

Council hopefuls make their pitch

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Aspirants to the vacant seat of former Newcastle City Councilman Jim Bunch, who resigned from his position in Oct. due to an out-of-state move, appeared before sitting council members last Monday as part of a public candidates' forum intended to help the council make a more informed decision when it comes time to vote to appoint a replacement.

Taking turns answering questions posed to them by various members of the council, Debra Piana, Leonard Lang, Scottie Murray, Bruce Perkins, and Donald Steveson collectively spoke for about an hour on their ideas for improving the City of Newcastle and what they, as individuals, would bring to the position. A sixth person, Eric Allison, submitted a letter of interest to the city but did not attend Monday's forum.

In partial answer to the question of why she wished to serve on the city council, Piana told those assembled, "I just want to give back to my community, and I think serving on the city council is a good way

to do that. There are a lot of ideas I have that I think would better our community..."

"I'd like to help promote the community and [its] businesses," Perkins said in response to the same question. "I believe I do that now, but I'd like to take the next step."

Steveson, in answer to a question regarding what he felt was the biggest challenge facing Newcastle, said he believed it was obtaining grant money to repair water and sewer lines and city streets.

"I believe infrastructure is the most important asset that we have. The other one is landfill issues ... We need assistance to be able to provide these services for [both] reliability and safety," he said.

Lang, in turn, said he felt providing affordable housing was most essential, though he was uncertain as to how much the council could do to address that issue directly, while Murray concurred with Steveson in suggesting improving infrastructure was of primary importance.

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Leonard Lang states his case for becoming a member of the Newcastle City Council during a special meeting held last week to consider five applicants for the position while other council prospects listen. Also expressing an interest in the position were, left to right, Bruce Perkins, Don Steveson (and his wife, Jennifer) and Deb Piana (alongside her husband, Paul).

Input sought on power line

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Representatives of the Bureau of Land Management, Black Hills Power and the U.S. Forest Service were on hand at the Hell Canyon Ranger District Office in Newcastle last Tuesday to answer questions during a public comment and information session on a 230-kilovolt transmission line currently under consideration. The proposed project would connect the Teckla Substation in Campbell County, the Osage Substation in Weston County, and the Lange Substation in Pennington County near Rapid City, S.D., and is intended by Black Hills Power to bolster the company's capacity and flexibility in providing power to its customers.

The Teckla-Osage-Rapid City Transmission Project, as it's called, would span approximately 144 miles, crossing private, state and public lands. It is therefore subject to the National Environmental Policy Act, and in accordance with the process that law outlines, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement has been issued that the interested public is invited to provide written input on during a

45-day comment period ending Feb. 10.

Mark Carda, Transmission and Distribution engineer for Black Hill Power, told the News Letter Journal that the project is needed to ensure the company can continue to provide reliable service to customers and meet growing consumer demands. He described the current draft impact statement as the culmination of several years of cooperative effort between Black Hills Power and the multiple agencies involved.

"Our Engineering and Planning Department identified the need for a project of this size back in about 2009, so we've been working with the federal agencies from that point to date to establish routes and sight the particular line," he explained. "The majority of our generation is out of the Gillette area and travels from the east into the Black Hills and Rapid City area. We have two lines now — one goes around the north part of the Hills to Spearfish to Rapid, the other [from] Hot Springs to Rapid ..."

"As the load and energy usage has increased over the years," Carda continued of the proposed project, "those

lines are getting to the point where they're fully utilized. This [project] will give us another transmission path from Wyoming into the Black Hills to support growth of the load, provide us more system reliability and stability on our transmission system, [and] give us a little more flexibility with our generation in Wyoming ... It does allow us the ability, if we lose one line, to support the entire load without having outages."

Ed Fischer of the U.S. Forest Service Analysis Team said that a similar open house held the day prior in Rapid City had seen about 50 members of the public, who came in to ask questions and submit written comments. Most of those expressing interest, he said, are landowners.

"Most are just interested in where the proposed line would pass in respect to their property. That's what most people seem to be interested in. The invitation is really out there to the public to review the document, review the analysis ... If they have any comments, we're inviting them

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Hearing set in big game case

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

A pre-trial hearing has been scheduled for Jan. 23 at the federal courthouse in Casper in response to a motion by the defense to suppress evidence in the case against Randy Rawhouser and four other defendants, most of whom reside locally, who face federal charges related to the alleged interstate trafficking of wildlife.

Charges against a sixth defendant, Twylla Dean Napolitano, were dismissed last month.

The motion to suppress, filed on Dec. 30 by Denver-based defense attorney Julie M. Stancil, claims Rawhouser had not been properly advised of his rights, per the famous 1966 decision in the case of Miranda v. Arizona, prior to making what were allegedly incriminating statements during questioning by federal and state authorities on June 23, 2011.

"Mr. Rawhouser was questioned by ... three officers, who were armed ..." the motion reads in part. "The officers immediately accused Mr. Rawhouser of multiple wildlife violations and stated they had undercover officers to testify to this ... According to [documents provided by prosecutors], Randy Rawhouser made [incriminating] statements in response to

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County Fairgrounds back to full staff

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

The controversy at Weston County Fair Board meetings last year resulted in the resignation of Fairgrounds Assistant Sue Kettley, a part-time employee, and after advertising the position for two months, the field of applicants was narrowed down to three finalists before the board chose Jeanette Knight to be the new assistant to Fairgrounds Manager Dean Kettley.

Knight has spent most of her adult life living in Nevada, but at the end of November 2013, she moved to Newcastle with her husband Brian after he received a job at the Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp. Living in the Cowboy State was new for her husband, but not for Knight, who celebrated something of a homecoming when Brian accepted the job at the prison.

"I grew up in Riverton. I am glad to be back, very much so," she admitted.

As an escrow assistant working directly with escrow officers on processing, filing and providing notary services, Knight is familiar with the book-keeping aspects of her new job. She said she also enjoys children and spent many years working with both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

"I love kids! They make things fun. I am looking forward to fair, but I am a little nervous," she told



Denice Piscioti/NLJ

Jeanette Knight hasn't wasted any time getting up to speed in her new position.

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Plenty of wet stuff

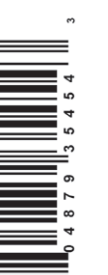
By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

Ask anyone in the area that has had to shovel snow this year and they would be able to predict the Black Hills Snow Course Readings taken on Jan. 2, 2014 look a lot better than the findings in the report of Jan. 1, 2013. Since it's really only a month into the actual winter, there is hope the moisture will continue to descend upon the area, and Ryan Mar, the Natural Resource Conservation Service Rangeland Management Specialist told the News Letter Journal he anticipates more snowfall will indeed be forthcoming.

"We got more depth, but it seems like the big difference is in the amount of moisture in the snow. That was the big thing. We got quite a bit of moisture, especially for how deep the snow is," Mar stated. "It is wetter snow which means when it melts off there is

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'Poked' in the eye

On first impression, Dick McGinity seems to be a stand-up kind of guy. Unfortunately, Bob Sternberg must have made a good first impression too, at least on the University of Wyoming Trustees who hired him less than a year ago after conducting a confidential presidential search, and not letting the people of this state form any impressions of their selection (or any other candidates for the job) until after Sternberg had been hired.

The same Board of Trustees that accepted Sternberg's resignation only five months after making him UW President as a result of that secret search process voted 9-3 last week to make McGinity the university's new president without any search process at all. Once again, Trustee President Dave Bostrom defended the board's insistence that they only need to consult with a pool of hand-picked insiders before determining who should lead the state's only four year university.

"We've had lots of conversations with people, faculty and staff. Has it been in the consort of committee meeting? No it has not. ... But in my mind we have had conversations. Do you consider that consultation? That's in the eye of the beholder," Bostrom is reported by Wyofile.com reporter Gregory Nickerson to have proclaimed after the vote.

We certainly hope impressions of McGinity— who was named Interim UW President after Sternberg's contract was bought out and he was sent packing— don't turn less favorable in the months to come, but fear the manner in which the UW board hurried to take him from interim to permanent status unfairly saddles McGinity with a wariness and distrust of UW leadership on the part of the people of Wyoming. Bostrom acknowledged that was true, but he and eight other members of the board didn't seem to care.

"There are going to be some faculty, staff, and perhaps students that are going to think it was not appropriate. The board discussed all of that and came to the decision that was made today," he said.

To make matters worse, Bostrom justified breaking with board policy that requires the trustees to consult with a committee of faculty and staff prior to deciding on a president by claiming that the situation created by Sternberg's ill-fated tenure was some kind of emergency.

"The policy that was there was a policy that worked very well in ordinary times, but we are dealing in extraordinary times right now," he said.

In other words, Bostrom is telling us that the crisis created by the trustees refusal to select Sternberg with any degree of openness made it necessary to select Sternberg's replacement with even less transparency. McGinity wisely side-stepped questions about the manner in which he was anointed. He defended his bosses by saying they want what is best for the university, but he also pointed out that the rest of us want what is best for the university too.

"Reasonable people can differ on what that might be," McGinity acknowledged. The refusal of the UW Trustees to allow the reasonable people of Wyoming to participate in the selection of the past two presidents of the university is unreasonable at best. That means the governance of the state's flagship university is being handled by "unreasonable" people, and that greatly hinders the ability of McGinity— or anybody else who holds the position of UW President— to take the institution in the direction desired by the people and state it is supposed to serve.

The open selection of a new leader provides a board with a rare opportunity to articulate its vision and allows constituents to share in a commitment to it. The UW Trustees have chosen instead to conceal their vision and ignore their constituents. They say we should trust them to do what they think is best, but won't trust us enough to tell us what that is. We hope the vision McGinity is being told to pursue is one the people of Wyoming share. If it is not, the leadership that should be questioned is that of the board's, and that's where the next round of resignations should be sought.

The test of time

Sitting in one of the three ACT rooms, more nervous than ever before, we get instructed on how much time we have to complete each test. The ACT is one of the worst tests I have ever had to take, and the fact that it is timed and it determines a student's future made this test the worst one yet.

The ACT is a timed test which every student has to take regardless of the state a student lives in. The ACT gives 60 minutes for 60 questions for each test, which include reading, writing, math, and science. Every question must have an answer, even if it is a guess.

In my eyes, this is not testing the student's ability, quality, or what they have learned throughout the years. This test wants to know how fast a student can answer the given questions within the given time. If a student is like me, and likes to take time to answer the question to the best of their ability, this is simply not fair. In order for me to take a math test and do well on it, I have to work on each problem step by step, so this test, limits my ability to answer the question correctly.

Oftentimes students get test anxiety because this exam is timed. When this happens, the student gets really nervous about the test and does not do well because he or she is too concerned about the time and not being able to finish it efficiently. One of the biggest concerns is in the math test because the student gets one minute per question. How is a student supposed to work the problems out with only one minute per question?

This is one of the main reasons I think the ACT test is pretty bad, but that isn't even the worst part.

The ACT is basically a one day snapshot that determines a student's

entire future. All of the colleges require an ACT or SAT score, and in order for a student to enter most colleges he or she must have achieved a high enough ACT score. If the student gets test anxiety, or does not have enough time to finish the test, he or she could end up doing really bad on the test and not be able to enter any college. Every college requires an ACT score, and depending on the college, they have different standards. The University of Wyoming requires a minimum composite score of 21 or higher, while Chadron State College requires a minimum composite score of 24. A student could have a 19 or 20 composite score and excellent grades, but he or she will not be able to attend either one of those colleges because of the ACT score they received on a given day.

This isn't really fair for a student who does really well in school, and is able to post a 4.0 grade point average throughout high school. All the effort the student put into school throughout the years now means absolutely nothing because colleges focus more on the ACT score than the student's overall school academic record.

If a student does badly on the ACT, he or she now cannot get into their dream college, all because of a bad day when they took the ACT, which makes the test clearly one that no one wants to fail.

If students are not prepared that one morning, and for whatever reasons they cannot complete the test, their whole future is on the edge. The ACT can either make or break a student, and that can make any student feel nervous because they are going up against a clock and know that it determines so much about their future.



Alondra Munoz
Small and Mighty Words

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Letters to the Editor

The obvious impact of drug use and abuse is all around us

Dear Editor,

Once again it is time to renew my subscription to the NLJ. Some people wonder why, living in Campbell County, I subscribe. Very simply it is because you have articles that pertain to things we need to know or to think about as ranchers. Not every paper covers the same things over and over. Moorcroft, Upton, Sundance and Newcastle all have papers that cover things of special interest to their readers, and in so doing may not cover other items that are not such hot buttons to their majority readership.

Right now I have become aware of a big push to follow the same path already being followed by Colorado- legalize marijuana for medical purposes first, then for recreational uses. From a lifetime as a rancher I've been able to observe the effects of hallucinogenic substances on livestock. Oh yes, they can become addicted too. Just as humans they want that "buzz". Just as humans they become paranoid, acting irrational when there is no reason for it.

As a great-grandmother, I've been able to observe the changes in people I know well, and have for over 70 years, as they take the "being high" road through life. Not very pretty, poor work ethics, poor family relationships, dangerous handling of any type of equipment or machinery, be it in the home, shop, yard, garden, field, streets, roads, air, or on the water.

Look at what is happening to our helplessly exposed children, including those fed goodies that have it mixed in. The guilty parties feel no remorse, and refuse to admit the harm caused.

Lets' all of us think deeply about this, and stop closing our eyes to what has become a curse across our nation, invading every county, every state, every town large or small. There are cries of huge numbers of the youngsters in our midst with autism or ADD or ADHD. After reading that article in the recent "Smithsonian" magazine, one cannot help but wonder if Skinner's research has stumbled onto the tip of the iceberg fueled by all these decades of rampant use of hallucinogenic drugs available, as well as how the damage may be done, and hidden for several generations, being spread widely amongst us all and our descendants.

—Claralee Dillinger
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Our community shows Christmas spirit all year long

Dear Editor,

On the night of December 5, 2013 our family drove home to find our house near the Cheyenne River completely engulfed in flames. We were unable to save anything, but we have been so blessed by friends, family, neighbors, and even people we don't really know. Our needs have been met in every way! It truly has been a humbling experience. The thing that has impressed us the most out of this situation has not been the depth of our loss, but rather the overwhelming outpouring of care, concern, love and generosity shown to us in so many, many ways. Words alone could never fully express our gratitude to each of you, but thank you! We will never look at someone in need the same way again.

As I reflect on this chapter of our lives, especially in light of the Christmas season we just celebrated, I can't help but see the parallel between the loss and rebuilding of our material possessions, and the spiritual needs in each one of our lives. In the book of Romans chapter five verse eight, it says, "But God demonstrated His love toward us in this, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." In all of our failures - our spiritual deficit, bankruptcy, and blindness - not even realizing our need for a Savior - "God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Much like us experiencing the love and generosity from so many of you in the midst of our need, "When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His son, born of a virgin, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons." (Galatians 4:4-5)

Thank you Jesus for coming to be our Redeemer! And thank you to each one of you, who truly make this a great community to live in!

—Lucas, Melinda, Connor, Carli,
and Waylon Stolhammer

Plight of the unemployed makes us ripe for revolution

Dear Editor,

We are pretty well insulated from the industrial east, the rust belt. Only our tiniest villages are disappearing, whereas their major cities are falling into ruin. The jobs that made Detroit and the other

manufacturing centers thrive have all been shipped offshore.

The profits do come back to the pockets of the Uber-Capitalists of the USA. Not to be invested in any enterprise here, but rather transferred to private bank accounts in Switzerland or the Cayman Islands. Employment in our coal, oil and other natural resource fields is fairly stable. About the only knowledge we have about the Rust Belt is Fox News. Murdoch, Ailes and company assure us that the only reason there is unemployment is that the workers get unemployment insurance.

How dumb do they think we are? We should be outraged!

A recent newspaper article reported that the Dow-Jones Industrial Average closed 2013 at a record high - its 52nd of the year. The Dow average was up 26 percent, JPMorgan Chase up 33 percent, Goldman Sachs up 39 percent. Who owns these stocks and the profit? The Banksters of course are making the big money. (After our politicians bailed them out.) None of that profit trickles down to the guys on unemployment. A smaller percentage of our workers have a job now than anytime in the last 30 years. Any time in the last 30 years!

Nearly all, 95 percent, of any economic gain gets siphoned off by the Uber-Capitalists, the one percent. Meanwhile, the unemployed, obviously, do not have enough income to buy whatever the Uber-Capitalists are manufacturing. Business relies on customers to buy their products. When and if that happens, they hire workers for manufacturing. That's not happening in this country— maybe in China and other Pacific Rim countries. The Walton family takes advantage of this disparity and brings cheap products in from slave wage countries to drain the last dollar from our own un-or-underemployed.

There does not seem to be any sign that either "the one percent" or the politicians in their hire are about make any change in that short-sighted arrangement. Our workers, the middle class, is disappearing fast— maybe not in Wyoming yet, but the rest of the country is in dire straights.

There is a great and growing divide between the very rich and the rest of us. This is not going to end well. It will end. When the rich royalty of France ignored or demeaned their poor peasants a revolution ensued. A new invention by Dr. Guillotine was put to extensive use. The reign of King Louis XVI was terminated on January 21, 1793.

Even as we did on September 17, 1787, the people of France then formed "A More Perfect Union."

—Jerry Baird

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Bringing businesses together

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

Weston County businesses have the opportunity to expand their knowledge on the first Tuesday of each month by attending the Newcastle Business Roundtable, held at 11:45 a.m., usually at the Newcastle Country Club.

The Roundtable is coordinated by Susan Rezanina, Economic Development specialist with the United States Small Business Administration. The program was initiated several years ago by Shirley Harder before she retired from First State Bank, Akers explained.

It began as a women's network, for them to help each other grow their businesses. Today, however, the program has expanded to include anyone who owns or is interested in starting a small business, offering information about where go to get a business started, for example.

"When it began it was mostly for women. Now we would like to be for men and women, crafters, business owners — anyone that would like to come!" announced Akers. "Anybody is more than welcome to come."

The idea, explained Rezanina, is to educate business owners in the community, those who want to start their own business or expand a business they already have.

Individuals and community members speak at the meetings on topics each month that include such subjects as marketing, free resources or how to incorporate social media in a business.

The latter was a topic last year, and Rezanina hopes to have an advanced discussion on the subject at the meeting in February.

"I try to do anything and everything the people want," the specialist acknowledged.

Each month she emails an invitation to previous attendees announcing the meeting place and the topic to be discussed.



Denice Piscioti/NLJ

Christa Sutton speaks to the Business Roundtable about the way personalities can influence the workplace.

Those who would like to be placed on the mailing list can call her at the bank to be added to the announcement list.

The January meeting included a personality test, which Akers stated was one that helped her grow as an individual and as an employee. Christa Sutton, executive vice president of SponsHerships/Advertising at the Heart Link Network, from Casper, encouraged everyone to take the test from a home perspective as well as their 'work self.'

The meetings are short and sweet as well as informative, added Akers. They include lunch and conclude by

1 p.m. Lunch is provided by First State Bank with R.S.V.P.s requested to Akers at 746-4411 the Monday prior to the event. Also, anyone willing to present a thought or idea is welcome to call her.

Last fall, the theme was Focus on Business, where individuals spent five minutes sharing information about their local business. Akers said several people shared, and she was delighted to learn what some of the community members are doing.

"I have never gone to one that didn't apply to me," smiled Akers. "I always learn something that I can take away."

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to submit them."

Ruth Esperance, district ranger at Mystic Ranger District, who serves as the primary point of contact on the multi-agency project, echoed Fischer in suggesting that most of those seeking to comment on the proposal have been landowners.

Asked if non-governmental organizations or other stakeholders have raised questions or concerns about the project, she said that for the most part that has not been the case, at least not at this juncture.

"There are some. It depends on which state you're in. [And certain state] agencies ... have an interest. So far to date it's been primarily private landowners just seeing where [the project] lies within their view-shed or if it goes right across their property. That's the majority of it at this stage ... It's not really at the controversial stage just yet. We're still collecting information."

As for whether the feedback so far has been positive or negative, Esperance said it has been a bit of both.

"It's an interesting mix ... The view-shed is an important thing to people, having a natural view. The other part of it is a lot of people don't want it in their backyard but yet [they understand] it's a valuable asset."

She added that the current draft proposal is itself the product of public input.

"It's a long process. They started two or three years ago with the initial scoping. What you're seeing is really the incorporation of those comments from an initial inquiry back a couple of years ago. [The Draft Environmental Impact Statement] is a product of that public involvement."

In Carda's view, the haggling over the specifics of where the line will eventually fall is just par for the course and something with which this company, Black Hills Power, has plenty of experience.

"That's all part of the process," he said. "You have to work with individual landowners to get the best fit for them, and you have to try to work with federal agencies to get a fit that works for them. At the end of the day you hope you have a combination that's agreeable for almost everybody ... [In the past], we've been successful at getting those easements and getting the project completed. We've had a history of spending the time with individuals, getting to know the ranchers and their needs and wants and issues that they're dealing with."

"I think the need is definitely there," Carda continued, when asked what the public needs to know about the potential new line.

"We, as a utility, really need this project to be successful and get completed. Now, during this public comment period, is an opportune time for people who have questions in their mind or issues to bring forth so they can all be

[taken into consideration in] the final decision made by the Forest Service and the federal agencies."

Noting Tuesday's less-than-ideal weather conditions, Fischer said plans were already underway to schedule a follow-up meeting, the exact details of which would be distributed in the form of a press release to local newspapers and announced on the Black Hills National Forest website.

Those with comments on the project can mail them to Ruth Esperance at Mystic Ranger District, Teckla-Osage-Rapid City Project, 8221 South Highway 16, Rapid City, SD 57702, or email them to comments-rocky-mountain-black-hills-mystic@fs.fed.us with "Teckla-Osage-Rapid City Transmission Line" in the subject line.

None of the members of the general public in attendance at Tuesday's open house, who were approached by the News Letter Journal, were willing to comment on the project to the newspaper.

Most segments of the Gateway West Transmission Line Project, a comparable 990-mile, high-voltage power line proposed by Idaho Power and Rocky Mountain Power, were approved for construction in November. When complete, that line will run between Glenrock and Melba, Idaho.

Additional meeting scheduled

The Black Hills National Forest has announced that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Teckla-Osage-Rapid City 230 kV Transmission Line Project is available for public review and comment.

One additional public meeting will be held in Newcastle to present and take comments on the DEIS.

This meeting will be held Wednesday, January 29, from 3:00 till 6:00 p.m. at the Forest Service's Hell Canyon Ranger District Office, 1225 Washington Boulevard, in Newcastle, WY.

The general public is invited, particularly those who could not attend the public meeting held in Newcastle on January 14 due to road and weather conditions (see Meeting Notice, page 13).

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Deb Sewell

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The tools to get through the day

By **Denice Piscioti** of NLJ

Occupational therapy is a necessary form of treatment to develop, recover and maintain daily living and working skills of people with a physical, mental or developmental condition. These services became available in Newcastle at Weston County Health Services in the Physical Therapy Department with Occupational Therapist Caitlin Hesse in September.

"An OT helps people to engage in purposeful or meaningful activities that they are unable to participate in currently because of accident, illness, injury or a congenital issue. So with that, I work a lot with activities of daily living— helping people to be able to get dressed, standing at the sink, being able to comb your hair and brush your teeth. Being able to do those basic living tasks, that you don't necessarily think would ever be hard for you, (is important) then you get really sick or have an injury and then the idea of standing at your sink is overwhelming," Hesse explained.

She said the field of Occupational Therapy was the right fit for her because she wants to make a difference in people's lives. In her field she gets to make a personal connection, and she enjoys watching her patients make gains in the hour a day she spends with them.

"I find therapy to be really awesome because it can save you from having to get a surgery, or helps you to recover after your surgery. It gives you an extra chance to not have some sort of a disparity. My goal is to help people live a more functional life. It is so awesome to get to be such a part of that!" she declared.

She received her Master's degree at the School of Saint Mary in Omaha, Neb. in May of 2013 after obtaining a bachelor's degree in Exercise Science and Health Promotion at Concordia University in Seward, Neb. She spent three months in two different locations— a rural health center in O'Neill, Neb. and at the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore, Maryland— completing her Occupational Therapy field study rotations.

"I wanted to get both extremes to widen my horizons and see what I could do there. In O'Neill it was more of the acute and out-patient, which is what I do here at the hospital and home health. In Baltimore I was at the Kennedy Krieger Institute, which is an affiliate of John Hopkins, which is like one of the best in the country, so they have every resource imaginable available to them. I did pediatrics there with more of a focus on sensory integration, which is what I use in the schools," she said.

Previously, students at Weston County



Denice Piscioti/NLJ

Caitlin Hesse helps patients of all ages master activities some of us take for granted.

School District #1 received services through Occupational Therapist Mona Stenson, explained Hesse. Stenson retired last week, however, and the school district now has a contract with WCHS for Occupational therapy services with Hesse. In anticipation of Stenson's retirement, Hesse spent time in the schools meeting the students.

"I have been following her around the last couple of months, meeting kids and getting to know them before I take over for her," she said, noting that Stenson will continue to supply services to schools in Upton a couple of days each week.

Providing services to school children will keep Hesse occupied, but she noted that geriatrics is an aspect of her job at WCHS she especially enjoys. She was not sure if she would enjoy pediatrics also, but it turns out she was pleasantly surprised.

"I love the geriatric population! They have so much wisdom and they are so fun to talk to," she smiled.

She visits clients in their residences through the organization's Home Health department. She explained that assessing living conditions is valuable for patients' recovering from illnesses to ensure their well-being, and she also screens residents

at Weston County Manor for changes in their conditions.

After patients are discharged from the hospital, she evaluates their home to make sure the environment is safe for any equipment they might require during their recovery.

"A lot of times people will come home with a walker and they will have throw rugs everywhere, and those are a hazard— you know, the little things that everybody has, and those end up being things that can cause a fall which can land them back in the hospital," Hesse described.

In her job, she also travels to different places in the county and community offering her services. Whether she is visiting students at a school or at a home helping a patient re-learn daily tasks, Hesse appreciates being able to work in different facilities in Weston County.

"That is what I really love about being in a rural community is that I have the opportunity to see everyone and I don't have to limit my skill set to just one particular specialty," Hesse admitted. "I have really loved this community so far. Everyone has been so welcoming, I haven't met anyone that hasn't been nice."

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• OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH: 348 Sheridan St. Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm.


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• ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Father Killian Muli, Upton. Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.

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Weekly Scripture Reading					
John 17:1-26	Acts 6:1-15	7:1-34	7:35-8:3	8:4-25	8:26-40
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100 YEARS AGO – JAN. 15, 1914

One evening last week two gray wolves killed a large blacktail buck on the flat just south of the Ed Thomson ranch on Stockade Beaver. It is reported from that vicinity that a number of wolves have been seen this winter, and they are becoming so bold that they skulk about the ranch houses during the day time.

H. F. Alverson, of the Iron Creek area, has built a large ice house 12X16. He intends to store sufficient ice to keep cool next summer and have an abundance of pure fresh water.

Mrs. Harriet Ware died at the family home of the Buffalo creek area on Saturday morning. The deceased leaves seven children besides her husband all of whom were at the home helping care for her.

Bert Ackley, Geo. DeVall, John Blakeley, and Ora Stitch, of the Boyd area, were county seat business visitors the last of the week.

Dr. Earl Whedon, the Sheridan Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist, will be at Cambria Jan. 24-25, and at the Antlers Hotel, Newcastle, Jan. 26-27.

George M. Culver has his first crop of ice practically stored, while the second crop on the pond east of town is gaining in thickness every night, now being about six inches thick.

A very interesting meeting of the Knights of Pythias was held last evening and about fifteen applications for membership were presented.

Edward Thomson and son and daughter, Tommie and Loretta, were city visitors from their Beaver creek home last Tuesday. Mr. Thomson informed us that the people of his neighborhood are enjoying a very prosperous winter in school work under the able tutorship of Miss Johnson. In addition to the regular rural school work Miss Johnson is giving the Misses Thomson and Coates special work in the 10th grade.

Pete Prevedel gave a free dance in the Opera House last Saturday night in honor

of his bride who just arrived from Austria. The marriage ceremony as performed last Sunday by Father DeNicholas.

Beaver creek stockmen, left Tuesday evening for Denver to attend the stock show.

Anton Tavegia went to Denver the first of the week to purchase a carload of Holstein milch cows. Mr. Tavegia expects to go into the dairy business on a large scale and has been busy of late erecting proper buildings and corrals for his stock.

Last Friday evening twenty automobile loads of town folks joined with half that number of the residents of Beaver Creek at the LAK dam and enjoyed the exhilarant sport of skating until midnight. It is estimated that 200 people, young and old, were on the ice at one time.

75 YEARS AGO – JAN. 19, 1939

During the year 1938, 740 car-loads of livestock, oil, grain and grain products, lumber and forest products and other miscellaneous products, were shipped out of Newcastle. Agent M. L. Snow reported that 485 carloads of oil were sent out of Newcastle via the Burlington during the past year.

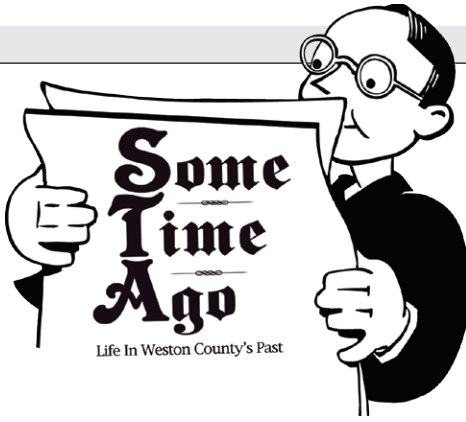
The "Leans" versus the "Fats". That is what the two basketball teams will be called when they take the floor of the high school gymnasium here Friday night in what promises to be one of the most entertaining cage tilts ever played on the local gym floor. The game is being sponsored by the Lions club and many local business men are cooperating.

Coach Strong's entire squad saw service in the basketball game against Upton here on Wednesday night as the Dogies swamped the Upton Bobcats to the tune of 40 to 20.

Slys Food Market News: This week specials will be 3 No. 2 1/2 kraut for 29 cents. A 2 lb. box of cocoa for 17 cents.

The C & E Service Station has Firestone tires. 6.50-16 for \$19.35

The Wyoming club will hold a business and social meeting on Friday evening, at the library. Anyone who has attended the



University of Wyoming is eligible.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Allen of The Prairie took their daughter Ariel to Sundance Wednesday where she was operated on the same day for appendicitis. At this writing she is getting along nicely.

James Soper, Walter Mann, and Sam Coe and Francis Walsh of the Boles Canyon area attended the stock meeting at Newcastle Saturday.

Construction of the Homestake Mining company's new shaft, the Yates, which is destined to go as far underground as Lead is above sea level – one mile is well underway and proceeding according to schedule.

Mr. and Mrs. John Marquiss and three sons of Salt Creek spent Tuesday at the Glenn Bettis home in Osage.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hunter and Kenneth spent Tuesday at Clareton with Mr. Hunter's mother Mrs. Ella Townsend.

Mrs. Jack and Mrs. Louis Eaton of the Elkhorn lease, out of Osage, were Newcastle shoppers Tuesday morning.

Silverine Gaido has moved his sawmill from the Bock place to the Moorehouse property, in the Cold Creek area, where he expects to saw this winter.

At the regular meeting of the Knights of Pythias on Wednesday night, Lloyd Hultgren was initiated into the rank of Knight. Refreshments were served after the meeting by Frank Cummings and Les Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. P. V. LaVegue and daughter Evangeline visited at the Walter Pzinski home Sunday. They were on their way to Deadwood, taking their daughter there to school. Mr. and Mrs. LaVegue will go on to Sonnett, Mont.

50 YEARS AGO – JAN. 10, 1963

The General Services Administration announced today that sealed bids are being solicited for the extension and modernization of the U.S. Post Office at Newcastle.

Continental Trailways has begun a new bus service from Casper to Billings, Mont., and from Newcastle to Billings

Two men are working for the city as a result of court appearances before Police Justice James Dougherty. One was ordered to work for ten days in lieu of a \$30 fine and \$5 court costs, and another was ordered to work for 30 days in lieu of a \$75 fine and \$5 court costs.

The Newcastle wrestlers traveled to Lusk Saturday where they were beaten by a score of 15 to 27.

Barbara Franz, Newcastle high school senior, has been named the winner of the Daughters of American Revolution award for this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay George, ranchers south of Upton, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon with open house at their home.

and information regarding the application process in USAJobs.

Open Houses:

Mystic Ranger District: Contact: (605) 343-1567; Jan. 16, 5-7 p.m. & Jan. 23, 5-7 p.m.

Northern Hills Ranger District: Contact: (605) 642-4622; Feb. 4, 1-7 p.m.

Bearlodge Ranger District: Contact: (307) 283-1361; Jan. 23, 5-7 p.m.

For more information, visit the Black Hills National Forest Temporary/Seasonal Job Opportunities website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/blackhills/home/?cid=stelprdb5441559>.

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Craig Chevrolet in Newcastle, in the late 1920s.



Forest Service looking for summer help

The Black Hills National Forest announced last week they will be hiring temporary employees for 2014 and will be hosting open houses for the public to learn about job opportunities coming up throughout the Forest.

Since 1905, U.S. Forest Service employees have been operating under the philosophy initiated by the first Chief of the Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot, who believed in "the greatest good for the greatest number in the long run." Forest Service careers provide exciting and challenging opportunities to be involved in the management and protection of the nation's

forests and grasslands.

The Black Hills National Forest has a wide variety of temporary summer job opportunities available, appealing to both outdoor and indoor enthusiasts, including in the areas of archeology, administration, hydrology, botany, engineering, fire and more.

"Many Forest Service career employees started in temporary positions," said Ruth Esperance, Mystic District Ranger. "Seeking a temporary job is a great way to learn about the organization and to prepare individuals for potential permanent employment."

Work locations on the Forest include Bearlodge Ranger District, Sundance, Northern Hills Ranger District, Spearfish, S.D., Mystic Ranger District, Rapid City, S.D., and Hill City, S.D., Hell Canyon Ranger District, Custer, S.D., and Newcastle; Supervisor's Office, Custer.

Those interested in working on the Black Hills National Forest can attend one of the hiring open houses. Black Hills National Forest employees will be available to provide additional information and speak with interested applicants. A representative will also be available to provide assistance

and information regarding the application process in USAJobs.

WHAT'S UP		Meetings & Events Calendar	
DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
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
Jan. 24	6 p.m.	W.C. Health Services Meeting	Board Room
	11:30 a.m.	W.C. Library Board Meeting	Newcastle Library
Jan. 25	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	7:30 p.m.	Square Dancing	Newcastle Elementary
Jan. 26	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
	10:30 a.m.	4-H Market Beef Weigh-in	Marlin Geier's Feed Lot
Jan. 27	2 p.m.	Bingo	Corpus Christi Church
	5 p.m.	Chili Feed	First United Methodist Church
Jan. 28	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	1 p.m.	Low Vision Support Group Meeting	W.C. Senior Center
Jan. 29	7 p.m.	Square Dance Lessons	Newcastle Elementary
	4:45 p.m.	Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)	1st United Methodist Church
Jan. 30	6:45 p.m.	ALANON (746-9791)	Mondell Heights
	7:30 p.m.	Eastern Star Meeting	Masonic Lodge
Jan. 31	Noon	Newcastle Lions Club Meeting	W.C. Senior Center
	7 p.m.	Ladies Firearms Safety & Self Defense	Indoor Range
Jan. 31	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	8:30 a.m.	Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)	W.C. Senior Center
Jan. 31	7 p.m.	Dance-Music by Western Ramblers	W.C. Senior Center
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
Jan. 31	7:30 p.m.	Square Dancing	Newcastle Elementary
	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Jan. 23: Red Legs, Claire Beastron, Emily Beastron, Cassie Cassey
- Jan. 24: Leonard Cash
- Jan. 25: Nate Pillen
- Jan. 26: Jamie Hileman, Tristin Wermers
- Jan. 27: Tom Sylte, Rogene Long
- Jan. 28: Micah Popma, Donna Mann



The Family of Wyatt James Pillen would like to sincerely thank you for the many expressions of love, concern and compassion shown during the loss of our beloved Wyatt by sending food, cards, flowers/plants, special memorabilia, phone calls, prayers, monetary support, sharing memories, lending helping hands, organizing the lovely candle light vigil and all the participation to create such a beautiful funeral/celebration of his short life. The love and generosity shown by our family, friends, various organizations, churches and businesses continues to be overwhelming. We are very blessed to have you a part of our lives and to live in such a caring and loving community and state.

May God Bless you all.

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For the Ages

News Letter Journal

Lease has left his mark in many ways

By Donna Gochanour
NLJ Senior Correspondant

Wilbur Lease is one of those people who seem to know how to do just about anything. I first heard of him through my sister-in-law, Sharon Roness, when she told me about the work that Lease had been doing building sets for the plays put on by the Birdcage Theatre at the First United Methodist Church. Lease is a real 'old-timer' in this community, a fourth generation of his family. His great-grandparents came here in a covered wagon when his grandmother was only 3 years old, and Lease was born in 1940 and was raised in the same neighborhood where he lives now.

Lease came from a line of welders and well drillers, but he says he has been "playing with a pencil" all his life, often spending long winter days drawing pictures. Then, when he went to high school, he was able to take art classes and he thought that one day he might become a teacher himself. He spent one semester at Casper College but to his disappointment the instructor was an alco-



Donna Gochanour/For NLJ

Wilbur Lease can work his magic on just about any canvas.

holic and often missed classes, he says.

In 1959, he married Norma Blakeley, a childhood friend and sweetheart, and he got busy making a living for his family, putting 18 years into working for Modern Cleaners. This was followed by a few years working in the methane field near Gillette.

Then one day he found out that Elver Barker was giving art lessons upstairs at George Butler's shop. Barker had come to Newcastle to take care of his dad and was giving lessons to supplement his income. Lease started taking lessons from him and Barker taught him how to paint in the style of the Old Masters.

The lessons were a welcome gift from his wife, Norma. Barker was an extremely good instructor. Lease gave lessons himself after this, in Community Education classes in Newcastle, Osage and Upton for awhile. Lease claims that he learned more from his students than he taught them, almost. At first he had put restrictions on what his students could paint but he soon learned that they did better when they painted something

that they chose themselves, something that they liked.

When he retired, Lease bought a saw mill, thinking that he might build a log cabin on a piece of property he owned, but he says that to this day he hasn't really cut one single log for it. Lease has, however, cut a lot of wood and has used it in the interior of his house, all beautifully done, and much of it of many different kinds of wood from other areas.

Lease and his wife had four children and four great-grandchildren, but one of the grandsons was killed in an accident eight years ago. Lease built a beautiful container, a box for crematory ashes, for this special boy and has since built several more. He is proficient in multimedia and in one of his paintings he has featured a house that had belonged to his great-grandmother and had been a saloon. It was situated on upper Salt Creek Road and served the mining community at Cambria in its day. The house is gone now, with only the barn across the road remaining; it's all part of the Crown Development, he tells me.

His latest venture into

building sets for Birdcage Theatre has been a great contribution to the church and to the community.

The Methodist Church was chosen for this project because it has all of the right facilities in the building. Lease furnishes the wood for the sets and he has a volunteer group of people who come to help with the painting and building of the sets.

He says it takes about two and a half months to complete a set of backgrounds for a play.

These days, he has so many things he'd like to do that he doesn't know where to start! He'd like to teach again and plans to do it as soon as he finishes his sun porch project. It has excellent light and a lot of windows, and, of course, beautiful wood walls.

Roness says that Lease's artwork has been a great contribution to the church, as well as many other projects he has done for them. She also noted that the church is very important to the Leases, who always try to better serve the community and make the church an attractive and welcoming place for all.



Donna Gochanour/For NLJ

June Streets still has eyes for her husband, Ray, who turned 100 amidst a celebration of friends and family.

Plenty noticed 100th birthday

You get to know a lot of people in 100 years, so Ray Street's wife, June, wasn't the only one to extend well-wishes to the centenarian on his birthday.

Streets received birthday greetings from Senators John Barrasso and Mike Enzi, Representative Cynthia Lummis and Governor Matt Mead and his wife, Carol. He even got a signed letter of congratulations from President and Mrs. Barack Obama, and will receive the original flag that flew over the Capitol building in Washington on his birthday, along with a certificate to authenticate it. On Jan. 29 Gov Mead will meet with Ray in person and Willard Scott announced Ray's birthday on the "Today Show" and congratulated him. Family members estimated about 150 people attended Ray's 100th birthday party.

Who knew moving in was so much fun?

It's my first trip to the cabin, March 8, 1988. It's still winter, the lake still frozen and I plan to work a couple of days out there, finishing the cabin. Larry D. had already hauled a couple of loads of lumber out for me and planned to work on his own cabin; he'd brought his wife and little boy, so I am the last load in his little T-Craft. I get my snowshoes on and I hike across the lake to get my sled and start hauling my lumber back and unloading it. The cabin needs a lot of work, it's just two-by-fours with one-inch Styrofoam for insulation — and pretty doggone cold for an Alaskan winter. The windows are in rough openings with about six nails holding each one in.

I get a little wood fire going and discover that the Visqueen that covered the front of the loft up above had blown off, so right away that has to be re-done.

Larry's little boy is being my helper and his main function is seeing how far he can throw my bent nails out and blowing bubbles with his new bubble stuff out over the woods. Later on, his dad comes to take him home.

I've been invited over to their cabin for supper, lucky for me, and end up sleeping on their little couch. In the morning I discover that all of those trips made me a cripple and I can't get up! I have to roll off of the couch and then pull myself up — coffee laced with Bailey's Irish Cream will fix anything! Then I go on "home" and start to work.

This is the day that I drill holes in studs to run the electrical wires in; I've got a big Milwaukee portable with two charged batteries. With the generator on, I can have lights and run my little

TV. I should explain, I have a little television than can run 12-volt or 120 when the generator is on, and the same for my little fridge — and of course I have electric lights, a Coleman lantern and gas lights. I'm set up in style! A big marine battery for the CB radio and TV sits under their small table.



Donna Gochanour
I Remember When

The generator charges it up when it gets "low." Next step is insulating and I've got two walls wired and insulated that first day. Real progress!

Time to get a meal going and that's when I discover that there's a leak in the propane line to my cook stove and it catches on fire, so supper consists of a cold tuna sandwich with ketchup, and raisins for dessert. Hey, I'm hungry enough for anything at that point!

In the morning, I discover — in desperation — that if I light one of the front burners I can get a pot of coffee brewed without blowing up the place. I also discover that some disgusting little critter has been in the cabinet under the sink and made hash out of my paper towels, the little stinker.

Right about this time I make a reasonable decision that I should probably go back to civilization and come back a little better prepared next time.

I've got a long list made up and it's time to get on the CB and get a flight to the land of hot showers and hot meals. Putting up insulation is a very itchy chore, but I plan to fix that as soon as I get back. Sure is pretty out there, with Mt. McKinley right where I can see it every day! Beaver swim by to see just what I am, and I only run the generator when I have to. I like to listen to the "quiet."

Senior Happenings

Weston County Senior Center
Jan. 23: Mexican Train
Jan. 24: Bridge Ladies
Jan. 25: Open Rec Room
Jan. 27: Visually Impaired Support Group
Jan. 28: Mexican Train
Jan. 29: Ceramics
Jan. 30: Fancy Workers
Jan. 31: Dance
Feb. 1: Open Rec Room
Feb. 7: Mexican Train

Weston County Manor
Jan. 23: Manicures 2 p.m.
Jan. 24: Bingo 2 p.m.
Jan. 25: Movie 2 p.m.
Jan. 27: Wii 10:30 a.m.
Jan. 28: Ceramics 10:30 a.m.
Jan. 29: Card Club 6 p.m.
Jan. 30: Manicures 2 p.m.
Jan. 31: Chinese New Year Party 10:30 a.m.



We would like to thank Mayor Greg James and the Newcastle City Council for showing their commitment to community improvement by setting aside time at their meetings to recognize those individuals and businesses who invest in the city and make improvements to their property.

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Todd Bennington/NLJ

Scottie Murray has run for a position on the city council in the past, and hopes the present council will choose him to fill the vacancy left by the departure of Jim Bunch.

Council

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“That’s the biggest thing that people see,” Murray suggested. “Some of our streets are almost undrivable ... I think the infrastructure is the first thing [to address] and growth will come afterward.”

Piana countered that, from her perspective, creating an appealing environment for families was the most important priority.

“People who come here due to business or industry, their families have to want to stay here also, because if the wife isn’t happy, they’re not going to stay,” she reasoned. “So we have to figure a way to [get and keep], not just businesses, but the families who come to work for the businesses.”

“As far [as paying for infrastructure,” she continued. “I think there are several different ways besides increasing fees. You could have a bond election. That’s been done in the past. I don’t think it’s been done in several years. You could have an election for a one percent sales tax increase for a certain period of time ... I think if people knew that [a] one percent sales tax was going to go to our streets, I really do believe they would vote for it.”

As the forum went on, Perkins suggested he would like to see sustainable growth accomplished through careful budgeting and possibly the eventual creation of an industrial park by way of coordination with county and state authorities.

As for what items might be trimmed from the city’s current list of expenditures, Murray suggested the Newcastle City Police Department might be merged with the Weston County Sheriff’s Office.

“I talked with the town of Custer,” Murray said, “about when they merged their police department [with the sheriff’s office]. It saved them quite a bit of money. They said approximately \$32,000 a year.”

Lang, on the other hand, said he was comfortable with

the city’s current stewardship of funds and wasn’t aware of any instances of major waste. Additional sources of revenue, he reasoned, would be needed to implement any of the ideas or projects discussed by the candidates.

“We’ve all been talking about the things that need to be done,” Lang said. “Well, you can’t do them without money, and if they need to be done more than they are now, then [we] need more money.”

The others said they were hesitant to make specific recommendations for budget cuts without more detailed knowledge of the budget process.

Asked about issues of special interest to him, Murray suggested that with state funding a bike path might someday be constructed leading all the way from Newcastle to Devils Tower and that the city could reap the economic benefit of becoming a hub for bicycle marathoners as a result.

Piana, who told the council she appreciated the precedent set by Bruce Perkin’s recently opened Game Room, indicated she would like to see a Boys and Girls Club, community recreational center, or a comparable facility to give youth and families more recreational options.

Lang, while mentioning he would like to see an area set aside for children’s sledding and tougher enforcement of city ordinances regarding the clearing of sidewalks, also told the council he would work to oppose the sale of alcoholic beverages.

“I’ll admit I do have an axe to grind. I’m a card carrying member of two different temperance associations, and I admit I’ll be an inveterate opponent of the liquor business. I have no use for that part of our society and I’ll do whatever I can to hinder it or prohibit it, if possible.”

In answer to questions posed by the prospective council members about options

for funding their ideas, Mayor Greg James clarified that the city’s ability to raise revenue directly is actually quite limited and that the city is dependent on what are called state-shared revenues, derived from such things as mineral royalties, sales taxes, gasoline taxes, and cigarette taxes.

“As far as actual taxes go, the city has the statutory authority to levy, I believe it’s eight mills, on property taxes within the City of Newcastle,” James explained. “There is no other taxing authority that cities have ... The assessment is done through the county. All we have the statutory authority to do is to levy eight mills against that assessed valuation, which the city has done for twenty years that I know of.”

James went on to add that the city could decide to levy fewer than eight mills, but not more, and that the only thing that cities have direct control over are user fees such as those for water, sewer, garbage, and dog licenses. Most limits on fines, he said, are set through state statute.

Asked by Piana if a special election for a one percent tax could be held, James affirmed it was possible but that it could not be done by the city acting on its own.

“Yes [it] can. That’s appropriately called a capital facilities tax ... According to the current state guidelines, you must designate a specific project or projects and once those costs are reached, that tax goes away. That can only be done at this point with a vote of the city and the county. The city has no authority to do it just within the city limits by ourselves ... It’s a county-wide vote, not merely a city vote,” he explained.

A council vote to decide on Bunch’s replacement, previously scheduled for the Jan. 21 council meeting, was postponed until Feb. 3 due to the mayor’s anticipated absence at the earlier meeting.

Hearing

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questioning by the [Special Agent] and Game Wardens. At no time was Mr. Rawhouser given a Miranda advisement. The interrogation was not recorded according to [prosecution documents]. Mr. Rawhouser’s statements were not voluntary and were made while under a custodial interrogation in violation of Miranda. Thus, the statements allegedly made by Mr. Rawhouser must be suppressed.”

The defense motion goes on to cite several other legal precedents in making the argument that though Rawhouser was told by the authorities who questioned him that he was not under arrest, the circumstances of his interrogation meant that he was effectively in custody.

Thus, the defense motion claims, Rawhouser should have been given a Miranda warning—advised, in other words, of his rights under the Fifth and Sixth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution, which respectively protect the accused from having to make incriminating

statements and provide for assistance from legal counsel.

“It was a police dominated atmosphere,” the text of the motion continues, “because Mr. Rawhouser was brought to a room with three armed officers. The door to the room was closed and he was not given the opportunity to confer with friends, co-workers or family prior to questioning. According to [prosecution documents], Mr. Rawhouser was told he was free to leave but he was also told that it was unlawful to give false statements to their questions. Given the totality of the circumstances, Mr. Rawhouser clearly was not free to leave and any reasonable person in his position would have understood that was the case.”

Trial for the five defendants, which is the culmination of a joint investigation between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Wyoming Game & Fish Department spanning several years, is scheduled to begin on March 17.



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3RD GRADE: DANYELA HOLGUIN



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She always does everything with thought and never turns in anything half done or sloppy. She is responsible and has her planner every day.

She is kind and helpful to her classmates. Just last week she asked if she could help another student she noticed struggling with finding dictionary words.

You will have to listen carefully to hear her answers, but she participates in discussions and shares her amazing stories during writing.

She is smart, talented, kind, and a joy to be around. She makes her teacher feel that what is being taught is important and worth learning.

Thank you parents for instilling such wonderful lifelong qualities in your daughter. She has become a very important part of our classroom family. Congratulations Danyela Holguin!

4TH GRADE: SLADE ROBERSON



Our January Good Citizen is an outstanding student whose eagerness to learn, willingness to help others, and motivation to do his best has stood out in our 4th grade classrooms. This responsible, hard-working student comes to school ready to learn and strives to make the best of every situation. He pushes himself to excel in all areas.

We often find him patiently helping his peers, cheering them on and congratulating them for a job well done. He exhibits a willingness to work with everyone and demonstrates leadership qualities while completing group work. He is a friend to everyone.

The respectfulness he shows to classmates and adults at Newcastle Elementary School is an example for all. He treats others as he wants to be treated and stands-up for what is right. His courteous behavior is contagious.

This young man is definitely a deserving good citizen. Congratulations, Slade Roberson!

5TH GRADE: CONRAD PRELL



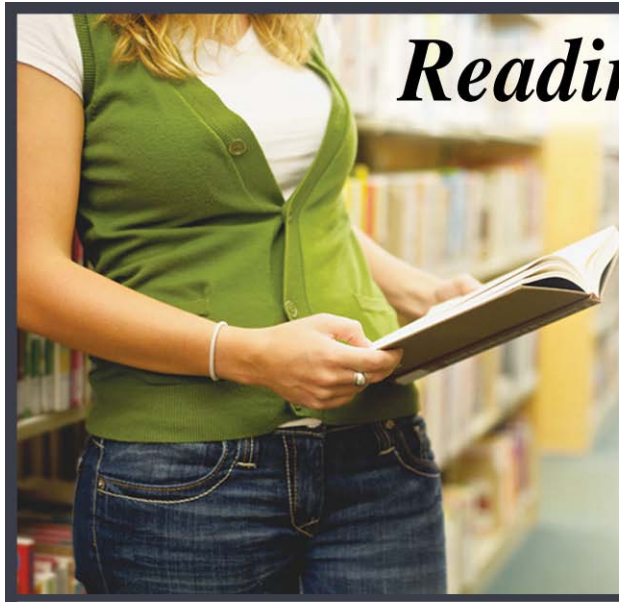
The fifth grade Citizen of the Month has reminded me that sometimes you have to take a chance to get to know somebody. It might take some work at first; it might even be scary as you overcome your own nervousness. But you never know the kinds of friends you might miss out on if you never make the effort. Our citizen is one of these excellent people that make getting to know him totally worth it.

It’s true; he is a person who could easily be overlooked: He never disrupts class, he always pays attention to lessons, and he works diligently. He likes to think about ideas before he speaks, so he can be somewhat quiet. However, if you ask him about the latest book he’s been reading, it will be hard to get a word in. I thoroughly enjoy having him in class every single day.

Other students in class describe this person as “grateful, honest, well-behaved, and nice to everyone” and I absolutely agree, but what I like most about this person is how much he cares about the people in his life that he loves most. As one of his friends puts it, “he is the best.”

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Summer Solace

The “honeymoon phase,” or rather what comes after it, is what every married person always warns young engaged couples about. When the newness and novelty of marriage and your spouse wear off and you are left with life — real life — when you have to talk about bills and share money and decisions. When you have to work so much you don't have time or energy to give or do or be anything other than what is needed; when the romance and magic has worn off.

For anyone who has been in a relationship for any extended amount of time you know that the honeymoon phase — with all its butterflies and excitement — is a real thing. However, it should not be presumed that because the “honeymoon phase” is new and exciting that what follows is not still wonderful, just because it is not new and now has to intersect with real life.

I have been with my husband for a little over three years now and we just celebrated our six-month wedding anniversary, so I can't say that

I am an expert on marriage or even relationships, but I have experienced many “honeymoon phases” and the time that follows.

I would be lying if I said that going to school and work and then coming home, late, to a pile of homework is romantic — the practicality of living and surviving never are — or that there are not moments when my personality gets to be a little too big for a studio apartment, or that I don't drive my patient and loving husband absolutely crazy sometimes. And yet I can't buy into the idea that “newer is always better.”

There is something so wonderful about coming home to something, to someone, warm and familiar, someone safe and someone you know you can count on and is committed to you no matter what. Sure, the honeymoon phase with all its bright-eyed wonder is wonderful and exciting, but there is something comforting and beautiful about knowing you are loved without pretenses, at your best and your worst, in the day-to-day circumstances. The puppy-dog phase may wear off but true love never does.

True love is the kind that

stays with you when life isn't glamorous and when it's hard. It's the little things that show that person is thinking of you more than themselves and their priorities, even when you may be undeserving of kindness.

It's the silly things, like re-hanging a picture frame one inch over from where you just hung it because you're wife is OCD and a little psychotic. Or doing the dishes because you know the other person will be exhausted when they come home from work and won't feel like doing them.

It's the day-to-day that means more than anything else. Anyone can make a one-time grand romantic gesture or be giddy with all the new excitement of a new relationship, but to love consistently and sacrificially in the unglamorous day-to-day takes a lot more of, what I would call, real love. Sure, there is a time and place for grand romantic gestures, but they don't mean much without the day-to-day kind of love that makes those moments real.

So for anyone out there scared that their “honeymoon phase” may be coming to an end, don't be; if you've found the right one you have something a lot better coming.



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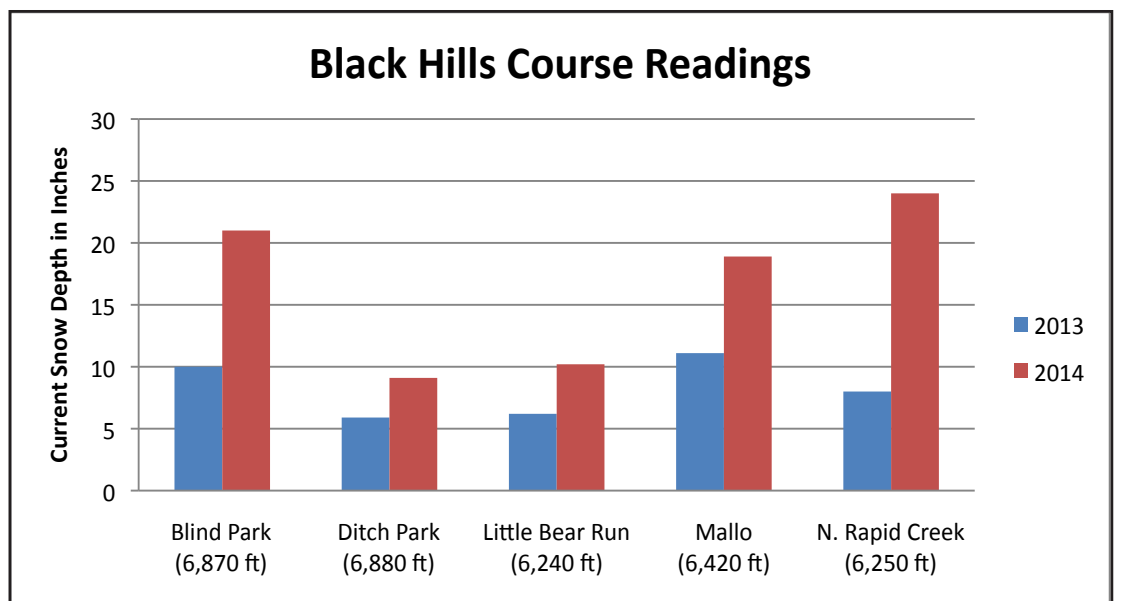
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Snow

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more to it.”
Last year's snow, he noted, was grainy and fine, but this year's has brought more needed moisture to the area. He called the snow this year “great for snowman building.”

Mar said it was not normal for Mallo to have the greatest snow depth, at 11.1 inches last January, with only 1.4 inches of snow water equivalent. The first reading of 2014 was 7.8 inches more of snow depth than the same time last year, and the water equivalent was 4.2 inches.

“Mallo is up there with Blind Park and North Rapid, but usually Blind Park is the one with the most,” he noted.

At the beginning of the 2013 snow survey season this area was not faring well, but towards the end of the season, it began to pick up, according to Mar. Amounts measured in January and February were low, but it picked up later in the season, with the March 1, 2013 totals for the area right at their annual average.

While the western side of the Black Hills is boasting higher levels of winter moisture, the distinction of the greatest snow depth at present belongs to North Rapid Creek, with 24 inches and 4.5 inches of snow water equivalent, quite an increase over the eight inches of snow depth and 1.6 inches of snow water equivalent that

area reported in the first month of 2013.
The percent of snow on the ground as measured against the 30-year average increased significantly between this year and last year for all of the Black Hills Snow Course Readings. Mallo sits at 145 percent this year, well over last year's 48 percent, which was the highest reported in January.

North Rapid Creek was next with 136 percent this year, while Blind Park was at 134 percent. Little Bear Run and Ditch Creek were both at 124 percent. The average— which is set at 100 percent— for the entire Black Hills is 128.6 percent, Mar stated.

As of the week of Jan. 13, the state of Wyoming's average median was 122 percent, while last year at this time the state was at 78 percent. That average is taken across the state, including the areas that customarily get the most snowfall.

According to an NRCS Wyoming report the area in which we are located, Belle Fourche, has the highest percent of snow water equivalent at 168 percent as of Jan. 13, 2014— 10 percent more than the readings of the previous week. Cheyenne is the next closest at 140 percent, only one percent higher than the week of Jan. 6.

“It looks like we are the best in the state!” declared Mar.

Fairgrounds

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the News Letter Journal in her office last Thursday.

4-H is an organization she has not worked with before, and the new assistant understands she has a lot to learn. She is confident she has a good teacher in Kettley, and as an animal lover she is anxious to work with the variety of critters that descend on the fairgrounds.

“I will be working directly with Dean to make the fairgrounds run smoothly. I love

animals, they fascinate me. I am looking forward to working with them and being around them,” she added.

Knight has three grown children— daughter Chelsei Hansen lives in Twin Falls, Idaho, while both of her sons Jessie and Justin Redo remain in Elko, Nevada, where she made the move to Weston County from.

Moving to a new place can be frightening, but for Knight relocating to Newcastle has

been a pleasant experience, and one thing she is looking forward to doing in this part of the country is camping and four-wheeling because she enjoys being in the outdoors.

“Everyone is friendly. I have already made new friends. People have been welcoming,” she revealed.

She stated she can be found in the office answering the phone and working on the computer on weekday mornings.

Vet Commission coming here

A state of Wyoming veterans service officer from the Wyoming Veterans Commission will conduct community outreach services in Wyoming cities throughout February. Brian Yeager is available to meet with veterans and their families to discuss state and federal veterans' benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs claims, or VA healthcare. Yeager can also help veterans and their families apply for benefits, file claims or request healthcare.

His office is staffed in Gillette, at 551 Running

W. Drive, Suite 100, and he will also be available in Newcastle on February 11, at the Department of Workforce Services, 2013 W. Main St., from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Yeager, a former U.S. Marine, is available to meet with veterans and their families from Campbell, Crook and Weston counties in addition to the scheduled outreach.

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Newcastle

Boys Basketball		
01/23 V9	*Buffalo Bison	A 4PM
01/25 V9	*Douglas Bearcats	H 2:30PM
01/28 VJ	*Custer Wildcats	A 4:40PM
01/31 V9	*Torrington Trailblazers	A 2:30PM

Girls Basketball		
01/23 V9	*Buffalo Bison	A 4PM
01/25 V9	*Douglas Bearcats	H 2:30PM
01/31 V9	*Torrington Trailblazers	A 2:30PM

Wrestling		
01/24 VJ	Lander Invitational	A Noon
01/25 VJ	Lander Invitational	A 9AM
01/31 VJ	Buffalo Invitational	A Noon

Upton

Boys Basketball		
1/24	Kaycee @Kaycee	4/7PM
1/25	Midwest @Upton	1/4PM
1/28	Hulett @Upton	4/7PM

Girls Basketball		
1/24	Kaycee @Kaycee	4/5:30PM
1/25	Midwest @Upton	1/2:30PM
1/28	Hulett @Upton	4/5:30PM

Ladies double down

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

The Lady Dogies improved their overall record to 7-4 over the past week, defeating Glenrock 41-25 on the road on Thursday before edging Worland 40-37 on Saturday at home.

"I was really pleased with our defense," said Coach Tyler Bartlett of Thursday's game against the Herders. "We caused over 30 turnovers and a lot of those were forced by our defensive pressure. Glenrock has a couple six-foot post [players], one of whom I think is as good as it gets in our conference, which created some challenges for us. I thought as a team we did a really nice job of neutralizing her. [We] held her to 11 points and two of those came right at the very end. [We] just did a really nice job of keeping her in check and taking advantage of our athleticism to create a lot of turnovers and get a lot of steals."

Indeed, against the bigger but slower Herders, the Lady Dogies were able to work their faster, high-pressure style of play throughout the course of the game. Their control of the pace forced Glenrock to foul often, something which the Dogies were, however, unable to take full advantage of.

"We were able to get to the hoop a lot and get fouled, which slows [the pace of the game] down a bit going to the free throw line," Bartlett reasoned. "The problem was we didn't make our free throws. We shot under 50 percent from the free-throw line. If we had made our free throws [it probably would have been a] 30-point game."

"But our defensive intensity definitely did help us speed up the pace of the game," he went on. "[We played] predominately full court the entire game, full-court man-to-man and just good sound pressure defense. To pressure that long and to create that many turnovers while only having 11 fouls says we're moving our feet, showing hands, doing different things that we're working on in

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Sierra LaCroix/NLJ

Merritt Crabtree posted pins in all three of his matches at 182 pounds to claim the title in that weight class, and lead the Dogies to a second place finish.

Wrestlers find success at home

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

The combined Newcastle-Upton team showed marked improvement at their annual home invitational held Friday in Newcastle. There, they took second place behind the Sturgis JV team, placing ahead of Rapid City Central's JV, which took third place, and Glenrock, who came in fourth. Eleven

teams had originally been scheduled to attend, though three withdrew, leaving a field of eight, according to Newcastle Coach Sean Crabtree.

"We did pretty well for a little tournament," he said, reflecting on his team's Friday performance, adding that they had lost to Sturgis, a perennial wrestling power, by only five points. As for how individual wrestlers

had fared, Crabtree said he was not entirely satisfied, of course, but that the requisite effort was there and most of his wrestlers were showing signs of improvement.

"Overall I was pretty happy with the majority of the kids on the team this last week," he said. "Most of them wrestled their hearts out, and we haven't seen that pretty much all year ... Some of

our kids went the full five minutes instead of [giving into the mindset of] pin or get pinned."

Asked how he had motivated his wrestlers to reach beyond themselves on Friday, Crabtree described a direct approach.

"I told them, heck, if they don't

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Struggles continue for hoops team



Sierra LaCroix/NLJ

Senior Wade Gordon got off to a slow start against the Worland Warriors, but came on late to spark a Dogie comeback that fell short on Saturday night.

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

The Dogie boys continued to come up empty as they sought a much needed win over the past week, falling to Glenrock on Thursday 63-49 before dropping another contest to Worland 59-44 on Saturday. Both games took place at home.

Still, Coach Allen Von Eye said there were some bright spots for the boys, even in defeat, and Newcastle led the Herders for most of the first half on Thursday, falling behind only in the last few minutes before the break.

"We played really well, really solid through the first half," Von Eye recalled. "We shot the ball well offensively. We played really well defensively. We rebounded the heck out of it ... We went in at half down three and feeling really good about ourselves. But we came out again in that second half almost hesitant."

Von Eye couldn't think of a better word to describe how the Dogies seemed to get just slightly, but fatally, out of sync. Both their confidence and timing seemed to be off in that second stanza.

"We were hesitant to pressure. We were hesitant to attack offensively," Von Eye reflected of the second half against Glenrock. "We ran everything the exact same. We knew what they would do. They ran everything the exact same, but if you watch our defensive rotations, where we were quick, we were precise, we were on time in the first half, we were hesitant in the second half, and a lot of that stems from, I think, the fact that we had some kids in a couple different spots from what they [normally] play."

"Without [repetition in practice] you're not quite used to that defensive rotation," he continued, "plus second-

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Back row from left: Head Coach Allen VonEye, Manager Sharla Lax, Manager Mikenna Waggener, Coach Matt Conzelman, Coach Scott Beehler. Middle row from left: Cooper Karp, Wade Gordon, Justin Francis, Taylor Allen, Nate McMahon. Front row from left: Dawson Norton, Dillon Ehlers, Chandler Burd, Trenton Engle, Colton Sweet, Triston Roberson.

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Brooke Francis for NLJ

Members of the Women's Fitness Club are put through their paces by Celso Dickey in the NHS Practice Gym on Monday.

Something for everybody

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

At the beginning of a new year, scores of people make resolutions to get in better shape, and the means to do so this year has been provided by Eastern Wyoming College's Newcastle Outreach. The spring 2014 community education schedule makes eight different exercise opportunities available to community members.

"We have all of the gyms filled. It is a very active week. We use the elementary gym, the high school practice gym and the middle school gym Monday through Thursday," EWC Newcastle Outreach Director Kim Conzelman told the News Letter Journal.

A diverse slate of exercises can be chosen from throughout the week. Individuals interested in any of the classes available through community education at EWC in Newcastle have several different ways to register—online at www.weston1k12.wy.us, by calling 746-3603 or by stopping at the Outreach Office located in Newcastle High School Room 120.

On Monday and Wednesday a popular Yoga class, with Anna Logan as the instructor, is held at the Newcastle Elementary School gymnasium from 6 to 7 p.m. until May 21. Currently there are 13 people enrolled in the class, which has a fee of \$35 per month.

Yoga is known for promoting better posture, reducing stress and maintaining balance, and Logan has been practicing yoga herself for 11 years. In class, for the two years she has

been teaching it, her emphasis has mainly been on vinyasa yoga—meaning to link the breath with the movement. Along with stressing more movement and holding poses, the technique offers more flow and more consistent movement, according to the instructor. Students are asked to bring a yoga mat and props—strap, blocks and bolster. Alternatives are available for those that may not have their own equipment.

"For me it was an exercise that didn't involve impact. I wanted to do it to increase my core strength," Logan reasoned, adding that she always tries to have registration forms on hand at the class for those who want to try it out but have not made it to the EWC office to register.

In the fall, a Zumba class was offered by instructor Pricilla Pruitt because it gave residents another choice of a workout venue. This spring it will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. in the NES gym, beginning next month through May 22. The class also costs \$35 a month, and the routines feature aerobic interval training with body sculpting movements set to music. Different movements are taught for beginners and experts by Pruitt, who has been a Zumba instructor for six years.

Another form of dancing is also available at NES in the commons on Monday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. for only two dollars per person each session. Instructor Jack Hansen is offering Square Dance on the first and third Friday nights each week from 7:30 p.m. until

9:45 p.m. through May 16.

A karate class is also offered by Travis Elliott at 819 West Cambria on Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. through May 22. The cost for this class is \$10 per person or \$20 per family. A motivated cardiovascular workout, muscle toning, flexibility and self-defense techniques are practiced in class.

"Travis has been teaching karate for a long time at his home location, and that does help with space," informed Conzelman.

Men's League Basketball has more than 30 participants this year, and it takes place on Sunday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. in both the NHS practice gym and Newcastle Middle School gym. Participation costs \$10 per person and the league is coordinated by Jake Sylte. It takes place from Jan. 8 until Feb. 26. When that ends, Co-Ed Volleyball begins on Wednesdays from March 5 to May 21 in the NMS gym. It also costs \$10 per person, with Patricia Cole as the coordinator. Participants of both leagues are required to be at least 18 years of age and out of school.

Forming a daily habit of walking doesn't have to be put off until spring. Weather is not a problem during the winter months as walking is available at all three school locations Monday through Friday from 5:30 to 7 a.m. Walkers can also make the rounds from 4 to 6 p.m. at the high school and middle school. People are urged to sign up for Indoor Walking for free at the EWC

office, and participants are even given a pedometer to calculate how far they walk the stairs and hallways at NHS.

Women's Fit Club is held every night during the week, except for Wednesday, from 7 to 8 p.m. with instructor Jessica Bettorf in the NHS practice gym. As an Independent Beachbody Coach, Bettorf helps participants work out with P90X, Insanity, TurboFire, ChaLEAN Extreme and other exercise routines.

"Women's Fit Club is a free workout class for women only, using a variety of different workout programs. I provide the DVD's to play and we just follow along with the DVD. Each disc has a modifier, so women of all fitness levels can participate," the coach told the NLJ.

The workouts last about 30-45 minutes, explained the teacher. If time allows, a 10-15 minute abdominal session will be included. Water bottles, yoga mats or towels are necessary items to bring to class, and occasionally a light set of dumbbells is used.

With 21 participants signed up this semester for the free class, Conzelman is pleased Bettorf has approached EWC every semester to dedicate time to the lessons. She, in turn, appreciates the use of the facilities.

"I have been doing it for the past four years. I figure that I am going to work out anyways, so I might as well have some company! Also, I feel it's great that women take an hour each day for themselves," Bettorf smiled.

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Results

5th Annual Newcastle-Upton Invitational

Joseph Jeppesen (3-2): 106: won by pin 0:50; won by pin 0:13; lost by pin 3:16; won by decision 8-6; lost by pin 3:00
 Zach Schuessler (3-1) 120: won by pin 1:27; lost by pin 1:40; won by major decision 15-3; won by pin 4:40
 Jacob Hobbs (0-2) 126: lost by pin 1:59; lost by pin 2:00
 Ricky Larson (2-2) 126: lost by pin 0:57; won by pin 0:00; won by major decision 13-3; lost in sudden victory 1-9-7
 Bradon Rushton (2-1) 132: won by major decision 11-2; won by pin 1:05; lost by pin 3:39
 Joseph Hall (2-1) 145: won by pin 0:22; won by decision 3-0; lost in sudden victory 1-6-4
 Hunter Liggett (3-1) 152: won by pin 1:41; lost by pin 4:18; won by decision 7-1; won by decision 12-9
 Jaspur Stedman (0-2) 160: lost by pin 1:25; lost by pin 3:55
 Jake Villanueva (3-1) 170: won by pin 1:08; lost by decision 10-4; won by pin 0:13; won by pin 1:00
 Merritt Crabtree (3-0) 182: won by pin 2:00; won by pin 3:46; won by pin 1:42
 Kolton Hall (2-0) 195: won by pin 1:02; won by pin 0:47
 Garrett Liggett (2-1) 285: won by pin 1:08; lost by pin 3:57; won by decision 3-1

want to be here there are other things to do: basketball, speech, or playing Xbox. They don't need to be in this wrestling room. If they want to quit on you they're going to quit on you, but the ones who want to be in here, I know they don't want to be quitters."

Of the future of the Newcastle Invitational, now in its fifth year, Crabtree said he hoped to see it alternate between Newcastle and Upton now that the two programs have combined for the foreseeable future.

"I'm pretty sure we'll keep it going," he said. "What we'll probably do is swap it back and forth, one year in Upton, one year in Newcastle."

Having hosted their own tournament last week, Newcastle will now hit the road for the rest of the regular season, first taking on Wright in a dual meet on Thursday. Crabtree predicted it's a winnable meet

for his team provided they come with their minds set on competition.

"[Wright] has some decent wrestlers... If our kids don't want to wrestle, I know we're going to lose. [But] we have a chance of beating Wright. I know we do."

The Wright dual will be followed by the Moorcroft Invitational over the weekend, where teams from as far away as Montana and both the Dakotas are expected to attend.

Upton Coach Lee McCoy said he sees the Moorcroft tournament as a complimentary follow up to last week's home meet, where he agreed with Crabtree in noting both Upton and Newcastle wrestlers showed improvement.

"We're not there yet, but we're making progress," he said. "We're getting a little stronger on our feet. The stats looked a little better as far as takedowns, so we're attacking better. We worked a little better on our 'pin or be pinned.' We had some matches that we kind of toughed out. We're seeing improvement. We just need to build on that this week going into Moorcroft, which will be a pretty similar tournament to what we had [on Friday]..."

A bigger challenge for Newcastle and Upton, McCoy said, would come early next month at the Ron Thon Invitational in Riverton, the toughest regular season contest they'll face. The Ron Thon is essentially a state-wide invitational where McCoy said many wrestlers will have their season either made or broken.

"The week after next we have Ron Thon. That will be a good opportunity for our better kids to be in the varsity tournament and everybody else will be in the JV tournament. That's a really good JV tournament where they see junior varsity kids at all the levels. Typically that tournament, in my experience, is always the tipping point. The kids who go there and compete well will have a lot of momentum coming out of it [for the postseason]."

"If you've got some part of your game that isn't up to par it exposes it pretty quick," McCoy continued of the level of competition they'll face at the Ron Thon, "And it gives us a couple weeks before regionals and state to get it fixed."



Sierra LaCroix/NLJ

Senior Jake Villanueva made life difficult for most of his opponents last weekend, pinning three of them and suffering his only loss in a 10-4 decision.




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Stats

Jan. 16 vs. Glenrock (away)
Jan. 18 vs. Worland (home)

Varsity:
Newcastle 41, Glenrock 25
Newcastle 40, Worland 37

JV:
Newcastle 39, Glenrock 35
Worland 48, Newcastle 27

Freshmen:
Worland 41, Newcastle 33

Varsity Season Averages:
Alyssa Dawson Pts. 2.5, Reb. 3.5, Ast. 0.4, Stl. 0.8, Blk. 0.1
Scottlyn Wiggins Pts. 2.7, Reb. 2, Ast. 1.4, Stl. 1.3, Blk. --
Makayla Smith Pts. 1.0, Reb. 0.5, Ast. 0.5, Stl. --, Blk. --
Kianna Hobbs Pts. --, Reb. 0.2, Ast. --, Stl. --, Blk. --
Anna Henkle Pts. 8.8, Reb. 6, Ast. 1.2, Stl. 4.4, Blk. --
Kendra Back Pts. 0.4, Reb. 1.4, Ast. 0.2, Stl. 0.1, Blk. --
Hannah Williams Pts. --, Reb. 0.7, Ast. --, Stl. --, Blk. --
Patricia Miller Pts. 0.6, Reb. 2.7, Ast. 0.2, Stl. 1, Blk. --
Savannah Davis Pts. 1.9, Reb. 3, Ast. 0.4, Stl. 0.9, Blk. --
Abi Devereaux Pts. 1.1, Reb. 0.3, Ast. 0.2, Stl. 0.4, Blk. --
Hannah Cass Pts. 19.9, Reb. 10.2, Ast. 2.5, Stl. 4.8, Blk. 1.7
Abby Gray Pts. 8.5, Reb. 1.5, Ast. 2.9, Stl. 3.2, Blk. --
Bailey Karp Pts. --, Reb. 0.5, Ast. --, Stl. 0.3, Blk. --



Sierra LaCroix/NLJ
Hannah Cass has been giving 3A East Conference defenders fits since the holiday break, and she hopes to stay hot when the Dogies face top-ranked Douglas.

practice every day.”

Bartlett, however, expressed concern that his team was allowing their defensive excellence to carry them and that there are other, weaker aspects of their game that will need to be addressed as the season continues.

“The way we’re playing our defense right now puts us in with everybody else just because of the defensive effort that we give ... At the same time the turnovers and missed free throws and things that don’t effect that game, that’s the kind of stuff that could cost us down the road, so ... we definitely still have some improving to do and some things to focus on.”

These areas of weakness were more evident against Worland on Saturday than they were in the Glenrock game. Against the Warriors the Lady Dogies again shot a mediocre 50 percent from the foul line and narrowly pulled out a win despite seeming to experience a general malaise.

“You talk to anyone around our conference and they say Worland’s scary, and they are,” Bartlett commented. “They’re tall. They’re athletic. They’re skilled ... Anytime you’re playing Worland you need to be on top of your game or they’re going to get you, and we weren’t quite on top of our game on Saturday.”

“We jumped out to an early lead like we seem to do a lot,” he continued of the narrow win, “but by the end of the first quarter they’d answered back and we were actually down by two at the end of the first. We had some trouble with defensive assignments early, lost track of the shooter a couple times. Again, [we were] probably not taking care of the basketball like we need to and getting good looks and taking advantage of the opportunities that we got.”

Newcastle’s failure to bring their ‘A’ game meant things came down to the wire. Bartlett, though, said he was still thankful for the win, however ugly it may have been.

“Credit goes to the girls,” he said.

“Anytime you get a conference win it’s a good thing, especially when it’s against a fairly tough team and you don’t play your best. We didn’t play our best on Saturday, but we found a way to come out on top and that’s what it’s about this time of year.”

Bartlett went on to say that he would seek to address poor free-throw shooting and other issues in practice this week, mentioning that “Shot Doctor” and JV Coach Chad Ostenson had some ideas for how to improve things in that regard.

The ladies will have to work quickly, however, to hone their games as they have what Bartlett describes as a “big week” coming up. This Thursday they’ll face a Buffalo team that just trails them in the 3A East Conference standings followed by currently undefeated Douglas on Saturday—the number-one ranked team in the state. A win against Douglas would put Newcastle in a tie for the conference lead, but that depends on beating Buffalo first. Bartlett said he isn’t looking past the Bison.

“That’s a little bit of a rivalry game,” he said of Buffalo. “I take a lot of pride in

the fact that we’ve won there the last two years, and I’d like to go ahead and do it a third year now. They’re a different team than they were last year. They graduated a lot of size, but at the same time they’ve got some talented guards and some good shooters, and they’re well-coached ... I feel like we match up pretty well with them, so hopefully a lot of the things that we normally do will transfer Thursday.”

The East, Bartlett noted, has shown itself to be much stronger than the West this year, and the Lady Dogies are proving they can be more than competitive against tough competition.

“We’re in the hunt. I’d imagine when the polls come out [this week] we’ll probably be number four in the state and Douglas will be number one.”

Still, first thing’s first, and Bartlett emphasized the ladies will need to focus themselves on taking care of business on Thursday if they want the chance to jostle with the likes of Douglas for position in the conference and state rankings this weekend.

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guessing yourself, whether or not you’re supposed to be at where you’re at ... I dialed down the [defensive] pressure which I probably shouldn’t have, hindsight being 20-20. We probably should have kept the pressure up the way that we had it in the first half.”

Still the head Dogie coach was willing to give Glenrock their due, saying the loss didn’t owe exclusively to Newcastle’s missteps.

“[Glenrock] did a good job [defensively] which made it hard for us to get into the paint,” he said of the Herders’ second-half performance. “They’re a good basketball team. They present some matchup [problems]. They’ve got the best big

in the conference. He’s 6-5 and strong and scores well inside and outside ...”

Von Eye said he felt that the game had provided a valuable lesson and that the difference between the loss and a potential win was really only a matter of perfecting what the team was already doing and getting some of the details down pat.

“It’s a learning situation. It’s making sure that everything that we practice on the practice floor, every rotation that we do, drill wise, five on five wise, whatever it may be, has to apply and has to be applied to the game situation, and that’s apparently where we struggled. It was really small, small things. [That’s] all it was

between that first and second half.”

As for Saturday’s game against Worland, Von Eye said he felt it was a bit of an anomaly with some of the Warriors turning in unexpected performances.

“That was an interesting one. To give [Worland] credit, they played well. A couple of their kids who hadn’t done much all year long played really well and gave them some good minutes ... Their leading scorer for the game had 17 and came in averaging three ...”

The Dogies fell behind early, and unfortunately the point differential proved just too much for Newcastle to come back from, though they attempted to rally several times.

“It came back to our Achilles heel; defensively we struggled a bit,” Von Eye admitted. “Unfortunately, offensively we [also] really struggled in that first quarter. We got a lot of good looks but couldn’t get buckets ... You’re going to have days like that, but we allowed them to jump up on us early, 15-2 in the first quarter ... We battled the rest of the way, but when you dig yourself a hole like that it’s hard. You expend a lot of energy [trying to come back].”

“We made a run at them in the second quarter and got [within four],” he continued, “and then ran a little bit out of gas and let them extend it. Then in the third quarter we ran at them again and ran out of gas, and then in the fourth quarter we made one final push. When you spot a team 13 points it’s tough to [overcome].”

Part of the Dogies’ struggle to make up the deficit owed to the Warrior defense. They utilized a zone against Newcastle to good effect, according to Von Eye, frustrating leading



Sierra LaCroix/NLJ
Dillon Ehlers was able to dial in from long-range on occasion, but not enough to help the Dogies pull out a conference win.

Stats

Jan. 16 vs. Glenrock (home)
Jan. 18 vs. Worland (home)

Varsity:
Glenrock 63, Newcastle 48
Worland 59, Newcastle 44

JV:
Glenrock 38, Newcastle 16
Worland 72, Newcastle 47

C Team:
Glenrock 31, Newcastle 24
Worland 57, Newcastle 15

Varsity Statistics – Two Game Total
Wade Gordon Pts. 39, Reb. 12, Ast. 2, TO 6, Blk. 1
Dillon Ehlers Pts. 17, Reb. 12, Ast. 3, TO 5, Blk. 0
Colton Sweet Pts. 0, Reb. 3, Ast. 5, TO 7, Blk. 0
Nate McMahon Pts. 6, Reb. 4, Ast. 1, TO 1, Blk. 0
Justin Francis Pts. 16, Reb. 7, Ast. 2, TO 1, Blk. 0
Triston Roberson Pts. 0, Reb. 0, Ast. 0, TO 0, Blk. 1
Trenton Engle Pts. 6, Reb. 2, Ast. 6, TO 6, Blk. 0
Taylor Allen Pts. 24, Reb. 2, Ast. 2, TO 2, Blk. 0

Newcastle scorer Wade Gordon until late in the game.

“Teams have had trouble manning us up most of this year,” Von Eye explained. “In a man-to-man situation it’s tough to defend us. Zone-wise that’s a different thing. You’ve got areas and you’re able to help individuals out, so they really took Wade away from us for most of the game until midway through the fourth quarter when we were able to get him going a little bit.”

As for a definitive answer to the woes of the Dogies, who will face Buffalo and Douglas this week, Von Eye said he felt it was just a matter of continuing to work hard with perhaps a few strategic tweaks.

“Grind it out. Keep grinding. Keep working. Keep doing what you need to do,” he said of the solution. “You’ll see a little bit of a shift as far as a scheme goes. We’re going to dial down our full court pressure a little bit and play more in half court and see what we can get accomplished.”

“Slow the basketball game down a little bit and give our kids a chance to close at the end,” he concluded of the potential winning formula.

Meeting Notice

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The Black Hills National Forest announces that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Teckla-Osage-Rapid City 230 kV Transmission Line Project is available for public review and comment.

One additional public meeting will be held in Newcastle to present and take comments on the DEIS. This meeting will be held Wednesday, January 29, from 3:00 till 6:00 p.m.

Comments on this project must be submitted in writing and postmarked or emailed no later than 45 days after the publication of the Notice of Availability of the DEIS in the Federal Register, which occurred on Friday, December 27, 2013.

For more information on this project, contact Ruth Esperance at the Mystic Ranger District office in Rapid City, SD, phone 605-343-1567; or Ed Fischer at the Black Hills National Forest Supervisor's Office in Custer, SD, phone 605-673-9207.

(Publish January 23, 2014)

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2014-2015

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of January, 2014 the following Retail Liquor Licensees, two Restaurant Licensees and one Club Licensee, filed applications for renewal of their Liquor Licenses.

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Charita Brunner, City Clerk/Treasurer

(Publish January 23, 30, February 6, and 13, 2014)

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Assignment dated: October 14, 2013
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All in the records of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale, pursuant to the terms of the Mortgage, has been served upon the record owner and party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to first publication of the notice of sale;

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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.

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Mike and Lee Dutcher p

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Kelsey Wood/NLJ

Hattie Conley has been in the kitchen at Isabella's for months, but she's excited to add her own touch to the menu.

New owner is ready to get cooking

By Kelsey Wood for NLJ

Isabella's, the Italian restaurant located just off of Main Street, has changed ownership. Along with the new boss come high hopes and changes she hopes will be for the better, but while there are going to be some new things on the horizon, Hattie Conley wants to assure people that Isabella's is going to continue to be the same restaurant people have grown to love.

The 26-year old business owner grew up in the small town of Remus, Michigan, and while she's a long way from home she doesn't seem to be suffering from real significant culture shock.

"Newcastle is very much like Remus. They're both small towns. It's definitely like home, but there is a culture change," Conley told the News Letter Journal.

Although relatively young, Conley brings a variety of experience to her new venture. She originally went to college in Ohio and majored in Biology — dealing primarily with animals. She then moved to New Jersey and received her Associate's Degree, and during her time there she said she had worked at numerous Italian restaurants.

She landed a job back in Ann Arbor, Michigan dealing with cancer treatment, and thought for a time she was going to be an animal technician. She ended up moving back to New Jersey, however, and worked in large restaurants in Smithville. When she was there she learned multiple skills, including how to work well under pressure and how to balance multiple tasks at the same time.

After awhile she decided to move back to Michigan, and while there she operated a retail business for almost a year before selling her half of the business to her partner so she could move to Newcastle.

"I ended up getting a job at Isabella's being the cook, and I actually also heard that Isabella's was up for sale," Conley informed. She created a six month plan for herself to purchase the business, and the bank ultimately gave her a

loan so she could do so.

Conley took ownership on November 1, but kept everything the same until the calendar turned to January 1.

Her first significant change in the new year is choosing to be open on Sundays, which means the restaurant is now available to customers seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. She's excited to let the community about the other changes she has planned.

"We are looking to advertise more. I actually just set up a Facebook page showing the specials and what is happening. One thing that most do not know is that we have a banquet room where we can hold large parties," Conley reasoned, noting that she hopes to make the public more aware of the restaurant's availability for large or small groups.

"A lot of people actually don't know that the parking lot beside (the building) is also ours. I am actually looking into building a patio for more space in the summertime," she professed. Not only does she plan to offer outdoor dining, but she is also thinking about opening up the ice cream parlor to create another dining area inside the building as well. She is wanting to update the décor to create an even more cozy presence.

Conley encourages people to come in and try the food, even if they can't stay for dinner.

"Carryout is always available if customers can't come in. We have all kinds of pastas, sandwiches, and pizzas for them to choose from," she offered.

The new owner also assures long-time customers that the food is still going to be made the same way it had before, although she removed the Chinese food items from the menu because she believed it contradicted with Isabella's Italian theme. She is looking forward to adding more delicious Italian food, and wants to add steaks and other delicious favorites to her menu.

"Even though we are changing some things, we are still making sure Isabella's is the warm-feeling, affordable place to eat," Conley beamed.

Sign up for CodeRed

By Genell Rothleutner
NPD Dispatch Center

The Newcastle Police Department Communications Center and Upton Police Department is asking people countywide to sign up or update their information on the CodeRed System.

The Newcastle Police Department Communications Center provides dispatch services for the Newcastle and Upton Police Departments, Weston County Sheriff's Office, Upton Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Service, Osage Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Service, Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department, Newcastle Ambulance Service and Weston County Fire District. NPD Communications Sgt. Mary Robertson explained that CodeRed can be for many different purposes. Notices about escapes, severe weather, wildland fires, hazmat incidents, evacuations, missing children, water contamination, road closures and many other emergency situations can be handled through this high-speed notification system.

"Summer storm season is fast approaching, and it is possible that very strong storms could move through our county," Robertson said. "If you are not signed up for CodeRED, it is more important now than ever."

CodeRed was created to help local officials quickly send emergency messages to members of the public. There are other ways of notifying people in Weston County about emergencies, and one of them is sirens. All three communities in Weston County — Upton, Osage and Newcastle, utilize different sirens for different emergencies, but not everyone in the county can hear them and emergencies can also happen at night, when people are sleeping.

"Although the sirens will continue to be used, phone alerts are great for people out of town and for night emergencies. Use of Code Red alert maps for evacuations and alerts is very efficient, effective and timely if phone numbers and addresses

are put in by the public and kept updated," Robertson explained. "People sleep with their phones in the bedroom. You generally hear the phone ringing, even in the middle of the night, and it is right there for you to grab."

Upton Police Officer Joseph Creamer said that Weston County has been using CodeRed for a number of years.



"The system works through databases created by local law enforcement agencies and the Weston County Homeland Security Office," Creamer explained. "Citizens can choose to withdraw from the service or change the way they are notified. Alerts can come via landline phone, cell phone, text message, email or all four."

The system is only as good as the data inputted to it, however, and residents are urged to make sure their information is correct. Creamer noted that the Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp had a different system at one time to notify people of escapes, but that system has not been used for a number of years. Some people that were signed up for that system do not realize that the old system is no longer in existence, or that they were not automatically signed up for CodeRed at the cessation of that system.

"Residents of Weston County should not assume that their phone numbers are already in the system. They should check with www.westongov.com and utilize the Code Red link to make sure their correct, up-to-date information is in place," Robertson cautioned.

This website is also where citizens would go to remove their information, if they have moved out of town, or, if for some reason, they would not want to receive the alerts.

"Putting your contact information in the CodeRed system ensures that you are included on the calling list when emergencies happen in Weston County," Robertson stressed.

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