Newcastle, Wyoming January 29, 2015 **Year** 129 Week 5

# Officials meet to discuss landfills

**Alexis Shultz NLJ** Reporter

Elected representatives of local governments sparred regarding the concerns of their respective constituents during a meeting in Osage last week to discuss future landfill options in Weston County, but all involved seemed to

formation of a county wide landfill district that utilizes Newcastle's landfill as its primary facility.

On Jan. 22, representatives from Newcastle, Upton, the Central Weston County Solid Waste Disposal District, and the Weston County Commissioners

agree by the end of the meeting that met in Osage at the Kitty Moats the best option available would be the Complex to discuss the ongoing issues surrounding landfills in the area.

> "I bet this group can come up with some kind of solution for everybody," Weston County Commission Chairman Bill Lambert professed at the start of the meeting. He acknowledged that the solution may not be perfect for

that the two commissioners in attendance, himself and Tony Barton, were not authorized to make decisions on behalf of the commission as a whole.

Representatives from each municipality took the opportunity to explain the current condition of their landfill, and to present the costs of both oper-

Newcastle City Engineer Bob Hartley explained that the Newcastle Landfill currently has a permit to run for two more years, but has an overall life expectancy of 10 years. Costs to close the facility in Newcastle are estimated

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# Science studies

Wyatt Voelker checks out his results during Science class at Newcastle High School, where students participated in a lab examining hot and cold, and fresh and salty. See more on Page 8. (Photo by Denice Pisciotti/NLJ)

# Implications of legalization felt

**Alexis Shultz** 

**NLJ** Reporter

Newcastle Chief of Police Jim Owens attended a professional training conference on marijuana held by the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police on Jan. 14, 15, and 16. On Jan. 20, Owens took the opportunity to share with the Newcastle City Council what he had learned at the conference.

Owens stated that the conference was an exceptional one, attended by representatives from 39 states as well as four

foreign counties. According to a release other public agencies. issued by the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police, who are considered one of the national law enforcement experts on marijuana in the U.S., the conference was held to discuss lessons learned and the best practices for going forward when it comes to legalizing marijuana and the consequences of doing so.

Conversation at the conference focused on many things, including the history of legal marijuana in Colorado, public safety topics, as well as data collection and the importance of cross-collaboration with

"We want conference attendees to understand the true impact that marijuana legalization could have on their state. They say, 'legalize it and tax it,' but what does that really mean? There are huge policy implications at play here, ranging from exploding oil operations to economic forecasts in the billions of dollars," stated John Jackson, Greenwood Village chief and president of the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police.

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# People's choice

#### 1 percent tax for hospital renovation goes to ballot

**Denice Pisciotti NLJ** Reporter

Maureen Cadwell, chief executor officer of Weston County Health Services, has approached the Newcastle City Council, Upton City Council and Weston County Commissioners with a 1 percent specific purpose use tax resolution for approval to be put on the ballot in May, for the purpose of updating and expanding services.

To put the resolution on the ballot it must have a two-thirds vote by the two municipalities in the county. It was approved by all of them, with an unanimous

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As you all know, every week there is a mass exodus to South Dakota to give them our tax dollars. By adding another sixth cent we now are giving them an excuse to go across the border ... I believe it is the people's choice that they should have the final matter in this."

> - Marty Ertman, W.C. Commissioner

# ATV accident takes life of Newcastle man

**Bob Bonnar** 

**NLJ Editor & Publisher** 

Residents of Newcastle and Weston County are rallying around a local family in the wake of an unexpected tragedy that claimed the life of 32-year-old Sam Lipp during an outing in northern South Dakota last weekend.

According to a press release from the Perkins County Sheriff's Office, Lipp was riding a four-wheel all-terrain vehicle across the ice on Shadehill Lake, which is located south of Lemmon, S.D., on the afternoon of Friday, Jan. 23. Another adult and two children were also on the ATV, which broke through the ice while traveling toward the shore.

Perkins County Sheriff Kelly Serr stated in the release that all four occupants of the ATV were thrown into the water when the ice broke, but that the other adult — who has not been identified — was able to crawl out of the water and onto the ice, along with one of his children.

According to the release, a pair of ice fishermen who witnessed the accident were able to rescue the other child when they went to

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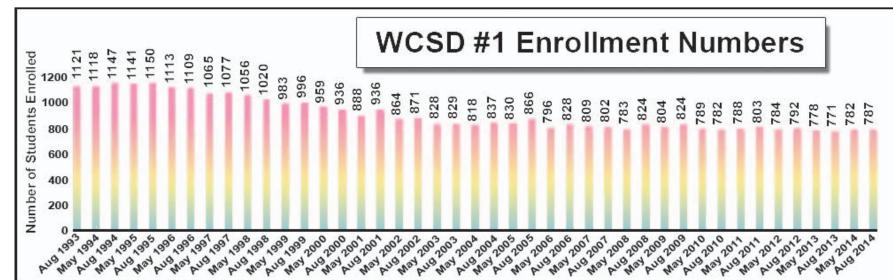
# School enrollment numbers better than expected

**Denice Pisciotti NLJ** Reporter

About a year ago, conversations concerning enrollment and budgeting at Weston County School District #1 began, as they looked ahead and could see lower class numbers in the future, which would affect the amount of money the district receives from the state legislature.

"Those are the things that really scare you, because truly, unless something changes socioeconomically, those numbers are in your system for about 12 years," clarified Brad LaCroix, WCSD #1 superintendent, when discussing the issue with the News Letter Journal earlier this month. "But then, what makes it really difficult in long-term projections, is a year ago I thought we were going to be down about 30 students, and now we're not."

In fact, historically district numbers



generally decrease from the beginning of the school year until the end, however this year it has increased, and is continuing to fluctuate. Newcastle Elementary School has seen a significant increase over last year and continues to hold its own with more than a dozen more students since the beginning of the school year. Newcastle Middle School is up a little from the previous school year, but continues to have small class sizes.

"Our high school continues to be small, and as the numbers move forward there is not any projected growth in that area," LaCroix informed.

Currently, with the new semester,

kindergarten has 48 students, first grade 59, second 60, third 74, fourth 68, fifth 73, sixth 68, seventh 51, eighth 57, ninth 50, 10th 72, 11th 63

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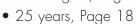






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# DDINON News Letter Journal

Our View Not our cup of tea

Any fifth-grader can tell you that Americans don't like taxes.

Let's face it, the American Revolution was largely spurred by taxes colonists were being forced to pay England, one of the most iconic moments in the birth of this nation came when the earliest revolutionaries banded together to throw a shipload of English tea into Boston Harbor to protest the tax King George was forcing them to pay for it.

"No taxation without representation" became the rallying cry for the rebellion that began shortly thereafter, and U.S. citizens have been on the fight over taxes

So it is likely that Weston County residents — as American as it gets — are not too excited about the prospect of not one, but two, tax increases that they could be asked to approve this year.

But we want to encourage our readers to view both proposals realistically and support them when they are asked to do so on a ballot.

It is now all but certain that the first of these tax measures— a specific purpose tax that will generate funds to expand and renovate the hospital in Newcastle — will be put before voters this spring, and it should be the easiest of the two proposals to vote for because it will go away once the construction bill has been paid. We believe the local hospital board has made a good case for modernizing the facility in order to provide the services most important to county residents, and do so in a manner that keeps the hospital district solvent financially over the long term.

The decision to form a county wide landfill district and tax ourselves to create, operate and maintain it will be a little harder to swallow, but after watching local governments grapple with the issue for the past decade, we are convinced it is the only responsible thing to do.

Choosing Newcastle's current landfill as the location for a county wide landfill also appears to be the most affordable option available — regardless of which part of Weston County you live in — because there really are no other options. It is almost certain that Upton and Osage residents will have to haul their garbage somewhere as the landfills for both communities will have to be closed, and Newcastle is closer to both of those communities than Gillette or Casper.

Newcastle's landfill is also equipped with scales and has some infrastructure in place for recycling, which is an advantage that can reduce the cost of waste disposal for all county residents if we can decide collectively to make it a county wide facility. The Newcastle City Council has expressed a willingness to offer the landfill as such, but only if county residents agree to take ownership of it through the formation of a county wide district.

That is the best alternative that has been put forward to this point, and we don't believe a better one exists, so we urge the Weston County Commissioners to grant approval of a ballot measure to create the landfill district. We understand that it is a big step, but the time to make a decision is upon us, and we believe that the voters of Weston County should be given the chance to decide.

After all, that's what taxation with representation is all about.

# Need to talk to a public servant?

County Commission Members' contacts:

Bill Lambert	465-2268
Marty Ertman	746-2351
Randy Rossman	746-2965
Tracy Hunt	746-8898
Tony Barton	756-2561
Cheryl Kregel (County Clerk)	746-4744

# Social media is only as good as we make it

Thave heard many times in recent years how this community rallies together in times of need. Yesterday, that was easy to see on Facebook.

Last Friday, a family in Newcastle lost a member tragically and suddenly. The first I had heard about it was on Saturday when my husband heard the terrible news, and asked if I knew anything about it. I had not heard, so I went to Facebook — one of my quick resources — to see if there was any information available.

There was not, which actually was a relief because social media can also be an ugly rumor mill. Not wanting to disturb anyone, I just quietly waited for news, and

knowing bad news can spread faster than good news, I didn't think I would have to wait long.

I was right. On Monday, word of the family's loss was on everyone's mind. Even as I sat watching my granddaughter at dance class, the tragic accident that took Sam Lipp's life was the main topic of discus-

sion. I an proud to say that what I heard was not gossip or anything inappropriate, and every word was uttered out of concern for his wife and children. That warmed my

My warm thoughts grew as I looked at Facebook and throughout the afternoon began to see more and more profile pictures turned into a blue heart pledging support for the family. After further investigation, I realized there were two different hearts, one supporting the man who lost his life and the other for his wife. Shortly thereafter, I received an

invitation to join the event, "Let's turn Facebook Blue in support for Jennifer and Sam Lipp," that was started by a friend his wife, Jennifer, had met through an

online group.

The friend encouraged everyone to share the event and "turn Facebook blue" to show the family our support. At press time, more than 2,000 invitations had been sent, with nearly 800 acceptances. A total of 130 of my Facebook friends were attending the viral event, and most of them had made their profile picture a blue heart.

I can't help but smile as I scroll Facebook and see the blue hearts, and from the comments I've read, I know I am not the only one encouraged by this.

A post was also started to organize people who wish to prepare meals for the family, and I am sure I don't have to tell you that the

> offers of assistance are staggering. People who don't live in Newcastle were even offering to order food to be delivered to those wrestling with the grief of losing a loved

Several years ago, I heard Facebook referred to as a "town hall." Dictionary.com states a town hall is used for the

transaction of the town's business and often used as a place of public assembly, and I thought to myself that is exactly what the social media website is often used for.

As I reflect on how wonderfully I have seen the community react to this situation, I can't help but think of those instances when the use of social media has actually made things worse. I hope that the people of Newcastle will continue to see the good in this tool that technology has provided us with, and avoid utilizing it to tear people down further in times of tragedy and pain.

Unfortunately, that has been the case in other communities, and I'm glad I live in a place where we treat each other better — both live and online.

## **Deadline for Letters** is noon on Friday

Miss Magnum

# Letters to the Editor.

#### Help For speeders has to come from within

Dear Editor, There seems to be an epidemic of HFS in

As we travel the highways, this is becoming more and more apparent. Although it is rarely fatal, it is very dangerous. HFS appears to be more widespread in young people, but it is found quite often in the

senior citizen population also. The only deterrence in HFS seems to be a large infusion of highway patrolmen, but with the many miles of roads in the state, they are only partially

successful in stemming this disease. To every one driving — we love and need you all. Please try to avoid HFS (Heavy Foot Syndrome).

-Jean Harshbarger Community will come together

# to mourn this week

Dear Editor,

HLC (Home Loving Care) of Weston County is again planning our annual Memorial Service. This was first started in 1994. The service will be on Thursday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m. in the Michaels Room at the senior center in Newcastle.

The service is designed to praise God and celebrate the memory of lives we have lived with family, friends, and neighbors, and to acknowledge our loss. We will praise God through music and the reading of Scripture. We will celebrate the memory of the lives lost from our midst through the lighting of a candle for each name.

A list of names is obtained of those who have passed on in 2014 in this area, but anyone in Weston County may add names of ones they want to remember that have passed outside of this area, or in some other year, to our list of people. To add a name to the list, please phone Elizabeth Goodart in Newcastle at 746-2426 and leave a message.

We encourage everyone that has had their lives touched by the death of someone to bring your family and join us in remembering your loved one and to participate in this memorial service and light a candle in memory of a friend or relative, and remember the impact that person had on your life.

It is with this service and through the support of friends and family that we hope to help you find a way that you may have meaningful memories of your loved one.

We welcome all to come. Refreshments will follow the service.

> -Board of Directors, Home Loving Care, Bill Boulden, Leroy Dummer, Carolyn Ellerton, Elizabeth Goodart, Carol Gustin, Ken Pitlick, LaVonne Roberts & Kay Thomas

#### Let's amend the Constitution to get rid of corruption

Dear Editor,

Letters

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Views

The Casper Star Tribune ran an article last Friday about Ohio Governor John Kasich promoting an Amendment to the U.S. Constitution as described by Article 5.

His interest was a "Balanced U.S. Budget." While that is an important consideration, having honest politicians doing the people's work in Washington is even more consequential, but much more difficult, if not impossible, to obtain.

Without honesty, nothing in Washington works to our advantage. Our idealistic forefathers did a wonderful job of making the break from feudalism. Our practical forefathers did a fair job of outlining a workable system of government, but it seems to need constant attention and/or adjustment.

Editor Unfortunately, this is all the opening needed by self-serving so-called "public servants" to get their hands on the peo-

ple's money. Madison and Jefferson anticipated this problem and so, by way of the Constitution, put "We The People" in charge. Our duty was to vet the candidates before election and monitor the

We did neither.

winners after.

Thus, the fox was loosed in the hen house. The country was bountiful and the petty larceny of the early days was of no great significance.

That was then and this is now. The size of our current grand larceny is or could be destabilizing. The misapplication of taxpayer money in just our military-industrial complex is enough to sink most countries.

How does this escape our retribution or even our attention? Could it be that we believe their favorite

"I didn't do it Mom!"

"Mikey did it!" "It's his fault!"

How can we sink billions of dollars into planes that can't fly and more billions into wars that have no legitimate purpose? We 'invest' more billions in "tax breaks" for the already incredibly rich and then — and then — blame the tired, the poor, the huddled masses when the treasury runs low?

About 100 years ago President Woodrow Wilson decided we should join France and Great Britain and enter "The War To End All Wars," World War I. He needed to convince the U.S. population that this was the right thing to do. Further, he needed to convince our able bodied males to sign up to shoot and get shot at, even if it was not "Our" war. Wilson employed Walter Lippman and Edward

Bernays to prepare a propaganda campaign. They were very successful.

Not only did we enter the war, but thousands of American men entered the Army. Thousands died. Thousands were seriously wounded. Propaganda, done well, proved to be a successful weapon.

After the war, Bernays became the father of "public relations." If people can be persuaded to breathe the mustard gas of WWI or stand in the cold, wet trenches of France and get killed, then how difficult would it be to convince them to buy Coca-Cola or Ivory Soap or a story that demonizes your political opponent?

Not hard at all, it happens all the time. Both political parties tell their stories and we believe one or the other.

How do we come to believe one and not the other, since neither usually comes anywhere near the truth? Collecting factual data and analyzing it is hard, timeconsuming work! We often think we have better things to do.

Our political parties are no help at all. Since they want control, they both tell whatever story works. That's why they are a large part of the problem.

It is time for us to follow John Kasich's example and work on a Constitutional Amendment to reduce if not end corruption.

Maybe a Constitutional Convention for a massive re-write is not a bridge too far.

-Jerry Baird

























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# Veterans assistance available

A state of Wyoming veterans service officer to 3 p.m. 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 at the following locations:

• Sundance: Feb. 3, at the Crook County Courthouse, 309 E. Cleveland St., from 10 a.m.

• Newcastle: Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26, at the Department of Workforce Services, 22922 Hwy 85, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• Upton: Feb. 24, at the Upton Community Center, 916 Ash St., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

During periods of inclement weather, please check with the staff at the outreach locations to ensure the veterans service officer will be available.

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. Contact him at (307) 696-5048 for more information, or to schedule an appointment.



### A fresh new look

Newcastle City Engineer Bob Hartley told the City Council at their meeting Jan. 20 that 404 holes were patched in the formerly blue - now tan- water tank located just north of town, on U.S. Highway 85. He said crews hoped to have the second coat of paint on the floor of the tank by the end of the week, and that will allow them to close the tank back up, disinfect and refill it — a process that is estimated to take about two more weeks. Hartley said the repair job, which cost the city approximately \$400,000, extended the life of the tank, but it will still have to be replaced, probably within the next 20 years. He told the council the cost of replacement at this time would have been \$2 million. See the City Council Minutes on Page 14 for more. (Photo by Bob Bonnar/NLJ)

#### Marijuana from page 1.....

currently have legal recreational marijuana, while 23 states allow some form of medicinal marijuana, and according to information shared at the conference, nationwide legalization is projected to happen in five to six years. With legalization comes many issues, that, according to Owens, outweigh the benefits that may come with it.

"One of the major problems is that they are constantly being asked for statistics," Owens reported. He clarified that, without statistics on crime, medical issues, and other negative effects marijuana may have on the community before the legalization, it is hard to make a comparison.

"The Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police is also emphasizing to other law enforcement the importance of collecting good data on marijuana now to establish a baseline. Colorado didn't start measuring until Amendment 64, which makes it harder to evaluate the impact of legalization on things like impaired driving and juvenile use," a press release from the Colorado Association Of Chiefs of Police stated.

States are being encouraged now to start gathering statistics and working with legislature before it does become legal in other states. Owens explained that legalization in Colorado was made by an amendment to the Constitution, and therefore changes cannot be made to it, which is causing an issue for the state when it comes to regulation of the product. This encouraging other states to start working with legislature now to establish statutes regarding marijuana, so hopefully other states won't face these issues in

the future.

Owens explained that, while there have been 32 explosions or fires in 2014 caused by butane hash oil extraction, authorities are having issues because there are no laws or statutes pertaining to the situation and therefore they must prosecute under the fire statute of arson.

Hash oil is causing other issues throughout Colorado. Owens said that with butane hash oil extraction the product produced is 90 to 95 percent THC, the chemical in marijuana that produces many of its psychological effects. He added that, with the extraction process the cannabinoid CBC, Cannabichromene, is not extracted, with the THC creating medical issues because the CBC actually acts as a buffer for the THC.

"When you eliminate the CBC it can have the same effect on some as LSD or PCP." Owens stated, adding that research shows the effects of THC on the brain only goes up to a percentage of 12. This means there is no research for either the percentage in hash oil or the percentage in average Colorado marijuana, which contains between 20 to 37 percent and sells on the East Coast for roughly \$2,500, he indicated.

Owens continued to explain that Mexican marijuana is still imported into the state with a

Owens said that five states is why Colorado officials are THC content of 10 to 12 percent and a cost of roughly \$200 a pound. He added that marijuana in the 1960s averaged between 5 and 8 percent THC, making it far weaker then what people are using now.

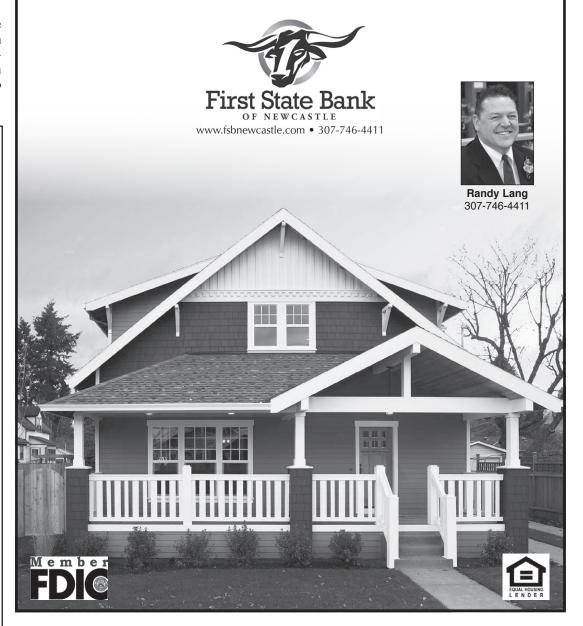
"Medical marijuana is actually growing throughout the state," Owens stated. He told the council that medical marijuana is not bound by any of the same regulations as recreational marijuana, and is only taxed at 2.9 perfect, while recreational marijuana is taxed at 25 to 27 percent.

"Colorado residents can purchase up to an ounce a day and have up to six plants," Owens reported, adding that this is where the black market comes into play. He explained that each plant can produce a possible pound per harvest, with each plant being harvested up to three times a year. This means that each person could produce up to 18 pounds of marijuana per year, and with no requirement of records to show how much was produced or stored, it's easy to create a black market for the product.

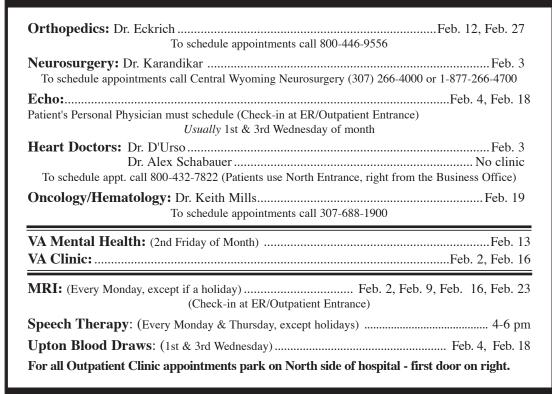
Owens reported that agencies in Wyoming are being encouraged to keep the Drug Crime Investigation unit informed when it comes to marijuana in each state, because Wyoming is thinking about jumping in on a lawsuit that is being initiated by South Dakota and Nebraska. Owens also told the council that they were informed at the conference that South Dakota and Nebraska were very unlikely to get anything out of the lawsuit.

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# Accident from page 1.....

the aid of the victims, but Lipp disappeared into the lake and rescuers were unable to find him.

"With the conditions of the ice and impending night fall, the search efforts to recover Mr. Lipp was postponed to the following morning," Serr

stated in the release issued by his office. Lipp's body was recovered from Shadehill Lake late the following morning by the Lemmon Volunteer Fire Department, along with a dive rescue team from the Dickinson, N.D., Rural Fire Department. Serr reported that an additional dive rescue team from Pierre, S.D., was at the lake to provide assistance if needed, and that South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks, the South Dakota Highway Patrol, Lemmon Ambulance Service and the Perkins County Sheriff's Office all assisted in the accident response.

Lipp was a 2000 graduate of Newcastle High School, and he graduated from Sheridan College in 2003. He worked for Bridger Pipeline, and leaves behind a wife, Jennifer, and two young daughters, Laura and Clara.

#### Clarification

The News Letter Journal's Page 1 story, "One and done," about Melissa Stalder's resignation from the Weston County School District #1 Board of Trustees, failed to mention the reason given for her resignation in the letter she sent to the board. In the letter, Stalder informed her fellow board members that she was forced to make the difficult decision to resign because she had unexpectedly been offered employment in another state and was moving. We sincerely regret the omission.

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It will be 2 years ago when God took you by your hands and said come with me. Though your smile is gone forever and your hands I cannot touch, I still cherish memories spent together 59 years. God has you in His keeping and I have you in my heart.



Sadly missed but never forgotten. Miss vou. Love vou. Wife-Anita Ottema and families



#### **National Stalking Awareness Month**

January is Stalking Awareness Month



Stalking is unpredictable and dangerous. No two stalking situations are alike. There are no guarantees that what works for one person will work for another, yet you can take steps to increase your safety. Don't downplay the danger. If you feel unsafe, you probably are. If you are in immediate danger call 911.

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#### **Obituaries**

#### **BRET J. BOHNER** Nov. 23, 1976-Jan. 12, 2015

Bret Bohner, 38, of Grinnell, died at his home of natural causes.

Funeral services were scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Grinnell First Friends Church, with Pastor Todd Follette officiating. Organist was Kathy VanderPloeg. Pallbearers were Brian Bohner, Kevin Ebert, Curtis "Cubby" Hackenberg, Josh Holman, Brad McGill and John Spielbusch. Burial was at Chester Cemetery, north of Grinnell.

Visitation with the family present was one hour prior to service time at the church. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Bret Bohner Memorial Fund.

Bret was born Nov. 23, 1976, in Kansas

City, Mo., the son of William and Judy Sears Bohner. He was raised in Blue Springs, Mo., and was a 1996 graduate of Blue Springs High School. He attended a police academy in Independence, Mo. Bret was employed



**Bret Bohner** 

for the Jackson County Correctional Facility in Kansas City and then with the State Correctional Facility in Lansing, Kansas. He later worked for the Wyoming State Penitentiary in Rawlins, and the Wyoming Department of Corrections in Newcastle. He moved to Grinnell in 2012 and was currently employed for Jeld-Wen.

He attended church in every community he lived, and was currently attending the Grinnell First Friends Church. He held a strong faith in God! He was very proud to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout and was a warrior, known as Black Buzzard, in Tribe Mic-O-Say.

Bret was a Good Samaritan! He was very helpful to many, wasn't afraid to get his hands dirty, and never knew a stranger. He held a high regard for people serving in the military and law enforcement. He loved his country and was very patriotic. He was a fan of the Kansas City Chiefs and Iowa Hawkeyes.

Survivors include his mother, Judy Bohner of Blue Springs; two sons, Jacob and Wyatt Bohner of Rawlins; one brother,

Brian Bohner of Rochester, Minn.; one niece, Destiny Bohner of Rochester; his pet Jerry Lipp; his son, Will Lipp; and granddog and loyal companion, Belle; and many other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Billy Bohner; and his grandparents, Russell and Francene Sears, Jesse Brunner and William Bohner.

#### **SAM LIPP** April 15, 1982-Jan. 23, 2015

A much-loved husband, father, son, brother, uncle and friend, Sam Lipp, 32, of Newcastle, passed away Jan. 23, 2015, at ShadeHill Reservoir near Lemmon, S.D.

He was born April 15, 1982, in Newcastle, the son of Jerry and Nora Lipp. As a young boy he was very active in Little League, Fall Guys Wrestling, basketball and football. Sam graduated from Newcastle High School in 2000, and from Sheridan College in 2003.

On May 24, 2008, he married Jennifer Praeuner in Newcastle. They have three children, the late William Henry, Laura Raye, 2, and Clara Rose, 8 months. Sam worked for Bridger Pipeline, a True Company. He was previously employed by the U.S. Forest Service and Wyoming Pipeline.

Sam was a devoted father and husband. His world revolved around watching his young girls play and learn new things. He enjoyed taking Laura on four-wheeler rides and she was Daddy's Little Helper outside and in the shop. Clara loved playing peeka-boo and wrestling with Daddy. Sam enjoyed all things outdoors: hunting, fishing, four-wheeling, snowmobiling and camping. He was a skilled welder, carpenter and all-around handyman. His quick wit and humor made him fun to be around and he never met a stranger. Family and friends were always Sam's priority - he was the first to help anybody who needed

He is survived by his wife, Jennifer, and two daughters, Laura and Clara; his mom, Nora Lipp, brother Phil (Kristi) Lipp, niece and nephew, LaKacee and JJ Lipp, all of Newcastle; in-laws, Kirk (Kim) Praeuner of Newcastle, Lisa (Chris) Pzinski and nephew Cole of Lusk, and Shawna Praeuner of Douglas; as well as numerous extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his dad, parents, William and Delores Lipp, and Jim and Gladys Larson.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 30, at Worden Funeral Home in Newcastle.

Services will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31, at Corpus Christi Catholic Church. Burial will be at Custer Cemetery immediately following the service. Pallbearers are dear friends Tony Lenardson, Scott Manahan, Austin Baker, Justin Steber, Lance Spring, Casey Reed, Jay Bonnema, Matt Pzinski, Steve Goodwin and all his

A reception will be held at 3 p.m. at Weston County Senior Services center in Newcastle. A memorial has been established.

#### **DONNA SUE POLLAT** April 28, 1963-Jan. 20, 2015

Donna Sue Pollat, 51, of Laramie, died Jan. 20, 2015, at Ivinson Memorial Hospital.

She was born April 28, 1963, in Pasadena, Calif., to Howard and Doris

(Stevenson) Spear. She married Clay Pollat on Aug. 1, 1987, in Hoodsport, Wash.

She is survived by her parents, her husband, and her children: Carson Pollat of Laramie, Kendall Pollat of Newcastle, Marshall Pollat of Laramie, and Hannah

Pollat of Laramie. She is also survived by her brothers, Doug Spear of Bothell, Wash., and Andrew Spear of Shelton, Wash.; and her sister, Grace Murray of McMinnville, Ore. A memorial service



**Donna Pollat** 

was held Saturday, Jan. 24, at 3 p.m., at the Laramie High School Auditorium with Pastor Tom Schoeneck officiating. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Health Talents International at www.healthtalents.org.

Services are under the direction of Montgomery-Stryker Funeral Home. To send condolences or to sign the online guestbook, go to: www.montgomerystryker.com.

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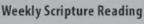


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### McKIM-HONEY

Among family and friends, Katie McKim and Tyler Honey were united in marriage, on Sept. 27, 2014, at the Lionsgate Gatehouse in Lafayette, Colo. Pastor Jakob Brown officiated the evening ceremony on a beautiful fall

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Toni McKim of Erie, Colo. Grandparents of the bride are Joe and Norma Pearson of Longmont, Colo.

The groom is the son of Robert and Robyn Honey of Upton. Grandparents are Harold and Betty Honey, and Starla Sweet, all of Newcastle, and Robert Sweet of Upton.

Maid of Honor was Jenna Bohnen, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Casey Jo McKim, sister-in-law of the bride, Samantha Jo Kiesel, Chelsie Pantle and Caity Fields, all friends of the bride.

Best man was Kyle Donner, friend of the groom, Luke Honey, brother of the groom, Rory McKim, brother of the bride, Derek Kokesh, cousin of the groom, and Josh Kingston, friend of the groom.

Ushers were Steven Shelton, cousin of the groom, and Danial Barkhurst, friend of the couple.

The flower girl was the beautiful Molli Jo Kiesel, daughter of bridesmaid Samantha.

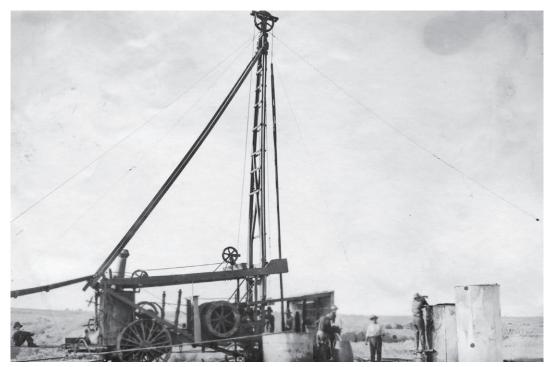
The ring bearers were Riley and Ryan McKim, beloved nephews of the bride.

Katie is an engineer for Xcel Energy, and Tyler is an engineer with Peak Engineering.

The couple spent their honeymoon at Kauai, Hawaii, and are residing in Broomfield, Colo.

From the Vault of the

# Anna Miller Museum



In March of 1920, a gusher oil well was struck in the Osage Oil Field. With the opening of the oil field people flooded to the area. By 1923, the oil boom went bust. In this 1920 photo, Muscrat Oil Company is drilling for oil in the Osage Oil Field, Sec. 17.

#### Meetings & Events

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thurs	Jan. 29	7 p.m.	Home Loving Care Memorial Service	WC Senior Center
Fri	Jan. 30	7.00	WC Library Board Meeting	WC Library
		7:00 p.m.	Western Ramblers Dance	WC Senior Center
		7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting (629-0211)	Corpus Christi Catholic Church
_		7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
Sat	Jan. 31	7:00 p.m.	1990 Dogie Championship Team Tribute	Dogie Dome
Sun	Feb. 1	2:00 p.m.	Bingo	Corpus Christi Catholic Church
		7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting (629-0211)	Corpus Christi Catholic Church
Mon	Feb. 2	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting	Council Chambers
Tues	Feb. 3	9:00 a.m.	WC Commissioners Meeting	Courthouse
		7:00 p.m.	WC Travel Commission	
		6:45 p.m.	ALANON Meeting (746-9791)	Mondell Heights
		7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Health Services, Downstairs
Wed	Feb. 4	12:00 p.m.	Newcastle Lions Club	WC Senior Center
		6:00 p.m.	FOCUS, Inc. Board Meeting	FOCUS Office
		7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting (629-0211)	Corpus Christi Catholic Church
		7:00 p.m.	Lady's Firearm Safety Class (746-2822)	WC Sportsmans Club
		7:00 p.m.	WC School District #1 Board Meeting	Administration Building
Thurs	Feb. 5	12:00 p.m.	Chamber Board Meeting	WC Senior Center
		4:00 p.m.	VFW Auxiliary	WC Senior Center
		6:00 p.m.	WC Jr. Rodeo Meeting	WC Senior Center
		7:00 p.m.	Salt Creek Water District Meeting	District Office
		7:00 p.m.	WC Museum District Board Meeting	Anna Miller Museum
		7:30 p.m.	Mason's	Masonic Lodge #13
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jan. 29: Hannah Rosenau, Madison Rosenau, Donna Gochanour

Jan. 30: Cheryl Gulley

Jan. 31: Brendon Newman

Feb. 1: Lorraine Currey, Samantha Amdahl, Kevin Stanton

Feb. 2: Mark Sylte

Feb. 3: Michael Nack, Nik Tupa

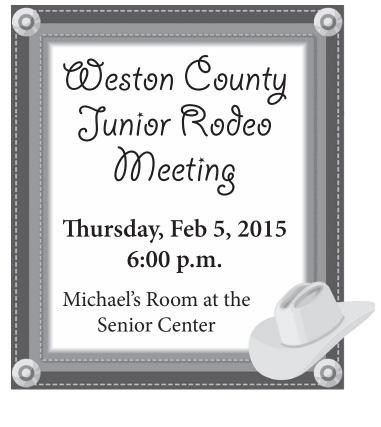
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Feb. 5: Austin Dixon, Kristen Scharf, LeRoy Dummer

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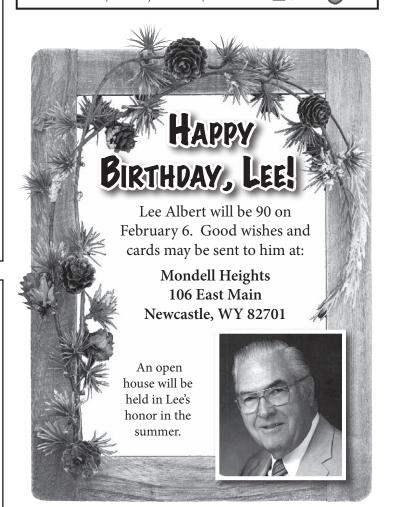
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# Where to begin

Kathy Merrill gets some instruction about cutting strips for a quilt from seamstress Shelley Reed, during a community education Beginning Quilting class offered through Eastern Wyoming College. Reed, who has been sewing for 48 years and making quilts for 20, has taught garment, home sewing and quilting classes ranging from beginning to intermediate. In addition to this class, Reed is also offering a Half Log Cabin Quilt class at Newcastle High School, Beginning Quilting in Upton on Feb. 7, and a T-Shirt Quilt class in Upton on Feb. 14. EWC Community Education classes cover a wide gamut of interests, from cooking to yoga. Call 746-3603 for more information about classes being offered this spring. (Photo by Amy Menerey/NLJ)

LEGISLATURE

# In the Legislature ...

**Alexis Shultz** NLJ Reporter

The second week of the 2015 Wyoming State Legislature session has come to an end, bringing forth 62 more bills filed in the House and 31 more bills filed in the Senate. This brings the total to 179 bills in the House and 116 bills in the Senate, according to Rep. Tyler Lindholm.

Rep. Hans Hunt reported that on Jan. 19, the House convened to consider bills on their third

and final reading, which included House Bill 38, House Bill 14, and House Bill 13. HB 38 addresses updating Wyoming's campaign finance laws to comply with recent Supreme Court rulings; HB 14 helps to set up electronic citation technology for municipalities that would allow for fines to be paid electronically; and House Bill 13 would create a separate account for fees collected by state parks.

Monday also brought up three bills for their first reading on General File. HB 18, which would require law enforcement agencies to get a search warrant to use drones in criminal investigation, HB 7, which would allow for the legal collection of road kill, and HB 22, which would create a new logo for disabled veterans to have on their license plates if they choose to do so.

"The Education Committee met after adjournment to discuss the repeal of blocking discussion of next generation science standards," Hunt stated. He continued that they discussed another bill that would extend the time for updating academic standards from five years to 10 years, which would allow districts more time to assess their standards.

The Ag committee met on Tuesday to discuss two bills, Hunt reported, one of which passed. The bill that passed clarifies that landowners who experience leaks or rupture from pipelines on their properties are not responsible for cleaning up the damage caused. The bill that was defeated would have made it a misdemeanor to intentionally let livestock out to graze on a neighbor's property without permission from the owner. Much debate was brought forth on this issue, Hunt indicated, but it was decided that more thought was needed to be given on the issue.

Tuesday brought no bills for their third and final reading in the Committee of the Whole, but a bill that would make the 'jackalope' the official state mythical creature along with those others were up for their first reading, all which passed.

"Gov. [Matt] Mead signed the Municipal Day at the Legislature Proclamation this Wednesday. He highlighted the strong towns and counties as part of Wyoming's prosperity," Lindholm reported. He added that representatives from local communities had been in the gallery all week.

On Wednesday, Hunt explained, the House convened to pass bills on their third and final reading. These bills included HB 18, HB 7, and a bill specifying which types of oil field equipment qualify for excise taxes at well sites.

He added that the Education Committee met to discuss two bills, the first of which concerned adjustments for content and performance standards in education.

"The second bill, of which I was the prime sponsor, would create a new type of state scholarship program aimed at helping kids who are

interested in pursuing vocational and technical careers," Hunt professed, adding that after some amendments concerning the funding of the program were made, the bill passed along with the other.

"There was a great deal of debate concerning the Food Freedom Act, and all meat except poultry were removed from the bill," Hunt stated, adding that this happened during a Thursday meeting of the Ag committee. He clarified that it was decided that meats fall under a

> different set of current guidelines and regulations, but the bill did pass after amendments were made.

> "The Wyoming Food Freedom Act passed out of the House Agriculture Committee and was immediately passed during first reading on the floor," professed Lindholm. He continued to explain that momentum is a friend of this

bill, and the amount of enthusiasm in regard to local producers selling directly to consumers is great. Hunt added that this bill was heard for its first reading on the floor on Friday, along with two other bills.

Three bills passed the House on their third and final reading on Thursday. These included the mythical creature bill, a constitutional amendment putting a cap on the maximum retirement age for judges, as well as a resolution requesting Congress to rein in regulating authority from federal government departments. Hunt clarified that the amendment putting a cap on the maximum retirement age for judges, if signed by the governor, will appear on the ballot in November of 2016. The House also saw many bills appear for first reading, which all passed.

Friday brought forth two bills for their third and final reading, including landowner indemnification, which clarifies that landowners are not responsible for the cost of clean-up if a pipeline is to rupture and spills the oil that is flowing through it, which passed the House. The other bill, which also passed, would restore voting rights to certain non-violent felons in the state.

"The Education Committee met over lunch to discuss House Bill 11, which would make communication between Wyoming's Community College Commission and distance learning centers, such as the virtual academy, easier," Hunt reported, adding that this also happened on Friday.

Lindholm reported that during this week Ohio Governor John Kasich paid a visit and spoke with Wyoming legislators about balancing the federal budget, and urged the passing of any bill that relates to the Balanced Budget Amendment Convention.

"This was especially humbling for me, as this directly pertains to House Joint Resolution 4, which I am the prime sponsor on and Senator Ogden Driskill co-sponsored," Lindholm stated.

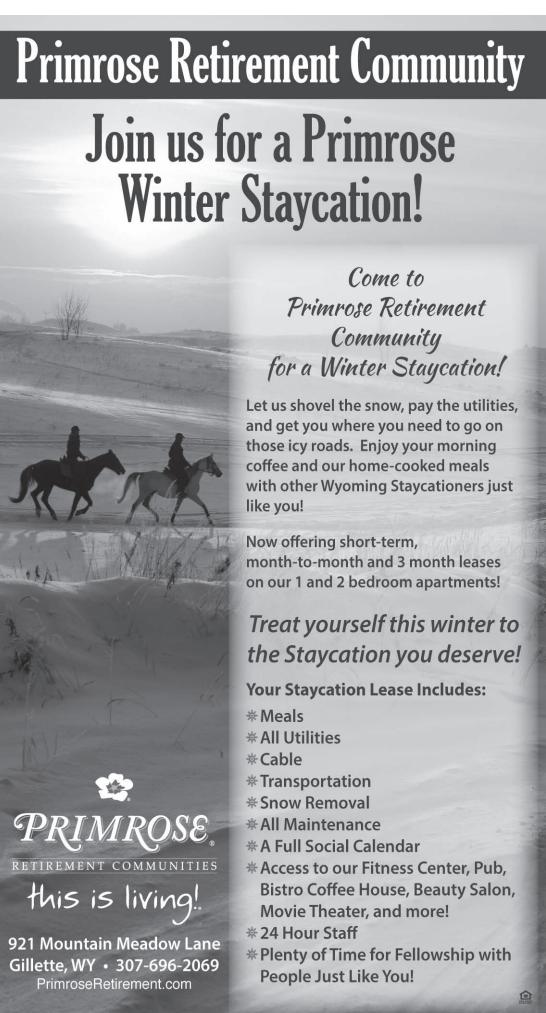
"The Joint Appropriation Committee is looking to finish their supplemental budget mark-ups by early next week, and looking to pull together the language for a bill by the end of January. We expect to see a very conservative bill in preparation of the revenue shortfalls that have been seen lately. While these shortfalls won't be fully realized for a few years, Wyoming's Legislative Branch is preparing now," Lindholm professed.



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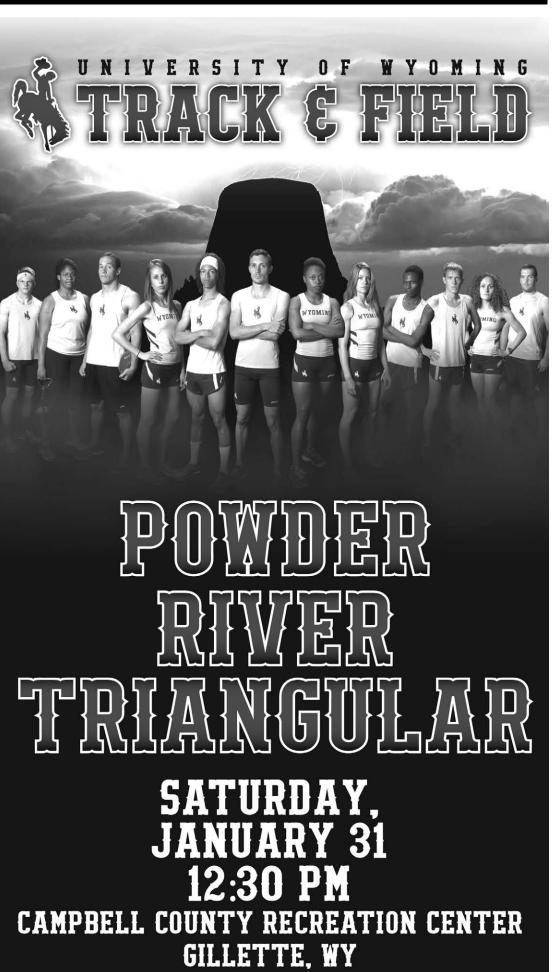
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#### Landfills

to be approximately \$1,500,000, and Hartley said funding for that closure has still not been identified by the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, the entity charged with regulating the state's solid waste disposal sites.

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Hartley indicated that funding is currently available through a grant that would cover 75 percent of that cost, but suggested that the majority of the city's share would come in the form of a loan. He said the City of Newcastle has been saving money to help cover their 25 percent of the cost and has roughly \$180,000 saved, but that doesn't account for building another facility to handle the city's garbage.

"If you go to a transfer facility, you are looking at another \$1 million to one and a half million and another 25 percent to match that," Hartley professed.

The Newcastle Landfill is the largest of the three located in Weston County, and new scales installed at the facility allowed city officials to determine exactly how much waste was deposited there last year.

"Last year we ran about 4,000 tons," Hartley stated, adding that before the purchase of the new scale there was no way to know exactly how much was dropped off there previously. He indicated that the city's ability to charge all dumpers the same rate based on weight has allowed them to finally run the landfill in the black, and James added that with exception of one payment that remains on a scraper, the City of Newcastle now owns all of the equipment, buildings and land used for the landfill.

The same is not true for the facilities in Upton and Osage.

"We have decided we are closing [our landfill] because we have not had any direction otherwise," proclaimed Delbert Strickling, chairman of the Central Weston County Solid Waste District in Osage.

He told the group that the estimated closing costs in Osage are \$700,000, and admitted that coming up with 25 percent of that cost is a proving to be a challenge. That makes it difficult to even discuss funding for the creation of a new transfer station to replace the current dump.

"We have zero assets on hand," echoed Upton Mayor Dustin Upton. He said his community plans to add to the costs of using the landfill to put some money away to cover closing costs, which he believes are projected to be the same as Newcastle's. The landfill in Upton has about a year and a half before its proposed closing, and Upton said they have room for trash but not enough dirt for the disposal process. He reported that roughly 400 personal accounts and 57 business accounts use the facility.

Upton explained that Mark Lindstrom, Upton Town superintendent, has looked into the option of complete blue bag trash pickup — which involves using a blue bag filled with recyclable products, except for glass, that would be transported to a facility in Gillette — but admitted that costs for such a program would run at roughly \$25 per person and \$140 for businesses, with recycling charges added on top of that.

"The City of Newcastle also recycles," Hartley reported. He explained that the city has a compost pile that is open to people, and that the landfill takes cardboard, metal, batteries, and oil for recycling.

"If we go to one transfer facility in the county, we're going to have from \$1 million to a million and a half dollars in a transfer station," Hartley stated, explaining that transfer stations would be required in both Osage and Upton before going to a main facility. He urged the group to consider Newcastle's landfill as the location of that facility.

"The only reason I'm saying Newcastle is — there is only one reason for that — volume," Hartley professed. He suggested that while Upton has only one truckload of garbage a week and Osage a possible 20 yards of rolloff, Newcastle has two trucks a day. While the costs of trash disposal is all but guaranteed to increase for all county residents, Hartley said it is important to remember that hauling costs were the main component in the equation, and he believes

#### Other county news ...

• Fran Lehman, GIS coordinator for Weston County, continues to work with the county commissioners and the county attorney to establish an easement that landowners and the county can agree upon.

• In open session, Weston County Commissioners discussed the progress of negotiations with contractors and insurance companies to repair the Weston County Event Center, with their attorney in the matter, Ray Hunkins.

 Commissioners discussed the job description for a maintenance person for county buildings. They will meet with department heads and county elected officials to discuss the position further. It was decided to begin advertising for the position and accepting applications.

the option of hauling all of the county's trash to a neighboring community is not a good one.

"You don't want to sign on to a contract that you have to renegotiate next year," Hartley professed when the discussion of transporting trash to Gillette began. He further explained that Gillette officials had told Newcastle from "day one" that they did not want to take Weston County's trash. He said that Casper could take the county's trash for \$36 a ton with a buy-in of \$370,700 that would be spread over a five-year period. Costs to transfer the trash would run roughly seven cents per pound, added to a transfer facility cost of five cents per pound, making a total cost of 12 cents per pound for the first five years.

To help offset the cost — and decrease the amount of hauling done — Hartley said a lot more recycling would be done, because paying to haul plastic and paper would prove to be astronomical. He said that currently recycling is cost-prohibitive in Weston County, but that equation will change when the garbage is being hauled significant distances.

"The cheapest thing to do is to handle it locally," he stated, which led to the sticking points that have kept the various entities from reaching an agreement on the best path forward.

"There has to be some kind of agreement. Something has to be worked out between all the communities and the county to make it work, or it is just a wasted effort," Jerry Hunt, who serves as Weston County's contract engineer, professed to the group.

"There seems to be four basic options," explained James, who acknowledged that Barton had identified those choices pretty well in the agenda he set for the meeting.

Option one would be to permit the existing landfills if possible, and there was some belief there was a good chance of getting DEQ to approve further use of the landfill in Newcastle. The second option involved closing all of the landfills and contracting with private haulers to take over collection and disposal of waste, but most expressed dissatisfaction with the possibility of being at the mercy of short-term contracts with private entities.

"You still generate a certain amount of waste that won't fit in those garbage trucks," explained Hartley, warning that individuals would have problems getting rid of such items when contracting with a private hauler and suggesting these materials make up the bulk of the trash that ends up alongside county roads.

The third option would be for each entity to set up and operate transfer stations to haul trash to, and James said it may be possible to leave landfills open for construction debris. The fourth option would involve the operation of a county wide landfill district, which would require the collection of a mill levy on county property owners.

Hartley said that the City of Newcastle was in negotiations with a landowner to purchase 40 acres adjacent to the current landfill in the hopes of extending the life of the landfill, but they ceased negotiations because there is some uncertainty regarding DEQ's willingness to permit the current landfill in the future. If the state agency will give its blessing, however, the purchase of additional property could provide a landfill for the county for 40 to 50 years.

In order to pursue this option county commissioners will have to approve placing the creation of a county wide landfill district on the ballot for approval of voters, and Hartley strongly urged the group to consider doing so.

increase for all county residents, Hartley said it is important to remember that hauling costs were the main component in the equation, and he believes "I'm a county resident, and I think Newcastle has been damn generous to this point to take care of [the garbage] for the county, and they have for a

number of years," he asserted, reminding the group that the City of Newcastle is in no way obligated to solve the problem for the whole county and purchase the piece of land.

"We need a central location," countered Cindy Crabtree, the secretary/treasurer of the Weston County Solid Waste District. She said that they have the space in Osage, which is centrally located, and that a landfill in that location would not bother anyone. Further discussion, however, indicated that DEQ does not want to extend permitting to the Osage landfill, and the lack of dirt in Upton makes a long-term solution in that community unlikely. That brought the conversation back to the proposal to make Newcastle's landfill a county wide facility.

"I don't think the private contractor is an option, and we truly need to find out in a very short period of time whether the county is willing and/or able to create the district," James stated.

Hartley explained that Newcastle is in the process of extending permitting for its landfill, but that city officials need to know if there is interest in using the landfill for the whole county before they spend the money to secure permits.

"Regardless of what happens with anybody else, we're right there to where we've got to make a decision on what we're going to do, and it involves spending a pretty good chunk of money," professed James, who told the two commissioners that the county had to provide an answer within 30 days.

"I don't think Tony and I no matter what we do— can give you a direct answer in 30 days," stated Lambert.

"I understand that. I truly do. But here is the thing, we've been asking for that for over six months," James replied. He said the city cannot afford to wait another six months, and Lambert predicted it would not take that long, but that the commissioners would like to see cost estimates before approving a ballot measure.

Hartley noted that the proposed mill levy would not cover the cost of landfill operation, but was intended to repay the debt associated with past liabilities and creating the new district. He explained it would be the responsibly of the landfill district board to determine how the money was spent and how the district would be operated.

"We have a permitted landfill, with permitted pits that are still able to be used. If we were to form a county wide district tomorrow, it would make a lot more sense for them to come in and run those pits for 10 years," reported Hartley, who said this option would provide an opportunity for a new district to build and gain revenue and get its feet on the ground. He said building a whole new landfill would take three to four years to be operational once permitting was complete.

"If we can get the buy-in from Osage, and we can get the buy-in from Upton, then I don't have a problem going in front of the board [of county commissioners] and saying, 'Let's form this district,'" Barton assured.

Newcastle City Councilwoman Linda Hunt said she believed the general consensus among those present was that a county wide district was the most sensible option.

"Time isn't on our side either, we need to make a decision," Upton agreed.

Hartley acknowledged that it may not be easy to convince county voters to impose an additional tax on themselves, but there was some belief that if residents are informed about the available options, they could vote in favor of formation of the new district.

"My hope is that most people would be reasonable in thinking we've got to have a place to take our garbage," James explained.

# **WCHS** moves forward

**Denice Pisciotti NLJ** Reporter

After a 1 percent tax resolution was approved by all three governmental entities to be decided upon by the voters of Weston County on the ballot in May, Weston County Health Services approved two motions that will start the process underway for construction.

At the Jan. 22 WCHS Board meeting, though, there was some hesitation among the board members to advance with steps toward the building project before it has been determined if they will receive money needed through the tax to update the facilities and expand services for the community.

Two proposals received by WCHS to perform soil testing, which is necessary before construction can begin. This testing is important because the type of foundation that can be used and its costs are determined by the results of the soil tests. A motion was approved unanimously to accept a proposal from Terracon.

"Is this a requirement that we have to do before the May elections?" inquired WCHS Treasurer Barry Peterson.

Being optimistic, Maureen Cadwell, chief operating

officer of WCHS, replied it would benefit the project going forward so that, once the May election is done and the tax is approved, construction can begin right away.

"If they do the work prior to the election, they are hired, we sign a contract they do the work and then the sales tax doesn't pass, what good is that money going to be?" questioned Jim Peck.

"Say, what if it doesn't pass, that was about half of what we had for additions or renovations. As a board and a group, I think we would sit down and say, what are our priorities? Are our priorities getting the front part of the building and the retail pharmacy over here? Or do we want to leave it over in the temporary space? So that is what we are going to have to do, and if we do that we are still going to need these," replied Cadwell.

WCHS Board Member Connie James noted they have received the State Land and Investment Board grant of \$1,506,250.

Scull, a general contractor from Rapid City, S.D., was also approved by the board out of the three companies interviewed. Scull rose to the top of the list as far as the on-site superintendent, infection control capabilities, project work site capabilities and for their knowledge and what they brought to the table, informed the CEO. The preconstruction phase would start right away, informed Cadwell.

"When we were interviewing them we asked a lot of questions particular to health care, because when you are doing this type of model or addition, we have to keep operating as a business, we can't just shut our doors for a year and a half and then open our doors and be ready to go. So that was one of our issues," Cadwell explained.

Currently Scull is working on the Campbell County Hospital and were the contractors for the addition to Weston County Manor, which makes them familiar with not only working on medical facilities, but also previous experience with the Newcastle facility.

"In my opinion, this is probably the most important decision tonight! We are talking a million dollar expenditure, primarily. What impressed me was their transparency, and even our own architects are familiar with this particular superintendent, who would be on site," reported Peterson. "The transparency and the reputation of the superintendent really weighed heavily from where I come from."



#### Ballot from page 1...

vote at both city councils, however, there was a split vote at the county commissioners.

Weston County Commissioners Tracy Hunt and Randy Rossman voted to approve the motion, but Commissioners Tony Barton and Mary Ertman voted against it, with the deciding vote being cast by the chairman of the board, Bill Lambert. He stated he believed it should be up to the voters, and broke the tie by voting in favor of the motion.

Before the motion was made Weston County Commissioners had the chance to question WCHS officials, including Cadwell, Jill Sellers, WCHS chairman of the board, Barry Peterson, WCHS board treasurer, Jim Peck, attorney for WCHS, and Kaiser and Company representative Todd Bishop, who attended to speak on behalf of the resolution.

The CEO explained that making a lot of money is not something the small facility does, and they still have to write off a large amount of money for uncompensated care for people visiting the emergency room at the hospital or for residents at the nursing home, so they need to look at different means to finance the building project.

"When we were looking at financing companies to work with us on it, they had come in and had the project broken down by several financing components. Basically we have some cash at the facility we can use. We have the State Land and Investment Board Grant of \$1.5 million, and the next portion would be out of the specific purpose sales tax at \$7,500,000. The [Weston County Health Services Foundation] has stepped up to do Capital Campaign for another \$600,000 they feel they can raise. And lastly, the catch-all is anything we can't raise or bring in by grants would be a bond issue," Cadwell stated.

Kaiser and Company of Cheyenne is an investment securities organization WCHS is working with to help develop financing options for the renovation project to expand services and update the facility. The company has done projects in the county for 25 years.

The first step WCHS took in securing financing was to apply for a SLIB grant. Last fall, Cadwell and other WCHS representatives spoke to the county and both city councils about applying for the grant, explaining extensively abut the renovation project they propose. When the State Land and Investment Board met on Jan. 15, they approved the grant for \$1,506,250.

Representing Kaiser and Company, Bishop spoke saying all the available options were addressed with WCHS. The decision was made to go with the 1 cent specific purpose tax because it was felt to be the best. However, it is also one the hospital district cannot make themselves, but must have agreement of the county voters and two-thirds of the incorporated municipalities within the county to allow the tax.

Peck clarified that, in a bond election, bonds are sold and property tax is used to pay for it.

"The board, in their decision it was less intrusive and would have a wider spread of sales tax base then other than property tax. This is why they thought this was a better route," noted Peck.

Cadwell explained that, after fundraising, grants and all other resources have been exhausted they will seek a bond issue last.

While discussing the tax proposal at the county commissioner meeting, Hunt asked if the county commission would have a say in the process. Both Peck and Bishop replied in the affirmative.

"The ultimate decision to allow it to be placed on the ballot for a specific purpose tax is with the county commission," acknowledged Bishop.

Kaiser and Company's research showed the general purpose tax generates about \$1,200,000 each year county wide — essentially the same amount the local general purpose tax does before any distributions are paid.

Those figures were used to base the projections on. Bishop explained WCHS did not want to wait to collect the money each year mainly because waiting several years to complete the project would also mean the price of the construction would go up. In other counties across the state, once the election is passed the hospital district would issue bonds up front, allowing the sales tax money to come in and repay the debt, enabling construction to begin.

How long the 1 percent specific purpose tax would be needed was another question raised at meetings of both the Newcastle and Upton city councils. Cadwell stated they estimated it would take seven years to collect the \$8,750,000 needed. When the obligation is met, the tax would end. Ertman pointed out it could take six to 10 years to collect the \$8,750,000, however.

The key, stated Peck, is the amount is stated, the people in the community have the right to vote on it and decide whether they want to be taxed. The specific purpose sales tax is designed to give communities the ability to look at projects and let the taxpayers decide if it is something worth having. From there, it is up to the entity to promote the tax and let the public understand what it is about, without using tax dollars.

"You are not being asked to pass this because you have to have two-thirds of the municipalities in the county agreeing to make a conclusion this appears to make a worthwhile project, and the taxpayers of the county have to be able to vote for that, whether they want to tax themselves," said Peck.

Lambert wanted reassurance the paperwork was correct, to which Peck reported he handled the paperwork and believed it to be correct. It was given to Weston County's attorney two months ago for review.

'The paperwork we have is essentially what has been utilized in other communities. I have gone through it, Kaiser and Company's legal council has gone through it," the attorney confirmed.

Ertman had similar questions, so she investigated the paperwork of both Crook and Carbon county, which she indicated is almost identical, using similar language.

"If the county commissioners say we don't agree to having this submitted to the taxpayers to vote on the 1 percent, you could stop it. Actually, if either Newcastle or Upton would do the same thing it would stop it. You have to have two-thirds, and since there are only two municipalities in the county. So any one of the governmental entities, by declining to execute the resolution and having it submitted to the taxpayers and having it going forward as a capital facilities," Peck acknowledged.

Barton asked if, with the expansion of facilities, WCHS anticipates to have enough additional revenue to support added maintenance and operation costs. Cadwell indicated that, because of the planned efficiencies with mechanical and electrical specifically, they will actually save money.

Ertman mentioned she had been contemplating for a while on how she should vote. She acknowledged that the taxpayers have been hit several times in the last year, and will continue to be in the future, and, as a taxpayer she is starting to grow weary.

"It is cumulative in the fact it is getting to be painful. This tax asks the business owners to collect it for the county. As you all know, every week there is a mass exodus to South Dakota to give them our tax dollars. By adding another sixth cent we now are giving them an excuse to go across the border. No people will try and protest by going across county lines, and they don't realize it is a county tax and comes back here anyway. On the government side, I believe it is the people's choice that they should have the final matter in this. So I am very torn on this," Ertman stated before voting against the motion.

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# Newcastle Elementary School Good Citizen Awards for January

#### 3rd Grade - Amelia Bateman



Memories of you walking in that first day of school will be with me forever. Hand in hand, but a step behind, you entered with your father. The look in your eyes was of fear and uncertainty, yet I sensed a reserved excitement knelt down, clasped both your hands in his, and spoke. As I watched you embrace, I wondered what words of encouragement he chose to bid his precious daughter farewell. Since this first day, I have seen the changes in you and now, I think it is time I share with you and your family what I have witnessed over the past few months.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I noticed what an extraordinarily hard worker you had become. You continue to set your goals high, and I admire your optimistic attitude when faced with challenging work. This confidence you have begun to demonstrate during class has encouraged others to step up and take a chance too. Your quiet determination and diligence is truly inspiring and noticed by those around you.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I watched as you worked and plaved with others. YOU were the one who noticed when someone needed a companion, someone who just needed to be included. YOU were there.

YOU were the "HERO" we always talk about. This may seem insignificant, but that quiet sharing of time and the generosity to reach outside of yourself to include others, makes a difference to many of your peers. YOU CHOOSE TO MAKE THEIR DAY

When you thought I wasn't looking, I observed leadership qualities that I would bet you didn't even realize you had. You're not loud and showy when in this position, but the complete opposite. You seem to know that you don't need words when something needs to be done. And because sometimes it is the smallest decisions we make that can change lives, you make them from the heart. That's what true leaders do. When you thought I wasn't looking.... I was.

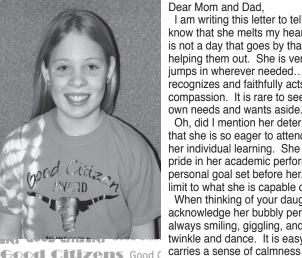
Congratulations Amelia for being chosen as January's Citizen of the month.

#### 4th Grade - Alyssa Morris



As we ring in the New Year, a very special student is being recognized as a good citizen in our classroom. She is a student that exhibits many qualities of an extraordinary individual; special in so many ways. She is a silent hero, quietly doing what is asked of her; neat and timely work, assisting fellow classmates, and providing friendship to everyone. Each day she greets us with a warm smile and a cheerful hello; showing compassion to others, and is eager to be involved with classroom activities. As an outstanding role model for other children; she is responsible, respectable, and considerate. Being a good listener and following directions has helped her in numerous ways! She works well in all situations, even the difficult ones. This young lady is nice to her peers, encouraging each of them to do their best. We are fortunate to have her as a classmate in our room! She is a true asset to the Newcastle Elementary School. It is with great pleasure we could select the fourth grade Good Citizen for the month of January! Congratulations to Alyssa Morris!

#### 5th Grade - McKenzie Clark-Brownlow



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I am writing this letter to tell you how amazing your daughter is. Did you know that she melts my heart every day? She is so kind and gentle. There is not a day that goes by that I do not see her taking care of other students or helping them out. She is very aware of what is taking place around her and jumps in wherever needed...even if it costs her in some way. She keenly recognizes and faithfully acts upon opportunities to exercise leadership and compassion. It is rare to see a child so willing to please others and put her

Oh, did I mention her determination to succeed? I am proud of the fact that she is so eager to attend homework club and accept responsibility for her individual learning. She takes school seriously and puts tremendous pride in her academic performance. Through diligent effort she attains every personal goal set before her. It has become blatantly obvious that there is no limit to what she is capable of accomplishing.

When thinking of your daughter, it would be an injustice if I did not acknowledge her bubbly personality; it is one of her best attributes. She is always smiling, giggling, and joking. Her laugh is infectious and her eyes winkle and dance. It is easy to see why others are drawn to her. She carries a sense of calmness and peace in a world that is often chaotic.

In the end, I guess what I am really trying to say is Thank You for sharing op Citizens Good Citizens Good your precious baby girl with me this year. It is because of these admirable qualities that I am proud to share with you that McKenzie Clark-Brownlow is this month's Good Citizen for our family in Room 149.

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#### **Scholarship** deadline approaching

The Allen A. and Dorothy Belle Dickey Scholarship provides financial assistance to graduating seniors, GED graduates, and past-graduates of Weston County who are enrolled full time at any educational institution in Wyoming. Four scholarships of \$5,000 and four scholarships of \$2,500 will be awarded for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Preference will be given to those interested in the areas of agriculture or nursing, but other areas of study will also be considered. This wonderful scholarship was left to be stewarded by Beta Sigma Phi Sorority of Upton, an organization whose members are dedicated to life, learning and friendship.

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

#### In brief .....

#### **Borgiall** named to **President's List**

Garrett Borgialli of Newcastle has been named to the President's List at Lake Area Technical Institute. The President's List is a list of outstanding students who, through their intitiave and ability, have indicated a seriousness of purpose in their educational program. The President's List is limited to full-time students who have achieved a semester grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0. Borgialli's GPA was 4.0 for the semester.

#### Six named to UW **President's Honor Roll**

The University of Wyoming lists six students from Weston County on the 2014 fall semester President's Honor Roll, Lynnell Lee Hanson, Christopher L. Mellor and Amber D. Wright of Newcastle, and Travis A. Beck, Bethany D. Materi and Jessica L. Roberts of Upton.

The President's Honor Roll consists of regularly enrolled undergraduates who earned a 4.0 ("A") grade point average for the semester. To be eligible, students must have been enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours taken for letter grades.

For more information about the University of Wyoming, view the Web page at www.uwyo.edu.

#### Ayres continues to win

At the Sleet and Snow Invitational, co-hosted by Concordia University and Bethel University, on Jan. 17, Jess Ayres of Newcastle continued her success with the Hastings College Bronco Forensics team.

Together with senior Sierra Walker of Gering, Neb., Ayres, a junior at Hastings College, placed second in Parliamentary Debate-Varsity. Ayres also placed fourth in the Open Division.

Founded in 1882, Hastings College is a private, four-year liberal arts institution located in Hastings, Neb., that focuses on student academic and extracurricular achievement. Hastings College offers more than 60 majors in 32 areas of study and 13 preprofessional programs. Visit Hastings. edu for more information.

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# Super Science

ast week Newcastle High School students participated in the 'Hot/Cold, Fresh/Salty' lab, investigating thermal and salinity layering found when a river meets a body of salt water. At left, Danika Guse and Julia Scattareggia carefully remove a barrier. Above, Savannah Williams watches as her experiment changes.

#### More science!

On Feb. 4, the public is invited to see the work of students when NHS hosts the Wyoming Northeast Regional Science Fair, where contestants can qualify for the state tournament at the University of Wyoming March 1-3.

Photos by Denice Pisciotti/NLJ

# Upton student to attend SYP

**Denice Pisciotti** 

**NLJ** Reporter

In 2014, Upton High School student Eben Cowger had the opportunity to visit Washington, D.C., on a Close-Up trip and to attend Boys State as a delegate. Both of the experiences led him to apply for the United States Senate Youth Program at the nation's capital March 7-14. He was accepted in the group of 104 students, along with Elizabeth Winnop of Sheridan, to represent Wyoming.

"I wanted to attend the program because I'm very interested in how our government works. I believe that we have the best system of government, and I am passionate about that," he told the News Letter Journal via email last week.

The USSYP was created by Senate Resolution 324 in 1962, and since then has been sponsored by the Senate and completely funded by the Hearst Foundations. The idea behind the program was to increase young Americans' understanding of the interrelationships of the three branches of government, in addition to learning the caliber and responsibilities of federally elected and



**Eben Cowger** 

appointed officials while emphasizing the vital importance of democratic decisions made for this country and people around the world, explained a press release from the USSYP.

The extremely competitive merit-reading articles about politics, and dents from each state to Washington, D.C., to study the federal government and its leaders in an intensive weeklong program. The overall mission is to help instill within each USSYP student delegate more profound knowledge of the American political process, and a lifelong commitment to public service.

Besides the program being paid for by the Hearst Foundations, a perk for Cowger is that he is also the recipient of a \$5,000 undergraduate college scholarship with encouragement to continue coursework in government, history and public affairs, which he will do as he pursues a career in public service after graduation from UHS in May. He intends to obtain a degree in sociology, criminal justice or political science.

His interest in a career in public service was sparked last June when he attended the Wonderful Wyoming Boys State with the American Legion in Douglas. He admitted it was definitely the main reason, and drove his desire to be involved in politics.

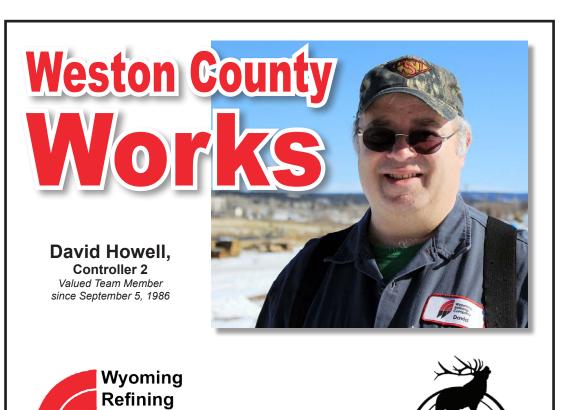
"I spend a lot of my free time

based program brings two of the debating and discussing it with most outstanding high school stu- whoever is interested. I guess there isn't a specific office that interests me the most. Any position where I would be able to contribute to the improvement and strengthening of our country is my main basic goal," he acknowledged.

He anticipates learning technical details about the government, but also looks forward to gaining insight from the varying opinions of delegates from each state, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity. This, in his opinion, could possibly be the most enriching experience about the program.

After visiting the nation's capital last spring, Cowger had a desire to return and learn more.

"The Close-Up trip did indeed make me want to go back to D.C. It's a really nice place, and it's very cool to see all the historic buildings and monuments that represent our country. Ever since I came back from the Close-Up trip, I instantly wanted to go back," Cowger stated. "The experience I am projected to have in D.C. will be invaluable."





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#### Schedule Wrestling 6PM Wright Dual at Upton VJ Buffalo Invitational Noon Buffalo Invitational 9AM Hot Springs Bison **Boys Basketball** 4PM Wheatland Bulldogs Torrington Trailblazers 2:30PM V9 Custer Wildcats V9 Douglas Bearcats 2:30PM

Girls Basketball Wheatland Bulldogs 4PM Torrington Trailblazers 2:30PM Custer Wildcats 5:30PM

#### The Score

V9 Douglas Bearcats

NMS 7th Grade "A" Team Basketball Newcastle 39, Sage Valley 25 Newcastle 22, Lusk 20

NMS 8th Grade "A" Team Basketball Newcastle 49, Sage Valley 28 Newcastle 46, Lusk 23

NMS 8th Grade "B" Team Basketball Newcastle 40 Little Powder 15

# Some days ...

ome days I'm the windshield, some days I'm the bug. Some days I'm ahead of the game, some days it's all I can do just to keep up.



Karpe Dogie

As an adult I know that this is the way life goes. There are times when I'm trying my hardest to be the best I can be, but

stuff just gets in the way or I get in my own way, or the timing is just off — or for whatever other reasons there might be — I just can't achieve the ends for which I am working.

We've all been there, and it's frustrating to say the least. It really is just a part of life, however, and if we can learn to sit back, regroup and reboot, we can be ready to start fresh the next day, and probably will be a step ahead after our struggles from before.

This situation presented itself for my whole household this past week in different ways, which is what led me to really reflect on what kind of life lessons there are to be learned from it.

What I want my kids to know is that some days their shots won't fall, their feet will be a little slow and they might be a step behind.

They will get frustrated with what they could have, should have, or wished they had done.

They will try their best, giving all they have, but it just might not be good enough.

They will get frustrated because they know how something should be done, but for whatever reason, they just can't

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# Tackling 'the beast'

Sonja Karp **NLJ Sports Reporter** 

Newcastle Dogies' head coach Allen Von Eye referred to the 3A East Conference as a "whole different beast" last week, and the men's team certainly found themselves in the belly of that beast as they played their Northeast Quadrant conference opener games Friday and Saturday, Jan. 23 and 24.

In the first contest of the weekend the Dogies played host to the Buffalo Bison, and the competition looked on paper to be pretty even, with both teams putting up similar numbers in the stats.

"Buffalo is always scrappy. They are athletic and deep and play very aggressive defense," acknowledged Von Eye.

It was a fast-paced game from the beginning, and the first quarter was pretty evenly matched, though low-scoring, and ended with the Bison on top of the home team, 6-10.

It was during the second quarter that the beast made its appearance for the Dogies. Buffalo stepped up the defensive intensity and forced 11 turnovers which they segued into points, leaving the Dogies struggling to counter their opponent's offensive attack to find themselves outscored 7-24 to go into the locker room down 13-34 at the half.

"I thought we handled ourselves pretty well early on in the game," Von Eye nodded. "I thought we battled and did some good things, but then we let them go on a run in the second and it kind of took the wind out of our sails for a little bit," he admitted.

The break was just what the Dogies' needed to regroup though. In the final two quarters they were able to execute their game plan as coaches and players knew they could, and were only out-scored by a four-point margin in the remaining 16 minutes of play.

"In the second half we really started looking to attack, which is just what we'd been preaching the whole week," Von Eye smiled. "As opposed to the first half, we only had six turnovers in the third and fourth quarters, which is much closer to where we want to be."

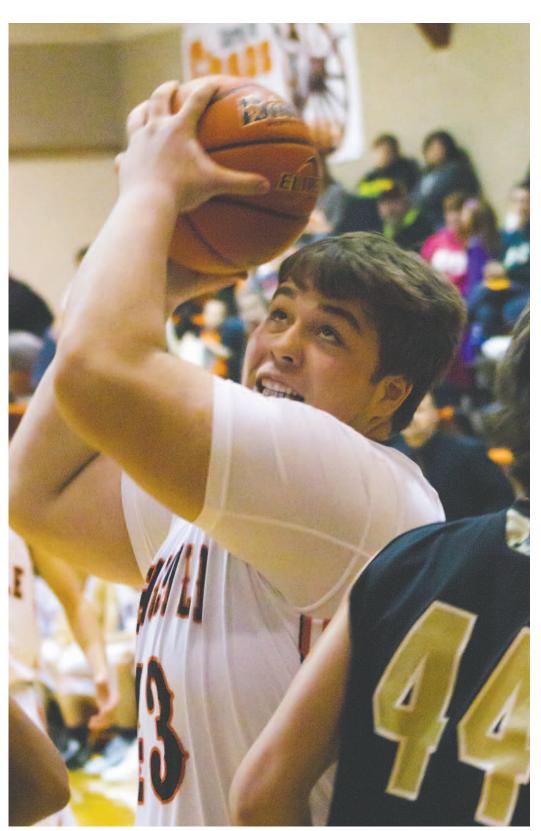
Unfortunately, the second quarter hiccup had created too big of a deficit for the Dogies to overcome, so the team dropped their conference opener 40-65.

The Dogies were led in

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Denice Pisciotti/NLJ

Powering through the Buffalo Bison defense, Newcastle High School Dogie senior Mason Pisciotti takes the ball to the hoop and scores two



# Victory and defeat for ladies

Sonja Karp

**NLJ Sports Reporter** 

The oft repeated thrill of victory and the agony of defeat roller coaster of emotions that playing sports inevitably invokes hit home for the Lady Dogies as they kicked off 3A Northeast Quadrant Conference play this past weekend.

On Friday, Jan. 23, the home team hosted the Lady Bison of Buffalo, and as this was the first conference match-up for both of these teams, each were eager to kick it off with a win.

The Lady Bison jumped out to an early lead but Newcastle rallied back and found themselves tied at the end of the first quarter at 10 points apiece.

The Lady Dogies came out of the quarter break ready to play and owned the offensive end, attacking the basket, drawing fouls, and outscoring their opponent 16 to seven to go into the locker rooms up, 26-17.

"Going into half-time with a nine-point lead was great for us. They had some of their key players on

the bench with foul trouble in the second quarter, and I was proud of how we took advantage of that to extend our lead, though we did miss some opportunities at the free-throw line to make it even larger," stated head coach Tyler Bartlett. "We talked at half-time about being ready for Buffalo to be at full strength and what we needed to do to continue to hold onto the lead."

Coming out the half, the Lady Bison were

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# **Empty classes hurt standings**

Sonja Karp

**NLJ Sports Reporter** 

The Newcastle/Upton wrestling team hit mid-season this past weekend, and they did it on the road. On Thursday, Jan. 22, the team traveled to Glenrock for a dual with the 3A Herders, then headed on to Lander for

Saturday, Jan. 23 and 24.

The dual with Glenrock, though a loss in the record books, was not an indicator of the performance of the Dogies, as Newcastle/Upton actually won more matches than the Herders but had to give up more weight classes than their opponent.

Those forfeited matches gave a two-day tournament on Friday and Glenrock an extra 12-point boost, so

30-36.

Bradon Rushton (145) and Bryce Womack (285) each won their matches by a pin, while Dennon Parks (120) and Ricky Larson (138) defeated their opponents by decision. Donovan Prell (113) and Wyatt Corley (152) each chalked up a win for their team because of forfeit, but unfortunately

they ended up winning the match the team had to give up five matches of their own due to empty weight classes.

"Glenrock has a couple of pretty tough kids, so we were proud of how our guys performed on Thursday," smiled assistant coach Alex Schaneman. "But, to be honest, we

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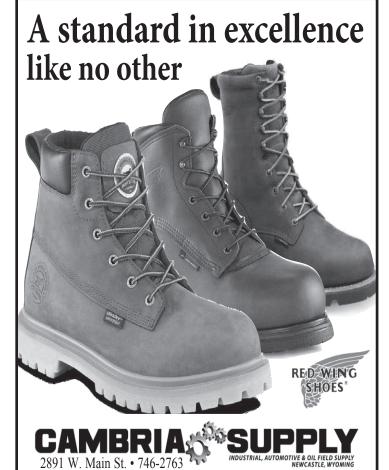


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scoring by Taylor Allen who put up 13 points and grabbed four rebounds. He was followed by Dillon Ehlers with 10 points and nine rebounds, senior Mason Pisciotti added seven points and five rebounds, while Colton Sweet contributed four points and one rebound. Cam Quigley and Triston Roberson rounded out the scoring for the team, with three points each and five and four rebounds, respectively.

On Saturday, the team climbed on the bus for the short trip over the mountain to take on the Worland Warriors, who had routed the number one Douglas Bearcats the previous evening by a score of 80-45, albeit Douglas was playing without Jonah Richards, who is one of their squad's top players.

"I said it last week and I've said it all year, Worland is the dark horse of the league," emphasized Von Eye. "They are athletic, they are deep and they play good, hard basketball."

Going into the game, players and coaches knew that they would have to put together a whole game if they expected to give this team a run for its money.

Despite a slow offensive

#### The Stats

Newcastle v. Buffalo Jan. 23, 2015

Dillon Ehlers: 10 points, 9 rebounds, 1 Colton Sweet: 4 points, 1 rebound, 1

Taylor Allen: 13 points, 4 rebounds, 1 Cam Quigley: 3 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal Triston Roberson: 3 points, 4 rebounds

3 assists Dawson Norton: 2 rebounds Mason Pisciotti: 7 points, 5 rebounds

Newcastle @ Worland

Dillon Ehlers: 7 points, 3 rebounds Colton Sweet: 5 points, 2 rebounds Taylor Allen: 4 points, 2 rebounds Cam Quigley: 4 points, 2 steals Triston Roberson: 3 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal Dawson Norton: 2 rebounds Mason Pisciotti: 3 rebounds Alec Walker: 3 points Vincent Oedekoven: 1 assist

Ryan Harder: 1 rebound, 1 assist

Dogies were able to rally and end the first eight minutes of play only slightly behind the Warriors, 11-16.

"We dug ourselves a pretty big hole in the first few minutes, but then we clawed and fought our way back into the game by the end of the first quarter," Von Eye explained.

Unfortunately, the beast start to the first quarter, the also had made the trek through

the Bighorns and made its presence known for Newcastle from that point on.

Turnovers plagued the Dogies, early and persistent foul trouble forced key players onto the bench, and the team's offensive game was nearly nonexistent while the Warriors turned on the defensive pressure and seemed to score at will, putting up 47 points to their opponent's 10 in the course of the next two quarters.

By the time the fourth quarter commenced, the point margin was such that the mercy rule was imposed, which instituted a running clock for the remaining eight minutes, and the game ended with the Dogies down, 26-69.

"We had 29 turnovers and put up 29 shots, and that pretty much explains the outcome," sighed Von Eye. "I thought we handled their full-court pressure really well, but then we turned it over far more than we should have in the half-court."

The coach added that Worland was able to take his team out of their game and that the Dogies lacked the discipline with which they usually play.

Ehlers led the team in scoring with seven points and

three rebounds, followed by Sweet with five points and two rebounds. Allen and Quigley contributed four points apiece and Roberson and Alec Walker rounded out the scoring with three points each.

"We're going to really work to get our focus back this week in practice," Von Eye determined. "We're also fighting a bout of illness right now as it's kind of going through the team. We were a little short-handed this past weekend and there are a few more out today, so we also have to work on getting healthy and back to full strength."

The Dogies will travel to Wheatland this Friday, Jan. 30, for a rematch against the Bulldogs and will host the Torrington Trailblazers on Saturday, Jan. 31, for the second rematch of the weekend. Newcastle lost to the Bulldogs and defeated the 'Blazers in their first contests this season.

Saturday night's contest will be the annual Pink Game to raise money for Breast Cancer Awareness, and will also feature a commemoration of the 1990 Dogie State Basketball Championship Team 25 years later.

#### Ladies from page 11

indeed back to full strength, having two of their top players who had to sit in the first half because of foul trouble back on the floor. With those athletes in the game, Buffalo made a run and outscored the Lady Dogies nine to four to close the gap to only four points to end the quarter.

With the score close, the final eight minutes of the game gave the fans their money's worth, with both teams giving their all to come out on top. As the clock ticked down, the Lady Dogies refused to fold under pressure, hitting some clutch free-throws to put the game out of reach in the final seconds and sealed their first conference victory, 44-38.

"I thought we did a nice job to hold onto the lead in the third quarter, but in the fourth they were able to make a run and get it down to two," Bartlett admitted. "But then Scottlyn [Wiggins] made the front end of a one and one to get the lead back to three, and then we settled in and finished the game."

Bartlett also pointed out that one of the moments that stood out to him was that Alyssa Dawson began to speak up in the huddle, encouraging her teammates and being the vocal leader that he claims the team has been lacking in the past couple

"Overall I was very pleased with how the girls played, because looking back over the past several years it always seems as though Buffalo beats us here, and we beat them at home," the coach mused. "Hopefully, we can use this and build on it to take the victory when we see them again at their house," he smiled.

Once again, the leading scorer for the Lady Dogies was Alyssa Dawson, who put up 16 points and pulled down six rebounds. She was followed closely by Abby Gray, who added 14 points and six rebounds of her own. Rounding out the scoring for the team was Abi Deveraux with five points and three rebounds, Scottlyn Wiggins with four points and six rebounds, and Rachel Henkle with one point and two rebounds.

The thrill of the first conference victory for the ladies was short-lived, as bright and early the next morning they had to shift focus as they headed out to Worland to take on the Lady Warriors, and unfortunately

were about to taste the agony of defeat. The team had a slow start in the first quarter, scoring only one point in more than four minutes of play, then added a mere three more points to that by the end of the quarter. They were able to hold their opponent to nine points, however, so kept the deficit to only five to start the second quarter.

The Lady Warriors had warmed up offensively by that time, while Newcastle was still struggling, so the Lady Dogies ended up going into the half down, 12-25, to their opponent.

"It's a long trip to go to not have anybody really show up," sighed Bartlett. "To be honest, that's probably the most disappointed I've been in this group for a year, if not longer. They were just very flat, and seemed to have nothing for emotion or intensity, and it's just not like them," he frowned.

Unfortunately, the third quarter played out very much like the second, with the Lady Warriors outscoring the Lady Dogies 18-7 to increase their lead to 43-19 by

With a significant gap to close in the fourth, it was certainly a daunting task set before the Lady Dogies, and though they did rally to have their best offensive quarter of the night, scoring 10 points, it was too



Denice Pisciotti/NLJ

Newcastle High School Dogie junior Alyssa Dawson sets her sights on the basket while Buffalo Lady Bison Meghan Ramey attempts to block her.

little, too late to overcome the deficit so they closed out the game with a 29-58 loss.

"I thought Rachel Henkle played really well off of the bench, but that's about it as far as effort goes on Saturday, and to piggyback that, I thought that Rachel Ehlers played really well off the bench on Friday, so there are two positives that can be taken from the weekend," stated Bartlett.

The coach admitted that his assessment of his team's apparent lack of motivation in the second game of the weekend may have been impacted by the obvious effort displayed by Worland, but he also knows that his team does not get defeated by as great of a deficit as they did without something lacking on their own part.

Gray led the team in scoring with 11 points and one rebound, and was followed by Dawson with seven points and five rebounds. Other players getting on the board were Deveraux with three points and two rebounds, Henkle with two points and six rebounds, Bailey Karp with two points and five rebounds, Kendra Back with two points and two rebounds, Wiggins with one point and three rebounds and Ehlers with one point and one rebound.

Closing out the first weekend of conference play, the Lady Dogies are one and one, to put themselves ahead of Buffalo but behind Worland and Douglas in the Northeast Quadrant.

This week the ladies will look to learn from and brush off Saturday's loss and focus on two rematches with tough Newcastle v. Buffalo

Jan. 23, 2015 44-38 Alyssa Dawson: 16 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal Scottlyn Wiggins: 4 points, 6 rebounds, 3 steals Kendra Back: 1 block Abby Gray: 14 points, 6 rebound, 2 assists, 1 ste Bailey Karp: 3 rebounds Abi Deveraux: 5 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist Rachel Henkle: 1 point, 2 rebounds, 1 steal

The Stats

Newcastle @ Worland Jan. 24, 2015 29-58

Alyssa Dawson: 7 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals Scottlyn Wiggins: 1 point, 3 rebounds, 1 assist Kendra Back: 2 points, 2 rebounds Abby Gray: 11 points, 1 rebound, 2 assists, 1 steal Bailey Karp: 2 points, 5 rebounds Abi Deveraux: 3 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals Rachel Henkle: 2 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist Rachel Ehlers: 1 point, 1 rebound Sarah Henkle: 1 rebound

Southeast Quadrant teams, as they travel to Wheatland on Friday, Jan. 30, to take on the Lady Bulldogs, then host the Lady Blazers from Torrington on Saturday, Jan. 31. Both of these teams defeated Newcastle in their initial match-ups so the coaches and players are looking to even up the records.

Saturday night's contest with the Trailblazers is the annual Pink game to raise money for Breast Cancer Awareness, and will also be the 25th Anniversary Commemoration of the 1990 Dogie State Championship team, prior to the start of the men's game.

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# Spech & Debate

# The right word may be effective, but no word was ever as effective as a rightly timed pause."

- Mark Twain



Back row from left: Alex Henkle, Anna Gettinger, Abigail Gettinger, Coach Jim Stith, Coach Lindsey Ferguson. Middle row from left: Colin Heaton, Heather Donner, Zac Rasmussen, Daniel Caress, Madison Frazee. Front row from left: Megan Logan, Haley Barker, Natalie Artiles, Jae Whitney, Kinlee Whitney, Ashton Alarid.



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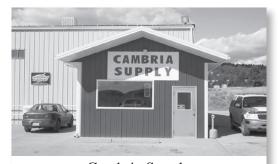
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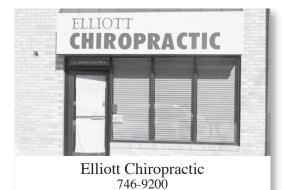
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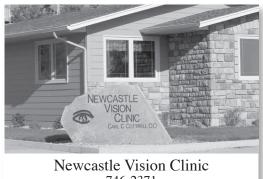


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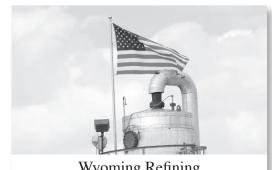
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#### City Council Minutes

**NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MINUTES TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015** 

Mayor Greg James called the regular meeting of Tuesday, January 20, 2015 to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were: Todd Quigley, Kara Sweet, Steve Ladwig, Mayor Greg James, Linda Hunt, and Don Steveson. Absent: Roger Hespe. Also present Department Heads: City Attorney Jim Peck, Clerk/Treasurer Charita Brunner, Police Chief Jim Owens, and Engineer Robert Hartley as well as two guests.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor James added #2 Under Citizen's Business-Verbal, Rick Dunford. Linda Hunt moved and Don Steveson seconded to approve the Agenda for Tuesday, January 20, 2015 as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

Linda Hunt moved and Kara Sweet seconded to approve the Minutes of the January 5, 2014 regular meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

NOMINATIONS FOR APPRECIATION OR RECOGNITION: Linda Hunt nominated 21<sup>st</sup> Century Club and Robin Fitch for benches on the library lawn. She also nominated Black Hills Power for the lighting on the bike path from the 4-Way to the Elementary School. Mayor James nominated John Ellis Sr. for removal of an old house on Forest Hill Way.

CERTIFICATES of RECOGNITION and APPRECIATION: None.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS - IN WRITING: Mayor James read a request for approval of an electrical license for 2015 for Scott Brother's Electrical, Master Electrician, Brandon L. Scott; Journeyman Electrician, Carl Taylor: Apprentice Electrician, Justin Sumner. Proof of insurance and bond have been provided and all fees have been paid. Linda Hunt moved and Steve Ladwig seconded to approve the request as read. MOTION CARRIED.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS - VERBAL - 1. Fire Chief Donny Munger appeared to get approval from Council regarding the newly elected (2015) slate of fire department officers. Chief -Donny Munger; Assistant Chief - Austin Baker; Secretary - Merritt Pederson; Treasurer - Greg Gregory. Todd Quigley moved and Steve Ladwig seconded to approve the officers as stated. MOTION CARRIED. Chief Munger updated the City that the Newcastle Fire Department was awarded a grant for a new fire truck. There are CD investments at First State Bank to provide a match for the grant. 2. Rick Dunford appeared before Council to update the City regarding the Newcastle Golf Course. The golf course is set up as a 501 C7, social club, which is not well known by members of the community. He reviewed the kids fishing pond being made at the golf course and that there are no official financial "ties" between those efforts and the City. He also commended the Council regarding the "burn out" situation at the Show and Shine car Show in

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS: - 1. Linda Hunt commented on the Chamber's new logo, "Ride for the Brand". It promotes shopping in Weston County. She suggested using this on City station. Council consensus was to adopt use of that

logo on city communication. **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:** 

City Engineer Bob Hartley 1. Updated Council on the water tank project. 404 holes were patched and the floor has been painted. He is hopeful to get the second coat of paint on the floor on Thursday. Then the tank can be closed up, disinfected and refilled. Hopefully that will be completed in the next couple of weeks. He commented that there will be a significant water savings with this improvement. He cautioned that the tank will need to be replaced sometime within the next 20 years because the life has now been extended but will definitely need to be replaced. Replacement costs at this time would be over \$2 million. 2. The railroad bore has been completed and the sleeve has been installed. Hopefully the carrier pipe will be installed by the end of the week. The pit is 17-18' deep. 3. He related that the City, Weston County, Upton and the Osage Sanitation District will hold a meeting on Thursday night, January 23, 2015 at the Kitty Moats building regarding the landfill situation. This meeting is needed to discuss a possible sanitation district and the "bring up to speed" the new county commissioners. 4. He gave a resolution to Mayor James for reading and approval for the maintenance of Highway 16 through downtown Newcastle. Mayor James read RESOLUTION No. 1, SERIES 2015 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAINTENANCE OF HIGHWAY 16 THROUGH NEWCASTLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH W.S. 24-2-111. SPECIFICALLY MAIN STREET FROM HIGHWAY 16 BYPASS WEST TO SOUTH SUMMIT THEN SOUTH SUMMIT TO HIGHWAY 16 BYPASS EAST. Linda Hunt moved and Steve Ladwig seconded to approve RESOLUTION No. 1, SERIES 2015 as presented. MOTION CARRIED. 5. He requested scheduling the annual Strategic Planning meeting. Monday Feb. 23, 2015, 5:00 p.m. was the date and time set.

Police Chief Jim Owens - 1. Reviewed the Police Department Activity Report for December 2014. 2. The new police car will be delivered January 22, 2015; 3. He reviewed the marihuana conference he attended in Colorado.

<u>City Clerk/Treasurer Brunner –</u> 1. Reviewed a Wyoming State-wide First Class City Financial Comparison Analysis; 2. Related the 2015 Legislative Agenda and which bills WAM will support on behalf of municipalities; 3. Reviewed the semi-annual financial report. 4. Reviewed the State CREG Report.

City Attorney Jim Peck - 1. Reviewed a letter he sent to Council regarding a discussion about procedures in bars within town versus out of town bars. 2. He has been working with Engineer Hartley regarding a potential abandonment of portion of a City street that is not being used.

3. There have been some interesting cemetery issues that he is working on with Senior Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Mills.

Linda Hunt moved and Don Steveson seconded to pay claims dated January 20, 2015. MOTION CARRIED.

Linda Hunt moved and Todd Quigley seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM. MOTION CARRIED.

CLAIMS: Ad-Pro, office supplies, \$210.75; American Business Software, semi-annual webhosting fee, \$354.00; Anderson Contracting, replace water meter, \$316.00; AT&T Mobility, cell phones. \$726.74; B&K Cleaning, city hall cleaning, \$360.50; BH Power, electricity, \$1880.76; Blue Tarp Financial, rolling magnetic, \$94.33; Butler Machinery, supplies, \$684.25; Casper Star Tribune, subscription, \$175.50; Collins Communications, Customer care contract, \$1891.65; Croell Redi-mix, concrete, \$1744.00; Culligan, water, water cooler, \$332.00; Dale's Tire, tires, \$649.10; Deckers, grocery, \$174.84; Frontier Home, Ranch and Hardware, \$209.72; Gateway Auto, parts, \$231.89; Grimm's Pump, seal/freight, \$41.30; Jenner Equipment, equipment, \$6173.95; Mike Yuronich Construction, labor/material, \$655.00; Nat'l Assn Chiefs, annual membership, \$60.00; Newcastle Hardware, supplies, \$1114.71; Newcastle Vol. Fire Dept. reimburse/supplies, \$119.88; Newman Traffic, signs, \$1031.50; Norco, oxygen/cylinder rent, \$60.57; Office Shop Leasing, Canon copier lease, \$106.81; One Call of WY, Dec. tickets. \$6.00; Powder River Energy, electricity, \$663.81; Round Up Ranch Supply, Tapeworm-cat, \$13.94; RT Communications, City share/LEC, \$326.63; S&S Builders, landfill deposit refund, \$100.00; Stereo's 'n Stuff, Carbonite, labor, \$325.00;

#### Bid Notice

**RFP FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES: UPTON CITY PARK MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY - FEASIBILITY STUDY** 

Summary: The Town of Upton is looking for a qualified Consultant to prepare a feasibility study for a multi-purpose community facility located within Upton City Park.

Proposal Deadline: February 5, 2015 Detailed Information:

The study is to identify an appropriate facility to be built in a location to be determined within the park; identification of tenants for the building and their needs; proposed elevations and construction costs; long term maintenance costs; and, potential partnerships both public and pri-

Due to a tight schedule for grant applications, the study is to be completed by April 30, 2015. The major goals of the project are:

Identify potential community partners Determine general interest of the community Creation of a conceptual site plan with elevations Identify long term financial management. The complete RFP can be obtained by con-

Weston County Development Board Attn: Ann Barker wcdbupt@rtconnect.net

(Publish January 22 and 29, 2015)

Taser International, body cameras, \$1618.34: Valli Information, maintenance CC's, \$150.00; WCS Telecom, I/d charges, \$172.03; Weston Co. Road & Bridge, Dec. fuel, \$10,893.92; Weston Co. Treasurer, airport expense, tax handling fee, \$1511.59; Weston Co. Clerk, youth services/Dec, \$875.89; WY Dept. of Ag, landfill license fee, \$25.00; WY Groundskeeper & Growers, 2015 conference fee/Peterson, \$170.00; WY Auto, supplies, \$4.22; WATER DEPOSIT REFUND: Brian/Jeanette Knight, \$100.00; Home Team Associates, \$65.64; Keith Gaudsmith, \$134.60; Marni Hossfeld, \$200.00;

Greg James, Mayor ATTEST: City Clerk/Treasurer, Charita

(Publish January 29, 2015)

#### Utility Notice.....

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) has given Powder River Energy Corporation (PRECorp) authority to adjust its Cost of Power Adjustment (COPA) to reflect a net increase of \$2,340,833 per annum in wholesale power costs charged by its supplier, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, effective for usage on and after January 10, 2015, subject to notice, protest, intervention petition, opportunity for hearing, refund, and such further action as the Commission may deem appropriate.

Residential customers are included in the "All Other" category of Rate Classes. The effect of the proposed \$0.000384/kWh reduction in credit (i.e., increase) on an average residential customer monthly bill is approximately \$0.34 per month, based on an 898 kWh/month typical residential usage, excluding taxes. Actual bills will vary with

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

Anyone desiring to file a public comment, statement, protest, intervention petition or request for a public hearing in this matter must file with the Commission in writing on or before February 20, 2015. The petition shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing and the position and interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing that you will attend, or want to make a statement, a protest or a public comment, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay by dialing 711. Please contact us as soon as possible to help us serve you better and please include reference to Docket No. 10014-157-CP-14.

Dated: January 21, 2015.

(Publish January 29 and February 5, 2015)

#### Blotter

January 18, 2015

Suspicious vehicle reported. Civil standby requested. Report of a dog at large. Suicide threatened. Phone harassment reported. Suicide threatened. Suicide attempt reported. Trespass reported. January 19

Barking dog complaint. Burglary reported. Report of a dog at large, Impounded. Commercial alarm reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Medical assist. 911 hang up. Ministerial assistance requested. Welfare check requested. Noise com-

January 20

VIN inspection requested. Traffic hazard reported. Traffic complaint. Assist other agency. Civil standby requested. Phone fraud reported. Assist other agency. 911 hang up. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Report of a dog at large. January 21

Residential alarm reported. VIN inspection requested. Abandoned vehicle reported. Arrest Warrant issued. Lost property reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Suspicious activity reported.

News Letter Journal 14 W. Main Street, Newcastle

**WE DELIVER! CALL 746-2777**  Dog bite reported. January 22

The

Police'

Blotter

Motorist assist. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. 911 hang up. Two VIN inspections requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Civil problem reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

January 23 Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. VIN inspection requested. Welfare check requested. Parking complaint. Vandalism reported. 911 hang up. 911

hang up. Motorist assist. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. 911 hang up. Assist

other agency. January 24

Warrant arrest. Drunk pedestrian reported. Drunk pedestrian. Traffic stop, Verbal Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. 911 hang up. Report of a dog at large, Impounded. Found property reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued. 911 hang up. 911 hang up. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Drug possession, 2 Citations issued.

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14 W. Main St. Newcastle



#### Court Report

**CIRCUIT COURT** JUDGE MATTHEW F.G. CASTANO

Justin M Carr, VEH REGIS REQ'D, Total Fines

Just M Carr, COMPLULSORY AUTO INSUR-1ST OFFENSE, Total Fines Paid, \$420

Jordan H Hollingsworth, SPEED TO FAST FOR CONDITIONS, Total Fines Paid, \$70 Kelsey A Zerbst, EXCEED 65 MPH ON PRMRY/ SCNDRY (6+ MPH OVER) HWY, Total Fines Paid, \$100

Lisa M Wynia, EXCEED 65 MPH ON PRMRY/ SCNDRY (6+ MPH OVER) HWY, Total Fines Paid,

Ronald T Clements, VALID DRIVERS LIC, Total Fines Paid, \$120

Barry W Borgialli, EXCEED 65 MPH ON PRMRY/ SCNDRY (6+ MPH OVER) HWY, Total Fines Paid, \$82 Jerry L Jones, EXCEED 65 MPH ON PRMRY/

SCNDRY (6+ MPH OVER) HWY, Total Fines Paid, Alexander E Filippi, EXCEED 65 MPH ON

PRMRY/ SCNDRY (6+ MPH OVER) HWY, Total Fines Paid, \$75 Jennifer M Donner, DRIVE WHILE LIC

CANCELLED, SUSPENDED, OR REVOKED IF NOT SUSPENDED FOR 31-5-229 OR 31-5-223, Total Fines Paid, \$420

Brittney M Polly, TRAFFIC CONTR SIGNALS: GREEN, Total Fine Paid, \$120

Cristie M Scabot, DRIVE WHILE LIC CANCELLED, SUSPENDED, OR REVOKED IF NOT SUSPENDED FOR 31-5-229 OR 31-5-223, Total Fines Paid, \$195

Cody L Nachtsheim, VALID DRIVER'S LIC, Total Fines Paid, \$90

John D Barton, EXCEED 30 MPH IN URBAN DISTRICT, Total Fine Paid, \$109

Tyler T Dicken, SEAT BELT: DRIVER, Total

Fine Paid, \$30 Michelle C Troupe, EXCEED 65 MPH ON PRMRY/ SCNDRY (6+ MPH OVER) HWY, Total

Fines Paid, \$70 Alex K Oliver, EXCEED 65 MPH ON PRMRY/ SCNDRY (6+ MPH OVER) HWY, Total Fines Paid,

Alex K Oliver, SEAT BELT: DRIVER, Total

Fines Paid, \$25 Alex K Oliver, CHILD SAFETY RESTRAINT

SYSTEM- 1ST OFFENSE, Total Fines Paid, \$50 Michael Fowler, EXCEED 65 MPH ON PRMRY/ SCNDRY (6+ MPH OVER) HWY, Total Fines Paid, \$76

Joseph W Domina, SEAT BELT: PASSENGER OVER 12 YRS, Total Fines Paid, \$10 Curtis A Bujarski, PROP DESTRUCTION:

UND \$1000, Total Fines Paid, \$490 Curtis A Bujarski, BREACH OF PEACE, Total Fines Paid, \$490

Nicholas S Hout, DRIVE W/O INTERLOCK DEVICE 1ST OFF, Total Fine Paid, \$440 Timothy J Arnold, OPEN FIRE PROHIB'D,

Total Fines Paid, \$100 Marie A Walker, DRIVE WHILE LIC CANCELLED, SUSPENDED, OR REVOKED IF

NOT SUSPENDED FOR 31-5-229 OR 31-5-223, Total Fines Paid, \$690 Cody L Nachtsheim, VALID DRIVER'S LIC, Total Fines Paid, \$90

Nicholas S Muir, EXCEED 65 MPH ON PRMRY/ SCNDRY (6+ MPH OVER) HWY, Total Fines Paid. \$105

Jack R Dempsey, DUI: ALCOHOL 0.08% OR MORE, Total Fines Paid, \$940

Lucas H Honey, BATTERY, Total Fines Paid, Justin R Rich, EXCEED 65 MPH ON PRMRY/ SCNDRY (6+ MPH OVER) HWY, Total Fines Paid,

Carey R Reese, EXCEED 65 MPH ON PRMRY/ SCNDRY (6+ MPH OVER) HWY, Total

Fines Paid, \$115 Sandra D. Mooney, EXCEED 65 MPH ON

PRMRY/ SCNDRY (6+ MPH OVER) HWY, Total Fines Paid, \$87 Billy Reynolds Jr, EXCEED 65 MPH ON

PRMRY/ SCNDRY (6+ MPH OVER) HWY, Total Fines Paid, \$100

Sharon A Sandy, SEATBELT DRIVER, Total Fines Paid, \$25 Sharon A Sandy, OPERATE MOTOR VEH W/

UNSAFE TREAD, Total Fines Paid, \$70 Jody J Piechura, CARRY & EXHIBIT DRIVERS'S LIC ON DEMAND, Total Fines Paid,

Michael M Ankeney, VALID DRIVER'S LIC, Total Fines Paid, \$120

Robert S Martens, COLLIDE W/ UNATTENDED VEH; DUTY, Total Fines Paid,

Robert S Martens, SPEED TOO FAST FOR CONDITIONS< Total Fines Paid, \$70 Nicholas T Wempen, UND 21 YRS: DRIVE W/ ALCOHOL 0.02% OR MORE, Total Fines Paid,

There were 73 Out Of Area Fines totaling \$29,345.





#### Foreclosure Notice

#### FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note (the "Note") dated 03/21/2008 executed and delivered by John Speas A/K/A John E Speas and Amanda L. Speas, ("Mortgagor") to Wells Fargo Financial Wyoming, Inc. and a real estate mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by said Mortgagor, to Wells Fargo Financial Wyoming, Inc., and which Mortgage was recorded on 03/27/2008, as Instrument Number 702233, Book 305, Page 863 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming;

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

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$146,136,98 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$95,196.92 plus Interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$40,602.78 plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of

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

NOW, THEREFORE Wells Fargo Financial Wyoming, Inc., as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Weston, WY County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10 o'clock in the forenoon on 02/03/2015 at the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, Wyoming, Weston County for application on the abovedescribed amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

Lot Four (4), Block One (1), Black Hills View Addition to the Town of the City of Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming according to the plat

With an address of: 115 Bonnie Brae Ave Newcastle, WY 82701.

Together with all improvements thereon situate and all fixtures and appurtenances thereto. Dated: January 6, 2015

Brian G. Sayer Klatt, Odekirk, Augustine, Sayer, Treinen & Rastede, P.C. 925 E. 4th St. Waterloo, Iowa 50703

(Publish January 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2015)

# Deadline for Legals is noon on Friday

#### **Meeting Notice**....

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The regular FOCUS, Inc. Board of Directors meeting will be Wednesday, February 4th, at 6:00 p.m. at the FOCUS office, 719-C Washington Blvd.

(Publish January 29, 2015)

#### Foreclosure Notice

#### **NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF** FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note (the "Note") dated 09/11/2012 executed and delivered by Ricky A. Miller ("Mortgagor") to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and a real estate mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by said Mortgagors, to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., and which Mortgage was recorded on 09/12/2012, as Instrument Number 738210 Book 339 Page 875 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, 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

The property covered by said Mortgage is described as follows:

North Half (N 1/2) of Lots One (1) and Two (2), Block Two (2), Roby Addition, Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming, according to the recorded plat

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Wyoming Statutes Section 34-4-109 (2003) that the foreclosure sale of the above Mortgage, scheduled for 12/16/2014 at the Weston County Sheriff's Office located at 25 North Sumner Ave, Newcastle, Weston County, State of Wyoming, has been postponed to 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on 2/3/2015 at the Weston County Sheriff's Office located at 25 North Sumner Ave, Newcastle, Weston County, State of Wyoming

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. By: Klatt, Odekirk, Augustine, Sayer, Treinen & Rastede, P.C. 925 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street Waterloo, IA 50703 (319) 234-2530

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#### Gwamma by JaNel M. Farnsworth WHAT'S I had ALL THE one nerve left and COMMOTION? Granbaby got on it!

#### Public Notice

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Weston County School District #1 has an opening for a School Board Member. The position runs from February 11, 2015 to November 30, 2016. The deadline for applications is February 6, 2015 at 4:30 pm. Please send a letter of interest to:

Weston County School District # 1 c/o Board Vacancy 116 Casper Avenue Newcastle, WY 82701

(Publish January 22 and 29, 2015)

### **Fun and Games**

#### PRESIDENT'S DAY

- **ACROSS** 1. Cookie amount
- 6. "You betcha!"
- 9. Bartenders typically split
- 13. Ancient Greeks' assembly
- 14. Snake-like reef dweller 15. Gent or guy
- 16. Salad dressing vessel
- 17. African grazer 18. \*Truman's "State of the
- was first one on TV 19. \*"Return to Normalcy" President
- 21. \*Uniform \_\_\_ Holiday Act
- 23. A Beatle bride
- 24. Cowboy's prod
- 25. Egg cells
- 28. Wisecrack
- 30. Old fashioned expression of disapproval
- 35. Bruce Wayne in "The Dark Night"
- 37. Chinese dynasty from 960
- to 1279
- 39. High-strung 40. Jessica \_ of "Dark
- Angel" 41. Kind of test
- 43. Stake driver 44. \*The nation did this in Nov.
- '63 with Jackie 46. Saintly glow
- 47. Stack
- 48. Bracelet for the arm
- 50. "Scene one,
- 52. Feather glue?
- 53. Cleanse 55. Bird-to-be
- 57. \*"He Kept Us Out of War"
- was his slogan 60. \*He hailed from Hope
- 64. BBQ spot
- 65. Building addition
- 67. Dry white Italian wine from
- Verona 68. Tim or Woody
- 69. \*George H. W. Bush led it in the '70s
- 70. "The Lego Movie" hero 71. Join together by heating
- 72. Barbie's beau
- 73. Nostradamus and Tiresias, e.g.

#### **DOWN**

- 1. "Cello Suite No. 1" composer 2. Site of Taj Mahal
- of duty
- 4. Belief 5. Detesting
- Safecracker
- 7. Even, to a poet
- 8. Like Raphael's cherubs 9. Be inclined
- 10. Hipbones
- 11. Clever tactic Gabriel
- 15. Non-competitive race 20. White
- 22. Not safe in baseball 24. Having physical sensation
- \*"Change We Can Believe In" President
- 26. Courage in the face of dan
- 27. Vinyl collectible 29. \*"No Child Left Behind"
- President 31. Impermanent employee
- 32. Characteristic
- 33. Throat dangler 34. \*"Tippecanoe and
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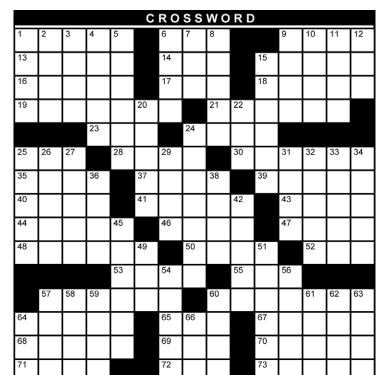
- 38. Apple variety
- 42. Bumpkin 45. \*President Ford's VP
- 49. Chinese "way" 51. Knights' breastplates
- 57. Whip lash mark
- 58. It shall, for short
- 54. T-shirt style 56. Fairytale garden dweller

60. Family or kin

61. Like a broken horse 62. Last word in radio transmis-

59. Behaved like Pinocchio

- 63. They now play in Brooklyn
- 64. "Hand" with claws
- 66. \*George Washington couldn't tell one?



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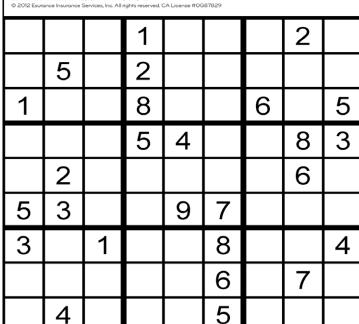
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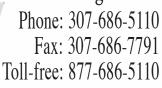
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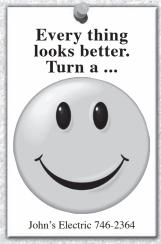
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#### WESTON COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES



#### C.N.A. (Full Time/Part Time/PRN)

WCHS is searching for dedicated, caring individuals to join our team of highly qualified C.N.A.'s in Acute Care, Home Health, and Manor. Shifts may vary as needed. Must have WY C.N.A. license or have application already in process. May include shift differentials where applicable.

#### Nutrition Support Aide (PRN)

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#### **Nurse Aide Training Program** (Full Time Temporary)

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Please send resumes to:

Water Operator Osage Water District Box 83 Osage, WY 82723

Waste Water Operator **OISD** Box 44 Osage, WY 82723

#### **EQUIPMENT OPERATOR**

The City of Newcastle is accepting applications until January 29, 2015, for employment in the public works department as Equipment Operator at the Newcastle Landfill. The successful applicant must possess a current Wyoming driver's license and be able to obtain a Class B commercial driver's license within six (6) months of employment. Applicant should have experience operating heavy equipment. Employment will include some weekend and evening hours, and applicant must be willing to be available for on-call duty. Starting salary DOE with benefits. Applications are available at City Administration Office located at 10 West Warwick, Newcastle, WY.

The Weston County Farm Service Agency is accepting applications for a fulltime PROGRAM TECHNICIAN

The job will require general office duties general knowledge of agriculture, and the ability to work with people. Applications must be submitted through www.usajobs.gov/by February 11, 2015. For questions regarding this position, please contact Peggy Livingston at the Weston County FSA Office, 1225 Washington Blvd., Ste. 2, Newcastle, WY 82701 or 307-746-2701. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Lincoln County seeks proposals for 100' x 120' x 20' Steel Building System for Genera Maintenance Shop - Rigid Frame, Clear Span, Gable 1:12 Roof Pitch; and 50' x 120' x 19' - 16'-11" Steel Building System for Parking And Minor Repairs - Rigid Frame, Clear Span, Single Slope 1/2:12 Roof Pitch. Both at Road and Bridge Shop in Kemmerer. Project must be completed by or before Oct. 1, 2015. Plans and specifications must have sufficient detail to evaluate construction methods for compliance with applicable building codes.

Obtain contract documents at Lincoln County Office of Planning and Engineering, 520 Topaz St., Ste. 109, Kemmerer, WY 83101 or 61 E. 5th Ave., Afton, WY 83110. Proposals must be submitted to Lincoln County Planning Office in Kemmerer by or before 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, 2015 and will be opened at 2 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, 2015. Call Matt McCloud at 307-677-3265 with any questions.

Lincoln County reserves the right to reject all proposals, or select the proposal which appears to best meet the County's needs at the lowest price and may negotiate final details and contract terms with the selected proposer. Proposals will be evaluated based on qualifications, experience, reliability, references, price offered and the best interests of the County.

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# Future Dogies recognized

Newcastle Dogie teams recognized Newcastle Elementary School fourth- and fifth-graders at Friday night's double header, prior to the men's game. Tiernan Stanton, Tell Tavegie, Hogan Tystad, Tristan Troftgruben, Summer Bonnar and Matt Drake, who was not present, received the Newcastle Dogie Achievement of Excellence Award for outstanding achievement in academics, classroom behavior and character. (Photo by Denice Pisciotti/NLJ)

# Pink game celebrates victory

Sonja Karp

**NLJ Sports Reporter** 

This Saturday night at the Dogie Dome is shaping up to be a big night for Newcastle for a number of reasons as the ladies' and men's teams host the Trailblazers from Torrington.

First, this is a big night because it is the annual Pink Game, dedicated to Breast Cancer Awareness and research.

Historically the community has done an impressive job raising money for this worthy cause, and this year the stakes are being raised with the challenge presenting itself to better what's been achieved in the past.

On the auction block this year are two pink jerseys, both of which are beautifully framed. One of the jerseys is signed by the Lady Dogies and the other is signed by the Dogies.

In addition to the jerseys, two pink basketballs will also be auctioned off. For

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the basketballs, the fans from Torrington will also be able to get in on the fun as one of the balls will be signed by both teams from Torrington, while the other will be signed by both teams from Newcastle.

That is not the only fun on tap for the evening, however.

As many of you are aware, 25 years ago the Dogies brought home their one and only men's state basketball title in a come-from-behind, nail-biting, fourthquarter victory that lives in Dogie basketball infamy.

To honor that momentous occasion, all members of the 1990 State Championship team who are able to be in attendance will be honored for their accomplishment, prior to the start of the boys' game.

Of course, it is no coincidence that it is the Torrington game that has been chosen to commemorate the victory as the team that the Dogies' denied the title was the very same opponent that the current Dogie team is hosting that evening.

It is the hope of the Newcastle Dogie coaches that everyone who is able to be in attendance for this event make it out to the Dome to celebrate the memory and to cheer on the 2015 team in their second match-up of the season against

In addition, while all efforts have been made to contact the members of the 1990 team, there are a few they have not been able to reach. The coaches hope that all of the members get the message that their presence is requested at the Dome once again on Saturday evening to get a well-deserved opportunity to go back in time and relive one of those once-in-a-lifetime moments.

There is a little something for everyone this Saturday, Jan. 31, at the Dogie Dome, and the action kicks off at 2:30 with the tip-off of the sub-varsity contests. Come on out and join the fun and support your Dogies and Lady Dogies basketball programs!

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were really excited to see what they would do when we got to Lander the next day.'

There were some obvious reasons why the coaches were eager to see how their team would shake out at the Lander Valley Invitational because, for all intents and purposes, it was really a preview of the rapidly approaching regional and state tournaments.

With all 16 3A teams in attendance, coaches were able to get an idea how their kids would stack up against the wrestlers that they were likely to see at those culminating events.

"I was really looking forward to this tournament, especially after coming off of a disappointing finish in Douglas two weeks ago," stated head coach Lee McCoy.

The young team did indeed look quite a bit different than they had in Douglas, moving all but one of the wrestlers into the second day of competition, as opposed to only two who had advanced in Douglas.

"Even though we only ended up placing Wyatt, I thought that we had a much better showing than we had before," nodded McCov. "We were battling in just about every match and lost a couple of real heart-breakers. It was definitely an improvement to still have five of the six kids left in the competition going into Saturday," he grinned.

The coaches also picked up some valuable insight moving forward as they prepare for the regional and state tournaments.

"We definitely need to keep improving in the practice room and use our mistakes to continue to improve. If we do those things, I think some of the matches that didn't go our way this weekend will see a different result in a few weeks," McCoy predicted.

Corley was the lone Varsity placer for the Dogies, and he brought home the sixth spot. There were some tough, close matches in other weight classes, however, that on any given day could have ended in a victory for those Dogie wrestlers.

#### **The Stats**

#### Newcastle/Upton @ Glenrock

Jan. 22, 2015 30-36

- 106: Trayton Dawson, L by decision 3-7 113: Donovan Prell, W by forfeit
- 120: Dennon Parks, W by decision 9-5 126: Zach Schuessler, L by pin in 3:26
- 132: Zach LaPierre, L by pin in 1:14 138: Ricky Larson, W by decision 7-3 145: Bradon Rushton, W by pin in 1:50
- 152: Wyatt Corley, W by forfeit 160: Nick Bock, L by decision 0-3 170: L by forfeit
- 182: L by forfeit 195: L by forfeit 220: L by double forfeit
- 285: Bryce Womack, W by pin in 1:11

#### Newcastle/Upton @ Lander

Invitational Jan. 23-24

- Varsity Squad results:
- 152: Wyatt Corley, 6 JV Squad results: Third Place
- 106: Alan Baker, 2
- 106: Bailey Domina, 1 113: Donovan Prell. 2
- 120: Dennon Parks, 1
- 126: Zach Schuessler, 1 152: James Moberly. 2

"Bradon lost to a kid that he has never lost to. Trayton Dawson wrestled a tough kid from Torrington and only lost in overtime, so the kids are right there in the hunt," smiled Schaneman.

The JV team fared a bit better than the Varsity squad did at the tournament, coming in third behind Star Valley and Cody, and coaches are pleased with the message that sends about the quality of the younger kids that are coming up.

The team had three firstplace finishers in Bailey Domina (106), Dennon Parks (120) and Zach Schuessler (126), and three second-place finishers in Alan Baker (106), Donovan Prell (113) and James Moberly (152).

"Overall, I was pleased with our results from this weekend. We wrestled hard and are improving in a lot of positions," McCoy stated.

The team will only have a few days of practice again this week as they have another long weekend of competition coming up.

On Friday and Saturday, Jan. 30 and 31, they are back in tournament action as they travel to Buffalo for an invitational there.

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make it happen.

There will always be someone who does it better, and there are just some days when no matter how hard they try, it just isn't going to happen for them.

As a kid, sometimes it is very difficult to get past thinking that you let others who rely on you down. Kids have a tendency to place a great deal of blame on their own shoulders, whether it belongs there or not.

I feel pretty confident saying that most of us have found ourselves in this same frame of mind.

I think the life lesson is to realize that these days are going to happen. So what do we do about them?

Though I am far from an expert, I would tell my kids what I have learned from these days:

Learn from your mistakes. Do not dwell on them because if you do, one will inevitably turn into more.

At the same time, don't dismiss them because sometimes we can learn more from

our mistakes than we can from our successes.

Don't take others' criticisms to heart as a personal attack. Even if they are delivered harshly, there will usually be at least something that you can take from it to use to your advantage in the future.

However, if what others said was just meant to degrade or belittle you, pay it no heed. You cannot control what others say or do, you can only control how you respond.

Tomorrow is another day and offers a fresh new start. Don't carry regret from past mistakes into that new day to darken it, carry the new insights you gained from reflecting and moving forward.

Be accountable for your actions and work to be your best despite the obstacles that get in your way, because on any given day your shots will fall, your feet will be quicker than your opponent and you'll be a step ahead of the game.

Some days are going to be tough, but the other days are going to be great as long as you let them.

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**Planning Board** 

2 Positions 3 Yr. Term 1 expires 2017

Solid Waste District (Osage Dump)

1 Position 4 Yr. Term

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unexpired 2 Positions 3 Yr. Term expires 2017

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