222.56; Nat'l Emergency Number Assoc., subscription, \$92.00; Newcastle Ambulance, ambulance services, \$8333.33; Newcastle Extinguisher, service calls/new

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Greg James, Mayor
ATTEST: Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Deb Mills

(Publish January 16, 2014)

Blotter

December 29, 2014

Civil dispute. 911 hang up. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Ministerial assistance requested. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic hazard reported. 911 hang up.

December 30

Suspicious activity reported. Civil standby requested. Welfare check requested. Report of a dog at large. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Found property reported. Report of a dog at large. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Suspicious activity reported. 911 hang up. Lost child reported. VIN inspection. Hazard reported.

December 31

Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Unauthorized dumping reported. VIN inspection. Illegal dumping. Report of a dog at large. Traffic stop, No action taken. Welfare check requested. Fireworks reported. Traffic hazard reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

January 1

Traffic stop, Verbal Warning issued. Domestic reported. Pedestrian assist. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Report of a dog at large. Domestic, one arrest. Traffic hazard reported. Missing dog reported. Motorist assist.

January 2

Traffic stop, no action taken. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Missing cat reported. Welfare check requested. Civil standby requested. Traffic hazard reported.

January 3

Assist other agency. Open door discovered. Traffic stop, no action taken. Message delivery requested. Four VIN inspections. Found property reported.

January 4

Assault reported. Missing dog reported. Civil standby requested. Shoplifting reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Report of a dog at large. Assist other agency. Lost property reported. Report of a dog at large. Probation violation reported. Extra patrol requested. Report of a dog at large.

January 5

Suspicious activity reported. Traffic hazard reported.

January 6

VIN inspection. Minor accident reported.

911 hang up. Ministerial assistance requested. Abandoned vehicle reported. Theft reported. Traffic hazard reported. Report of a dog at large. Traffic hazard reported. Found property reported. Harassment reported.

January 7

Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Suspicious activity reported. Traffic stop Written Warning issued. Assist other agency. Report of a dog at large. Dog at large reported. VIN inspection. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic hazard reported. Missing dog reported.

January 8

Traffic stop, one arrest. Open door discovered. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Suspicious activity reported. Two VIN inspections. Mail fraud reported. Theft reported. Missing property reported. Tobacco violation reported, Citation issued. Traffic stop, one arrest for DUI.

January 9

Civil standby requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Motorist assist. Commercial alarm reported. Five VIN inspections. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Abandoned vehicle reported. Report of a dog at large. Arrest Warrant issued. Arrest Warrant issued. Arrest Warrant issued. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Report of a dog at large.

January 10

Report of a dog at large. Alcohol violation, one arrest. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Civil standby requested. Four VIN inspections. Civil standby requested. False report made. Sexual assault reported. Lost property reported. Missing dog reported. Assist other agency. Civil problem reported. Parking complaint. 911 hang up. Fight reported. One arrest. Commercial fire alarm reported. Harassment reported. Prowler reported.

January 11

Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Domestic reported. Residential alarm reported. 911 hang up. Hit and run accident reported. Hazard reported. Harassment reported. Traffic stop, no action taken.



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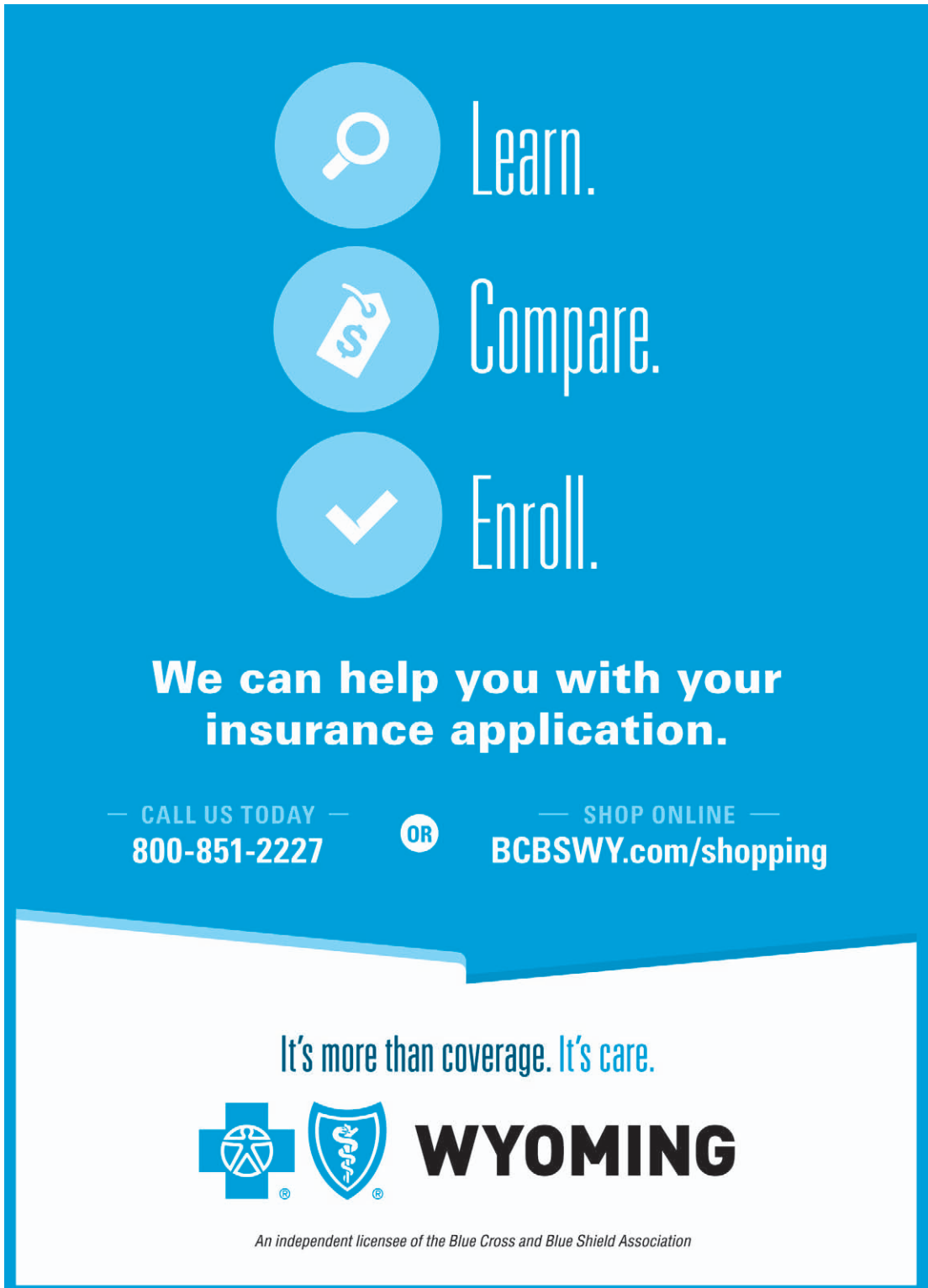
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Kerns and Thomas honored

Warden Michael Murphy is pleased to announce that Wanda Kerns and Fred Thomas have been selected as the Employees of the Third Quarter at the Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp in Newcastle.

Kerns began working at WHCC on Oct. 16, 2002, as a food service specialist. She was promoted to the associate warden's administrative assistant in 2004, and was promoted to the warden's executive assistant in 2009, according to a release from WHCC.

"WHCC staff members agree that Kerns is someone who can be counted on to help in other areas such as Human Resources, Mail Room, Business Office and any other department that is in need of assistance. She has taken on extra duties such as grievance manager, where she has made the process more organized and more effective for inmate management. Wanda is a field public information officer and a member of the Fun Shine Committee. Regardless of which duty she is working on, she has proven to be exceptional at any task she takes on," the release stated.

According to staff, Kerns is always ready to assist with whatever the staff needs, whether it is moral support or just trying to figure out ways

to provide them with opportunities. She has a positive attitude and is always looking for the best in people.

Fred Thomas is a drill instructor with the WHCC Boot Camp. He began his career with the WDOC in October 2009 and has been a valuable asset ever since. Thomas has developed a system to gauge Boot Camp inmates' knowledge of their barracks and unit orders. He has taken on extra duties up to and including monitoring, maintaining and organizing the supply room. He was complimented on holding inmates accountable and running a strict and proficient physical fitness program.

"Through Thomas' leadership skills he has been able to model what he is teaching. His service to the Boot Camp program has been significant, from encouraging the inmates to improve their lives to helping staff achieving their full potential. His fellow staff members feel Thomas has been an excellent addition to the Boot Camp Program and the overall department," the release stated.

WHCC staff would like to congratulate both employees, and wish them continued success in their careers.

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Giving our students the opportunity to learn the rewards of volunteering and making the community a better place is an important part of their education. — Pete told us

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Learning opportunity

At Newcastle Country Club on Tuesday Jan. 7, Kim Praeuner, Regina Fall, Betty Brotzman, Chris French and Barbara Honebrink were among the attendees of the monthly Newcastle Business Roundtable sponsored by First State Bank. Read the full story in next week's NLJ. (Photo by Denice Piscioti/NLJ)

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