





# Opinion

## News Letter Journal

### Our View

## No exceptions

There aren't many Americans— and even less of us in Wyoming— who believe that our country is heading in the right direction, and we certainly share that concern.

But we believe that the resurrection of American Exceptionalism can be accomplished simply by making the decision to once again be exceptional, and there is no better time to make that commitment than right now.

One of the truly great things about this country is the ability we have every two years to peacefully change our leadership, and in so doing change our focus and direction. Next Tuesday's election offers each of us with an opportunity to gain a greater knowledge and understanding of government— at the national, state and local level— by following the campaigns and listening to what candidates have to say about themselves and the offices they seek.

Unfortunately, it seems that as we grow more dissatisfied with government, we grow less interested in it. As a result, our understanding of the challenges and issues faced by our leaders is probably at an all time low, and we tend to view elections primarily as an opportunity to beat the "other side." That process tends to be so ugly that we completely forget that we actually all play for the same team when elections are over, and to make matters worse, many will begin working in the immediate aftermath of this election to denigrate and diminish the "other side" in preparation for 2016. In other words, the next election will begin as soon as this one ends. There will be little time or effort put into actual governing, and America will continue to suffer as a result.

But we'd like to challenge our readers to break from this new political tradition, and use this election to take the time to learn about candidates, their positions, and what they believe are the greatest challenges faced by our leaders today.

We believe that the special election section of this newspaper is a great place to start, and we urge you to read what each of the candidates who responded to our questionnaires had to say.

There is a lot of information there. You may not be able to finish it before you vote next Tuesday, but we invite you to keep this issue around for awhile and read it all anyway. The knowledge, information and opinions expressed by the candidates all have value, and our ability to understand the different ideals and appreciate the varied experiences of those candidates (which pretty accurately represents the different ideals and varied experiences of the citizens of Weston County) will dictate how well this community comes together to address problems and issues in the future. You can take your quest for information and knowledge a step further by going to our website and viewing the candidate forum the News Letter Journal hosted last week, or the governor's debate held in this community a week earlier. Accessing any or all of this information will make you a better voter than you've ever been before, and a better citizen to boot.

The best way to foster the return of American Exceptionalism lies in expecting exceptional things from its citizens. Since voting is seen as a primary duty of citizens of a free society, we should all do what we can to perform that duty exceptionally well.

## Make each other smile

There was a time in my life when I felt such despair I did not want to be on earth anymore, and considered ending my life. I spent most of my time either crying, sleeping and doing things that I thought made me feel good to ease my pain, but nothing did. A friend — where I lived in Virginia — was able to see where I was heading and stepped in to get me the professional help I desperately needed.

Words cannot express how grateful I am today that I crawled out of the hole I was in, and am now able to be there to watch the milestones in my children's lives.

At times, I still get depressed but have learned to how to deal with it by taking care of myself, getting plenty of sunshine, falling on my knees and looking up for guidance or talking out my feelings with someone who cares.

One thing I appreciate about living in a small town is watching children in the community grow. I have had the privilege of getting to know many of the young people through the years from my children, working at Weston County Children's Center, Double AACES, owning Critter Castle Pet Shop, and now through the lens of my camera.

Unfortunately, people don't always know they are significant to us or how much a neighbor down the street, fellow student, clerk at a grocery store or the friendly face greeting us in a community business can affect us.

Last week, a young person in our community decided to end his life. What was left behind was the unanswered question of why. Whispers answering that very question were heard around town. But in the end whatever was guessed as to the reasons for his actions still does not bring him back, and all blame can do — whether it is self-inflicted or from another person — is cause hurt.

I think Pastor Jeff Thoms) hit a home run when he reminded us we are not the ones to condemn, Jesus Christ is. Words, especially those done in gossiping, are hurtful. I am at fault at this.

One lesson I learned this past week is to think before I speak, and to talk about a person as if they were standing right next to me. What a difference it would make if we all did this.

During the funeral, I saw something touching. Down the aisle from where I was sitting was an older couple, who I am sure by their age have had many of



Denise Piscioti  
Miss Magnum

life's ups and downs. But the one thing that was plain to see, by the simple gesture of their holding hands through the service, was they made it through all of it together.

As my children were growing up, if one of them woke up grumpy it could spread to everyone else in the house — if we let it. Smiles are contagious. I know if everyone smiled more and complained less, this world would be a happier place. Let's make it through the trials of life saying kind things and encouraging one another.

No one really knows what is going on inside someone else's head. Take Robin Williams for example. He had the knack for making other people laugh. We don't know what another person's struggles are; some carry it on the outside for all to see, and other individuals never let you.

I would like to challenge everyone in the community to make Weston County a positive place to live. Who knows what a kind word or just opening the door can do to make someone's day?

So next time you have the opportunity at the store, church, school or work to make someone smile, I encourage you to do so.

Let's make it a goal to see how many individuals we can make grin each and every day. And maybe, just maybe, that is one way we can save a life.

## Deadline for Letters is noon on Friday

## Letters to the Editor

### Local youths give us reason to hope for a better future

Dear Editor,

I have had a good life and it continues to this day. Coming to Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming was the best move I have ever made. Thanks to Beth Cummings, a native of this community, who accepted my proposal of marriage in 1967.

As all spouses should be, she is "the love of my life!" She brought me here— and believe me, my first impression of this area was *not* positive. You see, I came from a very large community. Everything you could possibly conceive was at my fingertips. Forty plus years have passed. A blink of an eye. Where has time gone? They have been "good" years for sure!

You want to know where am I going with this? Well here we go. It is the little things that make life worth living, especially here in Weston County, Wyoming.

Recently, I have had my share of problems of "trespassing," to the point of anger. Everyone I have seen fell into the category of "trespassing." Sort of "a narrow mind" thinking on my part!

This *trespassing*, up to this point, was limited to my property, in the downtown area. I came home one day, and found two young individuals standing at the top of my "hill"— the first time, I have encountered this!

I confronted these individuals, not in a harsh manner, a casual one, even though, I had the right to go at these individuals, I did not. I decided to handle the situation. I slowed coming up the hill, considering my options. The one I chose was the one I live by. I greet all people as friends, and after that it is up to them!

It turned out to be the right decision, and the reason for this letter to the editor! I have to say I was taken back a step or two from our conversation. These two individuals whom I will call "G" and "S" simply because I do not want them to be criticized by their friends for their cordial attitudes— this "bullying" thing that has been, and still is, so horrendous throughout our lives!

These two individuals, impressed me so very much— their attitudes, their smiles, even offering me their hands to shake before I had the chance to do likewise. At their young age they were more adult than I! Simply amazing in this day and age.

There *is* hope for America! These two humbled me! They deserve only accolades! Their parents have the right to be proud of their children. I know one of their parents is, for I had the good fortune to

meet this parent personally!

Thank you gentle people of the future, for opening my eyes. I wish I could say your names to the world, but I cannot. We all know why. At the very least; you two and your parents know who this letter is in reference to. We are friends for sure. Thank you, thank you!

Wow! Before I could bring this to the point I had another golden opportunity. I had the pleasure of speaking with a slightly older youth— a teenager— than the two individuals mentioned above. This casual encounter led me to recognize another young adult's attributes!

This individual I will call "A." To me, this outstanding individual will always be known as "Big A"— petite in physical stature, but with heart, with desire and the stamina to "A"chieve.

I firmly believe with this attitude success lies in the future! I met "A" in a *work* atmosphere— at this age already knowing that working is absolutely a necessity!

My personal experience working myself— I was 10 years old when I entered the workforce, and my wife grew up on a ranch— definitely a "work environment." For 29 years, Beth and I employed many, many people, from the best of the best to the worst of the worst. We discovered that students who were involved— with not just school, but with activities— could only offer us a few hours here and there, and yet they still made themselves available to us, going the extra mile!

This wanting to better themselves— just not ready (if ever) to accept the "it-is-what-it-is" attitude! Beth took the challenge. We could change our schedule to accommodate

their schedule— the important one, one of education! Offering this limited time was their extra mile. They could have just as easily "hung out," but they chose to "round out" their education by *working* instead! What an attribute!

"Big A" you are one of the "best of the best!" Meeting you was a very pleasurable experience. We both had an education— did we not?

—Dick Crawford

### True Twit

Dear Editor,

When running in 2008, Barry said things would be great, and he was the one we'd been waiting for. The days of the cowboy were over, we'd soon be in the tall clover, the oceans'd recede and there'd be hope and change evermore.

After nearly six years, the cynicism and fears, have risen to levels we couldn'ta dreamed. Is it because Obama's half black, that he gets cut so

much slack, how often has "Racist" at dissenters been screamed?

Every week a new crisis, now it's ebola and ISIS, the problems are coming faster and faster. They continue to ignore us, the borders are porous, there'll soon be a new politically correct caused disaster.

As the epidemic spreads, and the ISIS beheads, folks are seeing that leading from behind really stinks. Barry makes many mutter, when he grabs his balls and his putter, and heads back out to golf on the links.

The leftists great hero, seems more delusional than Nero, he acts like problems can be solved just by orating. Unless enough people awaken, no actions will be taken, he truly is the one on which we've been waiting, and waiting.

While things continue to unravel, there's still no ban on West African travel, we leave out the red carpet and welcome mat. With Southern borders open wide, disease and terrorists come right inside, I can't comprehend such reasoning as that.

They have even posed, when the barn door is not closed, there's less chance that the horse will get out. That doesn't make any sense, they must think we're quite dense "We won't take anymore", the masses must shout.

We must recognize right from wrong, we've been burning daylight too long, this bringing down American exceptionalism has to quit. I think it's become quite plain, we could use a John Wayne, versus an apologetic Pee Wee Herman-like twit!!

—Jim Darlington

### There are more storms on the horizon than the snowy ones

Dear Editor,

We look ahead and prepare for winter. Check the anti-freeze. Fix the weatherstripping. Put the garden hose away.

We should not stop there!

Our state will soon be running short of its accustomed income. Whether we acknowledge it or not, royalties from coal and oil will begin to diminish as climate change forces changes in our energy sales and the royalties we receive.

We should be looking for new sources of income. It appears that the Wyoming Business Council is the only effort. That effort needs to be doubled and redoubled.

Counties, cities and school districts need to make an effort reduce expenditures and/or find new sources of income. We are going to have to learn to make do with less. It is not too early to get started.

It will take time, intellect and effort. We should not waste time railing against our climate scientists.

—Jerry Baird

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# Little paving, big costs

Alexis Shultz  
NLJ Reporter

"I think it's important the community understands that that doesn't look like a lot of paving, but we are well over a quarter million dollars for not a lot of paving," professed Mayor Greg James during the Oct. 20 Newcastle City Council Meeting.

The City of Newcastle recently completed paving projects on several local streets — Seneca, Birch Street (from Carter to 1st Avenue), Pine Street (from Carter to Walker), and North Summit — allowing the community the opportunity to enjoy better road conditions. The cost of this paving, even though necessary, is highly expensive however, with the cost of what doesn't look like a lot of paving being in excess of \$311,000.

According to Bob Hartley, Newcastle's city engineer, the reasons these costs are so high is the

price of the asphalt, and the fact that it has to be shipped in. Hartley explained that these days it's just as cheap to do concrete, when in the past it was usually more expensive.

When asked if there is anything people can do to prolong the life of the asphalt on these roads to avoid these costly repairs, Hartley stated that there isn't necessarily anything in particular that a person can do. He reported that asphalt simply wears out in time due to the fact that it is a flexible pavement, and it will lose flexibility over time. Ironically, it is possibly a lack of use that leads to wear and tear on local roads. To keep asphalt in the best shape as possible, it takes a lot of traffic and heavy loads to keep the product packed down.

"And some of these city roads just don't get that kind of traffic," explained Hartley, adding that the city roads will eventually become "dead," or really rigid, and need repair again.



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20 Years

Crook County Attorney Joe Barron presents a plaque to Weston County Attorney Don Hansen, recognizing him for 20 years of service in the position. Hansen chose not to run for reelection this year, and will be retiring when his term ends at the beginning of 2015. (Photo by Bob Bonnar/NLJ)

## Loss

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later, and immediately implemented the protocols that have become all-too-familiar recently in a school system that has been confronted by the tragic death of a student in each of the past three school years.

"The first thing we do is get the crisis team together, and go through a flow chart for this type of event. Then the principal gets the teachers together, and reads a statement," said LaCroix, who is responsible for notifying appropriate personnel in all three schools in the district, including the members of the crisis team. He explained that such notifications take time, and modern technology has made it tougher to control the manner in which the message spreads.

"Social media was out a little bit in front of us," LaCroix admitted, noting that the quick dissemination of the news through mobile technology makes it even more important for teachers and other staff members to identify and address potential student needs in the aftermath of this kind of tragedy.

LaCroix believes that if authorities rule Holt's death as such, this is the first confirmed juvenile suicide in Newcastle in more than a dozen years, but he said the deaths of Holt's classmates in recent years illustrated the importance of remembering the emotional toll such events can take on adults in the school system. Counselors were made available to students and staff members alike, and agencies from outside the school made personnel and services available to the district as well.

"We had outside resources that we could access," LaCroix said, noting that the district provided a variety of outlets and activities designed to help students express themselves in the aftermath of Holt's death.

"We had some breakout rooms available so kids could go to different areas and find different comfort zones," he described.

The funeral for Holt was held on Monday afternoon. A number of students attended the service at the First

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— Brad LaCroix  
WCSD #1  
Superintendent

United Methodist Church in Newcastle, and LaCroix said he and other school officials will continue to work on finding ways to help students not only deal with their grief and confusion, but also recognize warning signs in an effort to prevent future suicides.

"We are going to bring in some additional training resources for staff and students alike. You've really got to focus your energies on what is next, and what we need to do as a group," he professed.

Although Holt's death appears to be the first confirmed suicide by a youth in the community in several years, the Prevention Management Organization of Wyoming has been confronting an alarming suicide rate in Wyoming and Weston County for the past couple of years, and people affiliated with that organization are going to continue their efforts to raise awareness of the issue.

"We are working to reduce the stigma about suicide and mental illness. It's imperative that our community realizes that mental illness is a public health issue, just like heart disease or obesity, and it should be treated as such," stated Kristi Lipp, PMO's Community Prevention professional in Weston County.

She said her organization remains committed to expanding the safety net for suicide by providing training

opportunities to county residents, and encouraged a wider spectrum of community members to participate in the offered trainings.

"We are going to continue providing gatekeeper trainings to the community so that everyone is in a position to recognize a crisis and warning signs that someone may be contemplating suicide. It is impossible for doctors, counselors and mental health professionals to know everyone who needs help, but as community members, we are often in the best possible position to prevent suicide by knowing the signs and helping the person at-risk to get the help they need," she reasoned.

A rash of suicides in Weston County in 2013 prompted higher participation in these trainings, and Lipp is asking residents to contact her and make arrangements to attend or schedule additional sessions — either as an individual or as a member of an organization.

"There are so many people in Weston County who are working to build a safety net around our community to keep it safer from suicide, but we can always use more! Community members are welcome to call or text me to inquire about training or to be involved in our prevention efforts," she urged.

LaCroix agreed that no single individual or entity could successfully address the issue of suicide in this community, and he hopes residents will come together to ensure the structures are in place to confront the danger and provide assistance to those who need it.

"If it takes a village to raise a child, then it also takes a village to lose a child. We all bear a little of that responsibility, and how we all choose to work together will determine our success in the future," he suggested.

Those who are interested in participating in training, or being involved in combatting suicide in some other way, are encouraged to contact Lipp at 746-5457 or by email at klipp@pmowyo.org.

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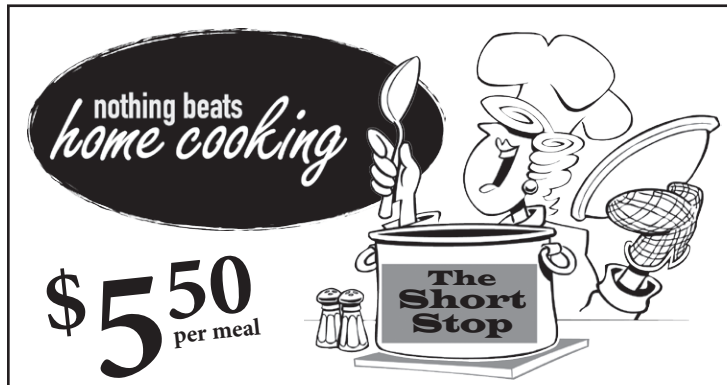
The article on Page 20 of the Oct. 23, 2014, News Letter Journal should have read, "Medina makes captain." We apologize for misspelling the name of Serena Medina, a 1986 Newcastle High School graduate who was recognized for being awarded captain in the National Guard.





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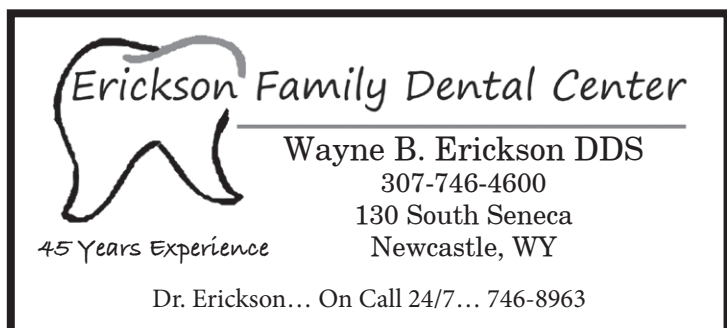
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**Obituaries**

**LEVI BRADLEY HOLT**  
**APRIL 25, 1999-OCT. 22, 2014**  
God only takes the best, so it is said. On Oct. 22, 2014, Levi left to be with our Lord. He was born on April 25, 1999, in Fort Morgan, Colo., to Peggy Morgan and David Holt.

Levi was a sophomore at Newcastle High School. He loved to read and was often seen carrying his Bible. He enjoyed making people smile and laugh.

Viewing and coffee were held at the First United Methodist Church, 23 Seneca St. in Newcastle, on Monday, Oct. 27. Interment was at Dellview Cemetery in Manville, following the service. Chris Bradley gave Levi his last ride in the truck Levi loved.

Levi is survived by both his parents, Peggy and David; his twin sister, Morgan Holt; maternal grandparents, Jerry and Marcie Morehead; paternal grandparents, Wayne and Shirley Holt; aunts, Becky (CJ) Pearson, Nina (Randy) Bunsides, Chris

(Loren) Baldwin; and cousins, Ashley, K.C., Layne, Danielle, Britany, Megan, Robert and Elizabeth.

He was preceded in death by his older brother, Kurtis Holt.

Pier Funeral Home in Lusk assisted the family with arrangements.

**EMMERSYN DREA NORMAN**  
**OCT. 24, 2014-OCT. 24, 2014**

Emmersyn Drea Norman passed away peacefully in the arms of her loving family on Oct. 24, 2014. During her short 59 minutes here on earth she touched many lives, and was loved deeply by family and friends.

We knew this little girl would need a strong name for some time now. We chose Emmersyn because its meaning is brave and powerful. Drea means courageous. Emmersyn showed us all these qualities throughout this struggle.

This unfair death cheated us of a lifetime of loving Emmersyn Drea. We

wonder what she would have given this world. We are reminded that she will always be in our hearts.

Emmersyn is survived by her parents, Justin and Katie Norman of Upton; sisters, Avril, Ella and Jaxynn; brother, Landon; maternal grandparents, Dean and Sonia Strong of Upton; paternal grandpa, Gene Norman of Newcastle; aunt, Kari Strong; uncles, Greg (Becca) Strong and Scott (Erin) Norman; and cousins, Ben and Bailey Bonnet and Cameron Strong.

She was preceded in death by her grandma, Karen Norman.

Graveside services will be held Thursday, Oct. 30, at 1 p.m. at the Greenwood Cemetery in Upton. Refreshments will follow at the senior center in Upton.

If anyone would like to make a donation in Emmersyn's memory, please donate to "Now I Lay Me Down To Sleep," infant bereavement photography at <http://www.nilmdts.org>.



**Mad Scientists**

Wednesday, at the United States Department of Agricultural Service Center, Tumbleweeds gathered for a Halloween Science Party where they enjoyed spooky science experiments including Franken Worms, Scary Slime, Spooky Lava Lamps and Ghost Rockets. Above, Newcastle Elementary School students Hailey Beastrom, Laila Lopez and Cort Perino are all smiles as they watch the mixture flow over the container during an experiment. (Photo by Denice Piscioti/NLJ)

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- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Jeff Thoms, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Sunday School 8:45 am; Church Services 10 am; Nursery care available.
- GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Jon Andersen, Evangelical Free Church meets at the Weston County Senior Services; Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship 11 am. Call 746-8091.
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John 15:1

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Weekly Scripture Reading						
Isaiah	Ezekial	Habakkuk	Habakkuk	Habakkuk	Psalm	Genesis
33.10-24	34.1-31	1.1-17	2.1-20	3.1-19	46	1.1-2.4a

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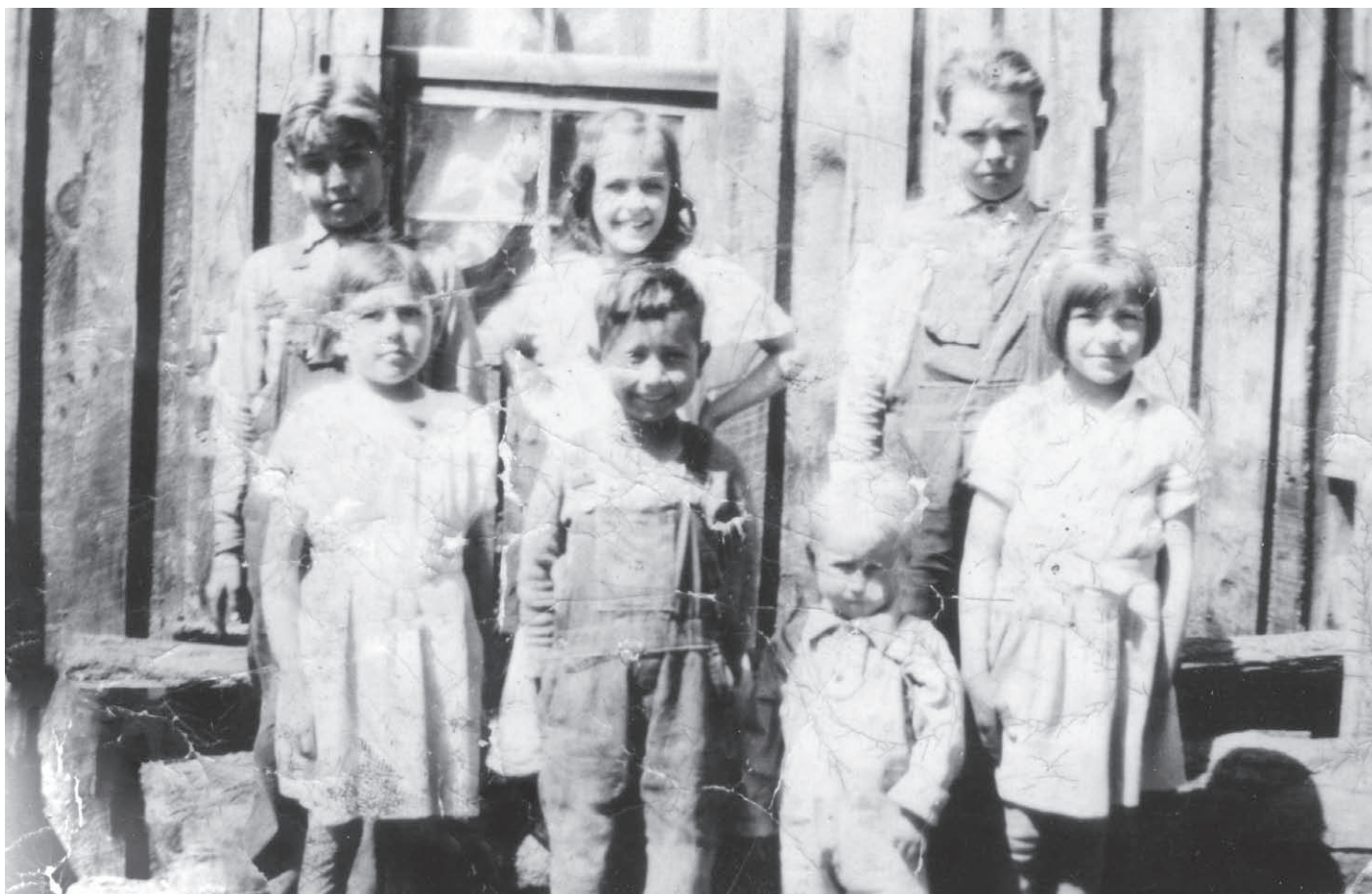
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**From the Vault of the  
Anna Miller Museum:**

On the east end of the Limestone, situated in Moon, S.D., in District No. 8, was the Limestone School. This session school was held in a sawmill shack across the hay meadow on the Lewis M. Compton Ranch. This photo, taken in 1932-33, was attended by Viola Mohr, Johnnie Herron and Roberta Thompson, in the front row, and Arnold Orsborn, Marjorie Herron and Robert Orsborn in the back row. The teacher was Mrs. Jessie Herron, not pictured. The little tyke in front, not yet a student, is Lewis Jr. Compton.



**Birth**



**LEIF AARON  
JACKSON-MULLEN**

Lindsey Jackson and Jesse Mullen of Dayton, Ohio, announce the birth of their son, Leif Aaron Jackson-Mullen, born Oct. 9, 2014, in Dayton. He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20.5 inches in length.

Leif is welcomed by his siblings, Emily, 10, Charlie-Anne, 9, Breezy, 7, and Ramona, 2.

Maternal grandparents are Suzanne and Steve Stockwell of Shelton, Wash., and Jeff and Beth Jackson of Bend, Ore.

Paternal grandparents are Tom and Annie Mullen of Maxville, Mont.

Great-grandparents are Shirley Truman of Shelton; Garnet Schlievert of Des Moines, Iowa; Laverna Mullen of Sioux City, Iowa, and Daryl Wells of Sioux City.


Jesse is a 2002 graduate of Newcastle High School.

**Do you know  
this hero?**

Among the photos at the VFW Post No. 2516 was this photo of an unknown soldier. The photo was printed at Layton's Studio in Richmond, Va. Anyone with information about the identity of the soldier is asked to contact Maxine Kaul at 746-4605.



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to all of the people and businesses that helped us put on the free oil changes. There were over 25 volunteers and others who donated food and baked goods. Super partnerships with NAPA and CarQuest. Tru Oil supplied much of the oil. Thank you so much for your hard work! We look forward to continue serving our community all year long — *we value your partnership.*

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WHAT'S UP		Meetings & Events Calendar	
DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Oct. 30	6:30 a.m.	Wyoming Health Fair Blood Draw	WC Senior Services
	10 a.m.	Wyo Veterans Commissioner	Workforce Services
Oct. 31	6:30 a.m.	Wyoming Health Fair Blood Draw	WC Senior Services
	10 a.m.	RENEW Chamber Coffee	121 Butte Drive
	7 p.m.	Tony DeSare Concert	Crouch Auditorium
	7 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
	7 p.m.	Western Ramblers Dance	WC Senior Services
Nov. 1	9 a.m.	Fall Day Of Quilting for Helping Hands	WC Senior Services
Nov. 2	2 p.m.	Bingo	Corpus Christi Church
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
Nov. 3	7 p.m.	City Council Meeting	City Council Chambers
Nov. 4	9 a.m.	WC Commissioners Meeting	Court House
	6:45 p.m.	ALANON(746-9791)	Mondell Heights
Nov. 5	Noon	Newcastle Lion's Club Meeting	WC Senior Services
Nov. 6	4 p.m.	Flower's & Things Open House	Flower's & Things
	7:30 p.m.	Masons Meeting	Masonic Lodge
Nov. 7	7 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Square Dancing	Newcastle Elementary

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# For the Ages

News Letter Journal

## Nine decades passed by in a flash

**Denice Piscioti**  
NLJ Reporter

Oct. 28 marked 90 years John A. Larson has been alive. He credits his longevity to three meals a day. His wife of 49 years, Mary Lou, added with a smile that sleeping regular hours helped, too.

He was born and raised in Wallace County, Kansas, on a combination farm and ranch. When he first started working, horses were used. Then, over the years tractors became a part of the operation.

His father, John E. Larson, was a World War I veteran and did not want to see his son join the military. However, on his 18th birthday that is exactly what he did, during World War II.

"I wanted to see the world and be patriotic. I saw quite a little of it," he recalled. "I was in the Navy V6 program. Ten years was spent in the reserves and three years active duty. Two years was enough overseas, I wanted to see what the United States looked like."

During his military time Larson trained for two months with the Marine Raiders. At the time, he remembered thinking what a tough guy he was.

To him, it doesn't feel like it has been 90 years. He attributed that to keeping busy, especially when he was on the farm where he worked from early in the morning until late at night tending the land and milking 75 cows. Thirty years ago, he retired from



Denice Piscioti/NLJ

**John A. Larson lives in Newcastle with his wife, Mary Lou. His celebrated his 90th birthday last weekend.**

working and moved to Weston County.

"My grandparents, AJ and Kate Gibbs, and my mother, Isabelle, homesteaded on the Cheyenne River. My dad came out here to homestead and we still have that section of grass," he related.

After settling in Newcastle, Larson worked for Tom Mitich driving a

dump truck and in his spare time he did wood work.

He married the best friend he has, Mary Lou, in 1975. They have two children, a son, Larry Dean, who builds race cars in Kansas City, Kan., and a daughter, Mary Anne, who is a paralegal in Denver, Colo.

If he had to pick one thing that has changed the most in the last nine decades, he said it would be cars. He remembers when the fastest a Model-T would go was 25 miles per hour.

"Now if cars are not going 100 miles per hour then they are not doing anything!" he proclaimed.

## Senior Happenings

- Weston County Senior services  
 Oct. 30: Blood Draw 6:30-10:30  
 Oct. 30: Ceramics 1 p.m.  
 Oct. 30: Mexican Train 1 p.m.  
 Nov. 1: Open Rec Room  
 Nov. 3: Bingo 4 p.m.  
 Nov. 4: Mexican Train 1 p.m.  
 Nov. 5: Toenail Clinic 9-11 a.m.  
 Nov. 5: Lions @ noon  
 Nov. 6: Trip to Tin Lizzie  
 Nov. 6: Ceramics 1 p.m.  
 Nov. 6: VFW Ladies Auxiliary Mtg. 4 p.m.  
 Nov. 7: Bridge Ladies 1 p.m.  
 Nov. 8: Open Rec Room  
 Nov. 10: AARP 1 p.m.  
 Nov. 11: Veteran's Day!  
 Nov. 11: Mexican Train 1 p.m.  
 Nov. 12: Manor for lunch  
 Nov. 12: Creative Handicrafts  
 Nov. 13: Miracle Ear Clinic 1 p.m.  
 Nov. 14: Blood Pressure Check 9:30 a.m.  
 Nov. 15: Open Rec Room



Note: This list is not complete. For complete schedules see the event calendars at each facility.

## Poppies

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sent to VFW members throughout the United States for distribution.

The veterans are paid by the VFW to make the flowers. In most cases, according to the organization, the extra money provides an additional income for the worker to pay for luxuries, making their hospital stay more comfortable. Assembling the poppies is also therapeutic, providing exercise for fingers and hands. All proceeds are used for veteran welfare or for the well being of their families, explained Kaul.

Another way the VFW honors service members is through the National Home for Children. It was founded in 1925 as a place for families left behind by war, enabling the family to stay together, giving them strength and support. The local VFW Auxiliary women donate to the home each year because it is a worthwhile project, Kaul noted.

Families who need a fresh start can live in the campus community for up to four years, but residents must be committed to making changes in the lives. A case worker is assigned to each family to help them set and work toward family goals, according to the VFW website. A help line is available at 800-313-4200 or by emailing help@vfnaitonalhome.org.

Since they were unable to hand out Buddy Poppies last year, Kaul is excited to be able to do it again this year.

"All donations are appreciated, and we are glad to get any that we can," she acknowledged.

Those who wish to volunteer to sell Buddy Poppies are encouraged to contact Kaul at 746-4605.

## Feeding those who served

On Veteran's Day, the Veteran of Foreign Wars Post No. 2516 will host a dinner at 6 p.m., at 2990 West Main Street. The main course, coffee and tea will be provided, with guests asked to bring a table service and a side dish or dessert.

"All veterans and everyone who has been touched by the military are welcome. We hope we have a good turnout," invited VFW Ladies Auxiliary President Maxine Kaul.

The annual dinner is enjoyed by many in the community, and it is always held on Nov. 11 every year, said Kaul, who hopes everyone will come join them in the festivities.

## Just another day at the Fairview

It's springtime in Alaska, just like in the song, and I'm in Talkeetna working at the Fairview Inn again. I came back from Wyoming just to work for the summer, and I got here in May when the days are getting so long there's almost no night again. The air taxis are flying around the clock nearly, with tourists and homesteaders who have done several weeks of shopping and are looking for transportation out in the Alaska 'Bush' with their loot. The sound of airplanes makes me feel "at home." Sometimes I think that there are more planes than there are cars in Alaska!



Donna Gochanour  
I Remember When

On this day in 1996, I have stocked the beer garden and I am painting signs. I was in need of the green paint that we use — we call it "Fairview Green," and we've been using it for years. I walk out the front door to ask our resident handyman, JT, what he did with it, and I just have to stop and laugh.

JT is our "most excellent handyman," and he has a chemistry book in his hand. He is standing in the middle of Talkeetna's main street, and he's reading out loud from it as though he was a revival preacher, shouting and waving his arm.

He looks up and sees me, stops in mid-sentence and I ask about the paint. He replies, in a perfectly normal voice, "What, hon? Oh, the green paint, I'll get it for you." He drops the chemistry book and trots off to the basement to get it.

I can never decide if he's really crazy, or he's putting everyone on. I suspect the latter from the twinkle in his eye and the twitch of his mouth. JT is beloved by us all.



Donna Gochanour Photo

**JT, our handyman at the Fairview Inn in the 1990s, is just one of many local 'characters' that kept life interesting in Alaska.**

We have several old boys like that around town, and we care for them with all their weirdness because they belong to us. One sunny afternoon, when I was done doing the tills for the day and making deposits and beer orders, etc., I'm sitting on a bench in front of Sparky's across the street with Frank O'Brien, eating ice cream cones. Frank's home, both summer and winter, is a tent, and his pleasure is doing anything he wants. I know nothing about how he got here or why the tent, he is just "Frank."

Today he's listening to me tell him about a homeless guy who has been living on the river bank all summer with a tarp

for a tent. I'm telling Frank that I paid for a shower for this guy, and a hot dog out of the Fairview slush fund, and a couple other small things, and Frank looks me dead-on in the eye and says, "now little girl, I want you to remember this, no good deed goes unpunished." I never forgot that. Frank was right, there are always repercussions from everything that you do.

I made one trip out to the cabin that summer, just two days to see that all was well. My bear buddy had chewed a chunk out of a corner of my little generator shed, but nothing major happened. He had managed to steal a small piece of Styrofoam out of my cabin skirting to play with also, and before I left the next day I filled a plastic garbage bag with little chunks of foam and laid it out on the trail for him to play with. The main purpose of this trip was to make a list so that if I got about three days off, I could replenish some supplies and spend some time breaking in a lawn chair on the front porch and watch the beavers build a dam. When I got back, I left all my loot at Carl's to haul out there whenever he could.

By September, I am almost ready for my trip back to Wyoming. The air is so cold that it seems I can smell and taste snow in the air. Leaves are falling everywhere and there is excitement, anticipation for the coming of snow. All summer long these people soak in the sun, they relax, they tan, but they live for the snow. Bushes turn red, rust, brown, berries are ripe. The big birch tree by the Fairview is solid gold, and the fireweed is all fluffed out in a coat of white fuzz — a telltale sign that winter is on its way. The snow creeps relentlessly down the mountains each day — Termination Dust, that's what it's called. Only three more days to work and I only had to fire two people all summer! But I got my Alaska fix, and I'm ready to go. It was a great summer.

**We are proud to join the City of Newcastle in recognizing Andrew and Tea Wright for the work they have done at 222 W. Main St. to create their new business, T&A Brewing Company.**

We continue to improve through cleanup and new construction and applaud others in Newcastle who demonstrate a desire to make ours one of the most appealing communities in the Black Hills.





# Sports

## News Letter Journal

### Schedule

**Football**  
10/31 V 1st Round 2A Playoffs H 6 PM  
11/7 V 2nd Round 2A Playoffs  
11/14-15 State Championships, Laramie

**Girls Swimming**  
10/31-11/1 3A State Championships, Gillette

**Volleyball**  
10/31-11/1 3A East Regionals, Worland TBA  
11/6-11/8 3A State Championships, Casper TBA

**Wrestling**  
12/5 V Weight Assessment A TBA

### Dress up & bring money

Friday night's NHS football game against Greybull is a Wyoming High School Activities Association event, so be sure to bring money for the game: \$5 for adults, students \$3. During half-time there will be a Halloween Parade, so come in costume! Chamber businesses will be handing out candy as those in costume parade in front of the stands.



## Join the R.I.D.E.?

I've seen some awesome demonstrations of sportsmanship in my time around sports. In fact, just recently there was the story of the cross country runner

who had a chance to do well in her conference race, but she saw a competitor from another school who had injured herself fall, and rather than run past and finish well, she stopped and put that girl on her back to carry her across the finish line.

Another example occurred just this past weekend when the Newcastle swim team's head coach was awarded the good sportsmanship award at the conference meet for demonstrating what sportsmanship is all about.

This is what I believe high school sports are all about. We all love to win, and hope our kids have success, but the greatest importance is to be the best that you can be.

Unfortunately, this season I had to endure one of the most appalling demonstrations of sportsmanship that I have ever experienced.

As I sat in the student section of the opposing team at a volleyball game taking pictures of our girls, I had to listen to the most offensive comments that I have ever heard at a sporting event.

I understand some light-hearted ribbing of the opposing players, but the comments coming from this student section offended me on every level — as a former coach, an official, a teacher, a member of society, and most of all as a parent.

Hanging in every gym in this state is the sportsmanship sign from the Wyoming High School Activities Association about Joining the RIDE. RIDE is an acronym for Respect, Integrity, Dignity and Encouragement. This sign was hanging in this gym for all to see, but it obviously had no effect on the young people in this crowd.

After listening to all I could handle, I approached an employee from the school to call attention to the situation. The response was less than I had hoped for, to say the least.

The students who had been making the comments were called out of the gym, but returned after only a few minutes to the stands.

At that point, I was not going to subject myself to any more of the comments, so I sat with our fans and tried to enjoy the rest of the match.

After the game, I was approached by a person in charge of the sporting event and was told that the students in question had been spoken to, and they all denied having made any comments. The vibe I picked up was

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# Ausmann brings it home

Sonja Karp  
NLJ Sports Reporter

With the Big Horn Mountains as their backdrop, the Dogie and Lady Dogie cross country teams ended their 2014 season Saturday with some impressive races at the State Cross Country meet, held on the beautiful VA Hospital grounds in Sheridan.

At the meet, Calbi Ausmann proved that she is the best runner in the state of Wyoming by taking home the 3A state title for herself, finishing with a personal best time of 18:30.18, and also breaking the course record by eight seconds and finishing faster than any other runner in the 2A and 4A classes.

Not only did her time place Ausmann as the top runner in Wyoming, but compared to the top times in all classes in South Dakota, she also ran faster than any runner there.

"I can't say enough about Calbi's performance and what she did, breaking a course record and being best of the best," Coach Pat Hayman said proudly. "That just doesn't happen very often — but I kind of knew that she had a chance to do that, watching her go up against 4A schools this year and doing extremely well," he smiled.

In addition to the picturesque setting, Mother Nature blessed the runners with a gorgeous autumn day in which to race, with temperatures in the low 70s and just the right amount of breeze to provide optimal running conditions.

Varsity teams made up of seven runners from across the state competed in each of the 2A, 3A and 4A classes, so competition was at its zenith — as it should be in the culminating event of the season.

The Stats	
<b>WHSAA Cross Country State Championships</b>	
<b>Oct. 25, 2014</b>	
<b>Women</b>	
Seventh Place, with 186 points	Calbi Ausmann: First place in 18:30.18
	Keller Bock: 37 in 22:22.77
	Laura Chord: 45 in 22:54.39
	Savannah Silbaugh: 56 in 23:37.93
	Kalyn Houser: 59 in 24:00.33
	Rose McMahon: 60 in 24:01.09
	Natalie Artilles: 61 in 24:04.62
<b>Men</b>	
Eighth Place, with 227 points	Marshall Rhoades: 17 in 17:48.69
	Trenton Parsons: 23 in 18:11.21
	Brandon Leddy: 53 in 19:18.29
	Alex Henkle: 60 in 19:32.11
	Flint Hossfeld: 74 in 20:09.81
	Cooper Karp: 75 in 20:12.43
	Brandon Benson: 97 in 22:07.79

As a team, the Lady Dogies placed seventh in their class with 186 points. First place scored 48 points and last place racked up 294 points.

The next Lady Dogie to cross the finish line after Ausmann was Keller Bock, who finished in 37, Laura Chord in 45, Savannah Silbaugh in 56, Kalyn Houser in 59, Rose McMahon in 60 and Natalie Artilles in 61.

The men's team claimed the eighth place title, scoring 227 points. First place garnered 24 points, and last place came in with 409 points.

Marshall Rhoades was the first Dogie runner to finish for his team in 17th place, with a time of 17:48.69.

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Sonja Karp/NLJ  
**Newcastle High School junior Calbi Ausmann, pictured during the conference meet last week, finished first in the state at last weekend's state cross country meet in Sheridan.**

# Dogies earn second seed

Sonja Karp  
NLJ Sports Reporter

The Newcastle High School Football Team wrapped up their 2014 regular season on the road as they travelled to Thermopolis to take on their final 2A East Conference opponent, the Bobcats.

The game was a big one, as the outcome meant the difference between a guaranteed seed in the playoffs versus a three-way tie in the conference that would be decided by a coin flip.

The offense started the game a little slower than they have been doing.

"We were moving the ball, but we just couldn't finish drives," sighed Head Coach Matt Conzelman.

"We had a turnover on an interception right away, and it just seemed like we had opportunities but we just couldn't cash in on them."

Fortunately, the Dogie defense was playing pretty well, and the offense was able to use that momentum to put together a 10-play offensive drive in the first quarter that resulted in a seven-yard touchdown run by Bradon Rushton, followed by a good point after touchdown by Jared Bell to put the Dogies up 7-0.

The Bobcats were also able to get on the board with a touchdown before the end of the first quarter, but were unsuccessful in their two-point conversion attempt, so the Dogies ended the quarter up, 7-6.

The second quarter went

back and forth between the two teams, but the Dogies were able to get the ball back for the last offensive drive that culminated with a fantastic catch of a tipped pass from Dillon Ehlers by Trayton Farnsworth to come down in the endzone for the second Dogie touchdown of the half. Bell followed that up with another good PAT to send the Dogies into the locker room up 14-6 on Thermopolis.

"That was a really good momentum builder to go into halftime with that second touchdown," Conzelman nodded. "We used that momentum to amp up our game in the second half."

The Bobcats had possession of the ball to start the second half, but the Dogies stopped them right away and

really started to play their game.

"We started finishing drives, the passing game opened up, and we had some big runs. Physically, you could tell that we were starting to wear them down a little bit," Conzelman surmised.

Indeed the Dogies' game did grab a new gear in the third quarter, as Ehlers picked up two of his three touchdowns of the night.

The first of the two was a three-yard scamper across the goal line after an impressive 34-yard pass from Ehlers to Farnsworth, the play before that set up the touchdown on the next play. Bell went three for three with a good PAT.

The second touchdown for Ehlers came at the end of the quarter following an intercep-

tion by Ethan Schuessler to set up the offensive scoring opportunity for the Dogies. This time, it was a four-yard rush by Ehlers followed by a blocked PAT by Bell to increase the Dogies' score to 27 to end the third.

Ehlers wasn't done with his offensive show, however, when early in the fourth quarter he once again rushed for a touchdown on an impressive 48-yard break-away run on third down. Bell was back in form, and hit this PAT to give the Dogies their last points of the game and put them up 34-19 to end the game.

"It was a big win for us," stated Conzelman. "With Big Horn's win over Wheatland,

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# Henkle breaks conference record



Sonja Karp  
NLJ Sports Reporter

The 2014 3A East Conference Swim Meet is now in the books, and for the Lady Dogies it was a great one.

According to Coach Jenny Pederson, the conference is very fast this year, so strategizing where to place her swimmers in order to score the most points was extremely important.

"Several girls in our conference, including our own girls, are in the top six in several, if not all events," explained Pederson. "As coaches, we have to make an educated guess about where the other coaches will place their swimmers and where our girls will swim their best."

With seven of eight Lady Dogies advancing to compete the next day, it appears as though Pederson and Assistant Coach Michael Alexander made some excellent decisions in that regard.

As has been the Achilles heel for the team all season, their low numbers affected their team score in the end.

"We out-swam some of the other teams, but they had the depth to score three or four swimmers in each event compared to our one or two," sighed Pederson.

Nevertheless, the meet shaped up to

be a very exciting one, with extremely close finishes and the placing order of the teams constantly changing after each event. Newcastle bounced around from second, to sixth, to third, but really took a hit after diving, as the team does not have a single diver so they scored zero points in that event.

The three relays did very well and were in the running for winning two of the races, but were just barely out-touched by other teams.

The coaches did something a little unusual with the 100-Yard Backstroke at the meet and took a chance placing both Mikenna Waggener and Rachel Henkle in the race.

"They are both seeded six seconds faster than anyone else in our conference in the backstroke, and would very likely finish first and second in the race," stated Pederson. "Normally I wouldn't put two of my stronger swimmers in the same event, when they each could very easily have taken first in another event. However because they are both seeded very high for state, I wanted to see what would happen when they swam head to head as they will be doing next week, and I have no regrets."

Waggener and Henkle exceeded

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Alex Shoemaker/Buffalo Bulletin  
**Cameron Ault finishes ninth in the 100 Yard Breaststroke at the state meet in Buffalo last weekend.**



# Ladies head into tournament play

Sonja Karp  
NLJ Sports Reporter

The final weekend of regular season play was a tough one, full of ups and downs for the Lady Dogie volleyball team. They hosted their final home match on Friday as they faced the Lady Bearcats from Douglas, and travelled to Buffalo on Saturday to take on the Lady Bison.

The ladies started the match against Douglas strong on Friday night, dominating the Lady Bearcats 25-19 in the first set. The second set was a battle, with Douglas rebounding from their first game loss to defeat the home team, 21-25.

With the match tied one to one, the Lady Bearcats rolled over their second set victory to defeat the Lady Dogies in the third game, 16 to 25.

With the match on the line, the home squad rallied back in the fourth set to take the victory, 26-24.

In the fifth and final set of the match, the Lady Dogies started strong and led the Bearcats until the final few serves when Douglas was able to get past the home team and take the set and the match with a final score of 12-15.

"I think it was a great match to close our season in the Dome. We went five sets with the number one team in the North and lost by only three points in the fifth game," Coach Maja Jechorek declared. "We played amazing in the back row, digging up hits and tips that were coming at us, and I am very proud of the girls for fighting so hard to not let the ball drop."

The team played very well overall but were short in kills, so Jechorek

would like to see the girls put a few more down to help finish those five game matches with a win.

After the tough loss on Friday, in the match against the Lady Bison of Buffalo on Saturday Newcastle seemed to have a difficult time mustering up the energetic defensive play they had demonstrated the night before.

In the first set, the Lady Dogies once again started strong, but then faltered. They were able to hold on to the lead, however, to seal the victory, 25 to 22. Buffalo rallied back in the second set to defeat Newcastle with a score of 17-25.

The third set once again saw the Lady Dogies on top, as they won 25-20 to take the lead in the match, two games to one. Buffalo was not done, however, and came back to push the match into a fifth and deciding set by winning the fourth game, 21-25.

With their second match in a row going to five sets, the Lady Dogies struggled to maintain an early lead and dropped the last set to their opponents, 12-15.

"It was a totally different Buffalo team than the one we saw during our first match against them this year. They were putting the ball down very well and we, on the other hand, not so much," Jechorek admitted. "They were also moving better in the back row than us, picking up most of our hits."

The Lady Dogies came out strong, but then lost focus and did not fight like Jechorek knows they can.

"Buffalo wanted to win this conference match as it was their last opportunity to pick up a W before regionals, and you could see it on their side of the



Sonja Karp/NLJ

**Alyssa Dawson eases under the serve to set up a Dogie kill against the Lady Bison of Buffalo.**

court," she sighed.

Though both Douglas and Buffalo are Northeast Conference opponents of the Lady Dogies, the outcome of these matches had no impact on seeding for the regional tournament for any of the teams.

The regional tournament bracket will look a little more like the state tournament bracket this year because of the new quadrant system. Rather than seeding the teams one through eight, as has been the format in the past, each quadrant is seeded one

through four and will face teams from the other quadrant.

With that in mind, on one side of the bracket NE No. 1 Douglas will face off against SE No. 4 Glenrock and SE No. 2 Torrington will play NE No. 3 Newcastle.

On the other side it will be NE No. 2 Worland taking on SE No. 3 Wheatland and SE No. 1 Rawlins against NE No. 4 Buffalo.

"This year's 3A East Regional Tournament will be very interesting as all eight teams are extremely talented.

## The Stats

Volleyball vs. Douglas  
Oct. 24, 2014  
25-19, 21-25, 16, 25, 26-24, 12-15

Volleyball vs. Buffalo  
Oct. 25, 2014  
25-22, 17-25, 25-20, 21-25, 12-15

**Combined individual stats:**  
Alyssa Dawson: 27-29 serves, 4 aces, 17 kills, 3 block assists, 1 stuff block  
Scottlyn Wiggins: 105 serve receives, 3 set assists, 57 digs  
Katarina Cade: 27-35 serves, 8 aces, 8 kills, 1 set assist, 1 block assist, 27 digs  
Kendra Back: 35-39 serves, 3 aces, 14 kills, 2 block assists, 2 stuff blocks  
Abby Gray: 21-22 serves, 1 ace, 4 kills, 303 set assists, 3 block assists  
Ashlen Farnsworth: 36-43 serves, 8 aces, 2 kills, 35 digs  
Bailey Karp: 9 kills, 9 set assists, 5 block assists, 3 stuff blocks  
Hannah Cass: 27-31 serves, 4 aces, 28 kills, 2 set assists, 6 block assists, 5 stuff blocks

Scores of the games prove it, as more than half of all matches got to at least four or five games," claimed Jechorek. "I believe that who shows up and fights the hardest will take the top spots to go on to the state tournament."

For the Lady Dogies, the 12:30 match-up with Torrington on Friday, Oct. 31, could be a good way to start off the tournament, as when the two teams met in the regular season, Newcastle came out on top.

"We played them at home and ended up winning in five sets. They are great passers and defensive players, so we will have to work extremely hard to put the ball down against them," Jechorek determined.

The regional tournament is the start of a whole new season, so the squad needs to be ready to play.

"I am positive going into regionals, because the girls have worked extremely hard this season to improve their skills and their game, but it will come down to who works harder on the court to decide who will take the spots to go to the state tournament," Jechorek stated.

## Swimming

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their coaches' expectations and were neck and neck the whole race.

"Rachel ended up winning the battle and broke the conference record set by former Newcastle swimmer Rae Joiner in 1999 in the process," Pederson beamed.

Waggener was a close second to Henkle, touching the wall only .6 seconds behind and seven seconds ahead of the third-place finisher.

Nathina Crabtree, who achieved her state qualification time just last week in the 100-Yard Butterfly, picked up the required times in two more events — the 100 Freestyle and the 50 Freestyle. She will also be swimming the lead in the 400 Free Relay, and took another four seconds off of her 100 Butterfly, giving her a better seed time for the state meet.

The team finished fifth at the conference meet, which is impressive given their

size. Worland dominated the event, taking first place for the first time in their school's history and beating the second-place Rawlins Outlaws by 88 points. Douglas finished in third, Cody in fourth, Newcastle in fifth and Buffalo in sixth.

The Lady Dogies picked up some other honors at the meet, however. Waggener and Rachel Henkle were awarded All-Conference for their performance, and Shaylee Curren was only one place away from the honor in her event.

Pederson was recognized with the Good Sportsmanship Award as well. This award goes to those who are observed and nominated anonymously for doing good deeds for others at the meet.

"It was a surprise and an honor that I feel is a reflection of the team I have competing for me," Pederson smiled. "Not only do we cheer our own

teammates on, but we are constantly cheering the other teams as well."

The Lady Dogies are going into the state meet in Gillette on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, with seven out of eight swimmers qualified, the highest percentage in all of 3A.

"I am super pumped to watch these girls compete at State," exclaimed Pederson. "I am looking for personal best times by all, and it's going to be a really fun time," she grinned.

The 100-Yard Backstroke will definitely be a race to watch when first- and second-seeded Waggener and Henkle will have another go at proving who is faster.

Henkle is also seeded third in the 50 Free, so that will be another great race.

"My goal as a coach at the beginning of the season was to place higher in the state meet than we did last year, and I feel very con-

## The Stats

**3A Conference Swim Meet  
Oct. 24 & 25, 2014  
Team Finish: Fifth Place**  
200 Medley Relay: Third place, Mikenna Waggener, Jae Whitney, Nathina Crabtree & Rachel Henkle  
200 Freestyle: Shaylee Curren 3  
200 IM: Mikenna Waggener 3  
50 Free: Rachel Henkle 1, with Conference Record time; Mikenna Waggener 2  
100 Fly: Nathina Crabtree 7; Jae Whitney 9  
100 Free: Sarah Henkle 8  
500 Free: Shaylee Curren 8; Jae Whitney 9  
200 Free Relay: Third place, Nathina Crabtree, Sarah Henkle, Shaylee Curren & Rachel Henkle  
100 Back: Rachel Henkle 1, with Conference Record time; Mikenna Waggener 2  
100 Breast: Sarah Henkle 8; Cameron Ault 9  
400 Free Relay: Fourth place, Sarah Henkle, Nathina Crabtree, Shaylee Curren & Jae Whitney

fidant that we can accomplish that goal this year," Pederson smiled.

Last year the team placed seventh, so time will tell if the hard work and dedication that the team has put in over the past few months will best that rank.

## Football

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Courtesy of Staci Farnsworth

**Trayton Farnsworth grabs an Ehlers pass for a first down in Friday night's win against the Thermopolis Bobcats.**

our victory guaranteed us the second place seed for the East conference. That means that we will see Greybull again in the first round, rather than Mountain View or Lyman," he continued.

The Dogies have seen Greybull this season and were able to get the win, however the playoffs are a different beast than regular season games. Every team who gets to the playoffs is peaking, and are showing up ready to play as there is a little more at stake at this point.

"Greybull has one of the best quarterbacks in the state," Conzelman acknowledged. "They also have a

decent wide receiver crew, so they will probably look to spread us out defensively," he reasoned.

Defensively, Conzelman knows that the Buffaloes are physical, and he is expecting a different game from them than the first match-up between the teams.

"They'll come ready to play because the ante has been raised quite a bit at this point," he stated. "There's a whole lot more on the line than there was a few weeks ago, so we have to ready for that."

Kickoff for the first round playoff game is at 6 p.m. on Friday night at Schoonmaker Field.

## The Stats

**Dogies v. Thermopolis  
Oct. 24, 2014  
Final Score: 34-19**  
Team Stats: 313 yards rushing, 101 yards passing  
**Individual Stats:**  
Colton Sweet: 3 carries for 45 yards, 1 reception for 5 yards, 2 kickoff returns for 29 yards, 5 tackles, 1 pass breakup  
Dillon Ehlers: 3 TDs, 28 carries for 198 yards, 4-5 pass completions for 96 yards and 1 TD, 2 tackles  
Braden Rushton: 1 TD, 13 carries for 48 yards, 1 reception for 6 yards, 1 tackle, 1 fumble recovery  
Triston Roberson: 6 carries for 12 yards, 1-2 pass completions for 5 yards  
Trayton Farnsworth: 1 TD, 3 receptions for 90 yards, 1 tackle  
Jared Bell: 4-5 PAT, 1 tackle  
Ricky Larson: 1 kickoff return, 7 tackles  
Preston Rushton: 1 carry for 16 yards  
Teigen Marchant: 6 kickoffs for 290 yards, 1 tackle  
Nick Bock: 1 tackle  
Mason Pisciotto: 2.5 tackles  
Johnny Walker: 2.5 tackles  
Alec Walker: 1 tackle  
Drew Coy: 2 tackles  
Bryce Womack: 5 tackles, 1 sack  
Zac Rasmussen: 1 tackle  
Ethan Schuessler: 1 tackle, 1 interception  
Zach Schuessler: 3 tackles  
Tyler Lewis: 1 tackle

The rest of the first round playoff schedule shapes up as follows: #4E Thermopolis will be at #1W Mountain View, #3W Greybull at #2E Newcastle, #3E Wheatland at #2W Lyman and #4W Lovell at #1E Big Horn. These games will all be played on Friday as well.

The semi-finals will be played on Nov. 7 and will have the Thermopolis/Mountain View winner taking on the Greybull/Newcastle winner, and the Wheatland/Lyman winner against the Lovell/Big Horn winner.

The victors of the semi-final matchups will go on to the state championship in Laramie, to be played the following weekend, Nov. 14 and 15.

## Cross Country

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Rhoades was followed by Trenton Parsons in 23, Brandon Leddy in 53, Alex Henkle in 60, Flint Hossfeld in 74, Cooper Karp in 75 and Brandon Benson in 97.

"I've never trained teams in the past differently than I trained these teams this year," Hayman explained. "I've had teams who should've taken home the state title and didn't, and teams that should not have had a chance at the title win it all."

There were a couple of kids on both teams who were fighting illness, and a couple of kids who just didn't run as well as they had in the past, and those situations factored into the final scores of both Dogie teams.

"I promised the kids that if they ran harder and smarter than they had all year, and they tapered well, that we'd be in the hunt for a trophy, but it doesn't take much for that trophy to slip away," Hayman sighed. "It's a matter of seconds between places, and if you take off just a few seconds, it can mean the difference between bringing home a trophy or not."

Hayman has been coaching for more than 20 years, and he admits that there is no way of knowing what a runner will do in any given race.

"Not one of our runners laid down on Saturday," Hayman declared. "We had some sick and you just can't have that and expect them to run the best race of their careers when that happens," he explained.

He went on to say that, though he believes that some of the kids are disappointed with the teams' finishes, he is not even the slightest bit disappointed.

Leddy, Henkle, Houser, Artiles and Silbaugh raced in their final meet of their high school careers, as these students are all seniors. As such, the Lady Dogies will return four Varsity state runners, and the men will return five Varsity state runners next year.

Hayman doesn't spend time thinking about what will happen next year while in season, but as soon as

## Karp

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that the veracity of my claims were in doubt.

Unfortunately, this episode is far from the first time that has occurred in this gym. I have been attending sporting events there for 16 years, and every time our girls play there they are subjected to the same type of harassment.

Now here's the thing, I don't want to publicly identify where this situation took place as I am totally unaware if this type of behavior has ever been brought to their attention in the past. What I can say, however, is that I was extremely disappointed in the response that I received when I voiced my concerns.

Not only that, but out on that court were daughters of friends of mine, my daughter, students of mine, and simply young girls who should not have to be subjected to that kind of harassment while playing a game



Sonja Karp/NLJ

**Marshall Rhoades was the first Dogie runner to finish for his team in 17th place, with a time of 17:48.69.**

the state meet is over, he is analyzing what he can do to put his team in the best position possible to bring home a trophy in the next season.

"I already know how we're going to win next year, and I'm going to tell everybody what that is before we get out of school for the summer," Hayman grinned.

He admits that you can't guarantee that anyone will win, but that you can put kids in the best position possible to win.

"These kids have worked just as hard or harder than any other team that I've coached. They had good attitudes and responded well to the training, but for whatever reason, it just didn't work out to bring home a trophy this year," Hayman stated. "That's the mystery and magic of sports, and that's why people pay money to watch them, and players get paid good money to play them."

of high school volleyball.

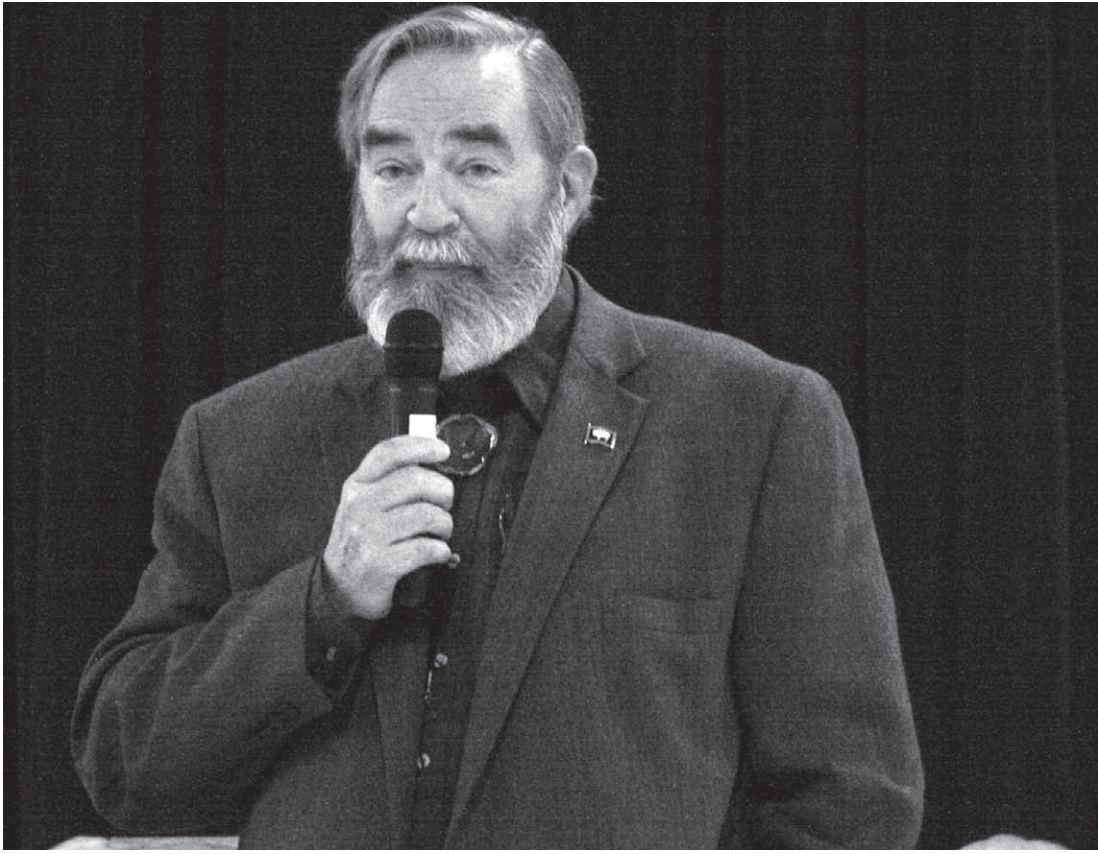
My hope is that all young people are encouraged to cheer appropriately for their own team without making comments that are so patently offensive.

It makes me sad that this type of behavior not only takes place, but is then excused or ignored by those who are supposed to be responsible for guiding young people in making the right choices.

I am thankful, however, that situations like this are not the norm at high school sporting events. These programs do so much for our young people that it would be so very disheartening if all fans at all contests behaved in this manner.

Fortunately they do not. I do hope that the next time my daughter plays in this gym, the atmosphere is a little kinder, gentler and respectful for her and her teammates.





Alexis Shultz/NLJ

William Curley, candidate for the position of Weston County Attorney, answers questions during the NLJ Candidate Forum last week.

## Forum

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elected officials.

“Confidentiality is a must,” professed Kregel, adding that Weston County also has a right to know what’s going on, and that she will have the opportunity to learn the rules and regulations when it comes to these situations once she takes over as county clerk. Kregel, who is now running unopposed in the election, (see related story on Page 1) explained that this is going to be a new role for her, and she believes the toughest challenge of the job will be budget work and taking minutes at the Weston County Commissioner meetings. She also stated the importance of the need for people in the community to express their opinions and feelings to county representatives.

“You are dealing with public trust,” professed Ertman, when asked for her opinion about the job of commissioner. She explained that, in working with taxpayers’ money, the taxpayer deserves to know what’s going on — and this isn’t always the circumstance. Elected officials should represent citizens, she explained, adding that if people in the community can’t talk to them and express their opinions, then officials aren’t doing their jobs. Ertman expressed the need for communication among elected officials as well. She explained that there are always challenges, but communication and being open are a key component to getting things done.

“I want those opinions,” reported Colvard. He said he tries to make himself available to the community, and if

### Ladwig offers views

Steve Ladwig, candidate for Newcastle City Council, explained that he is running for office because he has issues he would like to address and that can only be done through City Council. Ladwig expressed that communication is very important, and that the public isn’t nearly as involved as it should be, adding that people need to be part of our government. Ladwig also professed his concern about recycling, and the fact that not only our city government but the state and county government should be addressing this issue.

he knows what people really want, it will make his job easier. He talked about the importance of the public feeling confident in their officials and comfortable enough to come to them with issues.

In response to the question about public knowledge, confidentiality and where to

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draw the line, Colvard said the issue of confidentiality is very easy in his position. During an investigation, he stated, there can be no public knowledge, but as soon as a case hits the court room it becomes open knowledge. He continued to explain that sometimes, when it comes to confidentiality, it’s a touchy decision, but as elected officials they must make those decisions for a reason.

“The citizens are the important part,” stated Overman. She noted the importance of understanding a person’s situation within her job, and helping them, within reason. She also explained that, as for confidentiality, in her situation there are certain statutes she must follow, for instance tax information is public information, whereas vehicle information is not. Overman said that following rules and regulations as they change is one of the largest challenges she faces, adding that it will be her job to help Kregel learn these rules and regulations, seeing as she will be new to the position.

The importance of communication between the elected representatives as well as the community was expressed by all candidates running for county offices. All five candidates professed the need for the community to feel comfortable and approach them with their concerns and issues. As Ertman stated, “We as elected officials were elected, mind you, to represent you, not to go in there with our big ideas and change the world. We change the world because you want us to change the world.”

## Krank

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forum.

“I am officially withdrawing my name from the 2014 General Election Ballot,” Krank professed at the beginning of her announcement, explaining that she intends to finish her current term, which will end Jan. 4, 2015.

In a public statement by Krank, she stated that her decision to withdraw as the

Republican candidate was not the result of having competition for the seat, but was due to the fact that she did not want to accept a term which she did not feel she could complete. She added that she is looking forward to a less stressful work environment.

“This has been a hard decision for me to make, but is the right one for me,” an emotional

Krank read from her statement at the Candidates Forum.

Krank explained that signs will be placed at each polling place announcing her withdrawal as the Republican candidate for Weston County Clerk.

“Thank you for your continued supported and words of encouragement,” Krank stated in her public statement.

## Vacancies

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the Republican Party,” stated Pischke, while explaining how important it is to have these positions filled.

She explained that these committeemen and women are at the ground level, where everything starts. Everything that the county wants to take to a state level goes through these people, as far as policies and bylaws go.

Along with voting on these things before they get sent to the state level, when a local office becomes vacant during a term these members are called upon to vote and/or become a candidate for the remainder of that term, Pischke explained.

“We really want to encourage the younger Republicans to get involved,” professed Pischke, adding that this will one day be their party, and it’s important to get involved now.

The Democratic Party Committee for Weston County is facing even greater challenges when it comes to getting people involved. With a lack of participation, members are facing trouble holding meetings and even being active. Irene Tunnell, secretary for the Democratic Party Committee, stated that they haven’t held a meeting or elected a new president and treasurer since those who previously held those positions moved out of the area.



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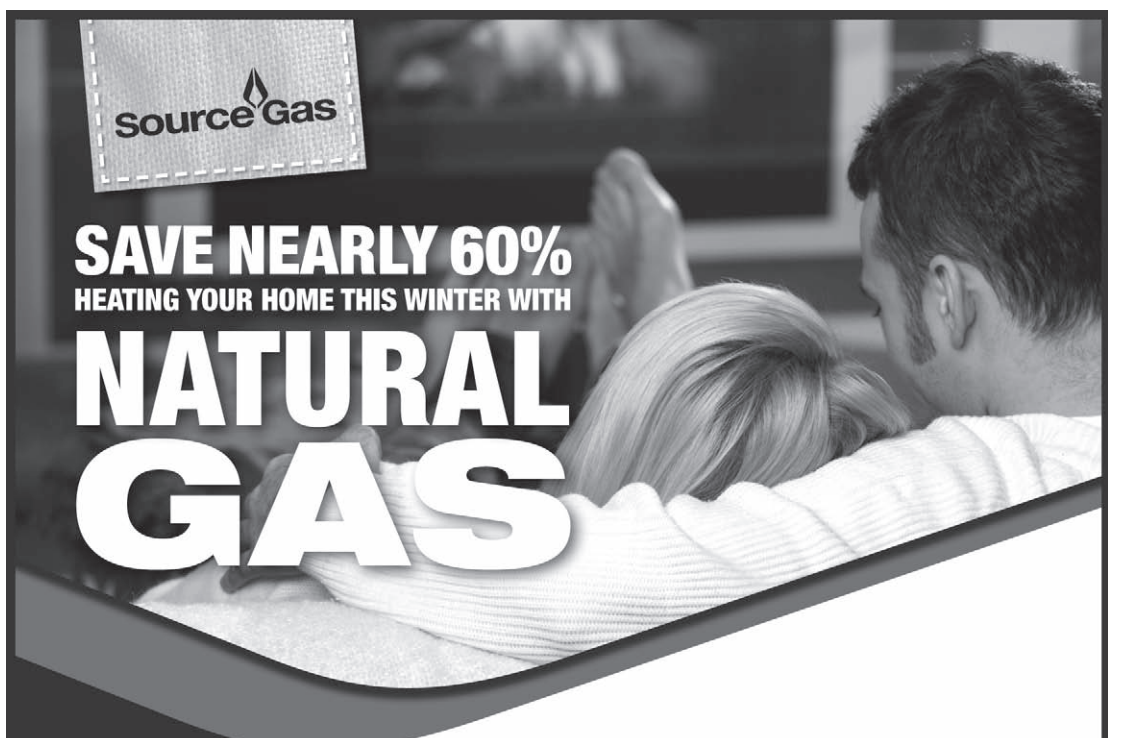
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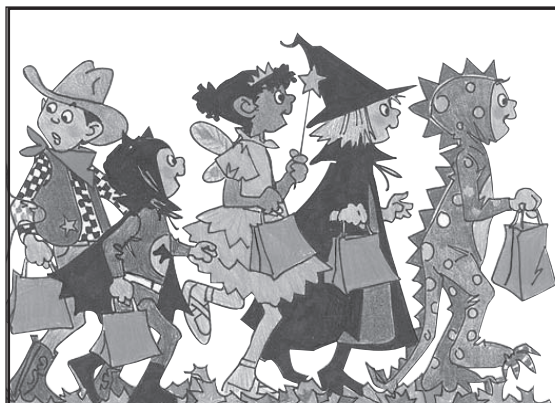


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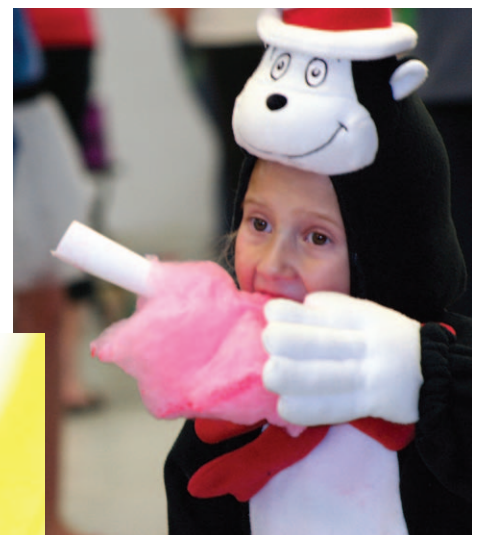
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### Carnival fun

Community youngsters gathered at the Weston County Fairgrounds Saturday to attend a Fall Carnival that featured costume contests, bounce houses, games and hay rides. The event, organized by Priscilla and Sean Pruitt, was a fundraiser, with proceeds going to the Rec Center Building Fund and to the Levi Holt Fund.



Clockwise, from top of page: Max and Zoey Patik; Carly Purviance; Susie LaCroix and Jamie Beaström; Jake and Paetyn Sylte.



During the carnival youngsters who showed up in costume were divided into groups with prizes awarded to the winners of each category, chosen by Mrs. Wyoming, Priscilla Pruitt, 2013 Miss Wyoming Rebecca Podio, and former Mrs. Wyoming Joanna Dobbs.

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# MEET THE CANDIDATES

State, City and County

**Weston County General Election: November 4**

The News Letter Journal asked candidates running in the General Election a series of questions. The following are their answers, along with brief biographical information about each candidate.

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**Bill Lambert**

Family: Married to Marcia (Taylor) Lambert; two sons, Will (wife Keri, granddaughter, Kaylee and grandson, Kase) and Cole  
Occupation: Rancher Education and/or experience: Associate's Degree Casper College; 16 years on the Weston County School District #1 board serving 10 years as chairman; six years on the Wyoming Livestock Board serving two years as chairman; presently on the Governor's Brucellosis Coordination Team; and on the Wyoming State Vet Lab advisory board



**Marty Ertman**

Married to Ted Ertman; daughter, KC  
Occupation and/or Experience: Small business owner for 26 years; swimming, football, basketball, soccer referee. Graduate of Newcastle High School and the University of Wyoming with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Science. I am currently a Weston County Commissioner.



**Tony Barton**

Family: Married to Sarah, and a two year old son  
Occupation: Self Employed. General Contractor. Also have a rental business and an Ag business.  
Education and/or Experience: Bachelor of Science Business Administration; Banking and Finance, Dickinson State University.

**Q1. How well do you feel county government communicates and works with city governments in Weston County? How would you try to improve that?**

**Lambert:** The landfill is an issue where I believe communication should be better than it has been. Having not served in either county or city government, I really do not know how the communication has been. To improve it you have to make personal contact with the other individuals and gain their trust and respect. If you attend their meetings and encourage them to come to yours it will give both parties an idea about what the other one is doing.

**Ertman:** I think the communication is good now, but there always is room for improvement. Keeping lines of communication open with all entities is a must. Making assumptions instead of asking questions is never a good idea.

**Q2. How can county officials be more effective at expressing the needs of the county to state and federal officials to produce better results for residents?**

**Lambert:** All county officials need to form personal connections with as many state and federal officials as they can. If you form a personal connection with them and achieve their respect and trust, your concerns and needs will be taken seriously.

**Ertman:** Accessibility is the key. A commissioner must also be involved in the current issues of the board. Studying the issues so that one can debate and ask questions intelligently is a plus. Understanding Weston County's wants and needs takes research and a dedicated effort.

**Q3. Should the county use eminent domain to secure easements for roads that have been built and maintained using taxpayer money?**

**Lambert:** Eminent domain should be the last resort. I am confident that the county can come up with easements that citizens will be willing to sign. If negotiations with land owners are not successful, then eminent domain should be considered where it is vital for the county to have such easements.

**Ertman:** Eminent domain is an absolute last resort. There is some confusion, however, concerning it. If the county uses eminent domain, they must offer a fair market value for the land and negotiate a settlement with the landowner.

**Q4. Should the county build its own landfill, partner with the City of Newcastle to allow its residents to use the one that already exists, or create a transfer station and pay to use a landfill outside of the county?**

**Lambert:** All of those are options that should

be considered. The commissioners should work with all the communities in the county and come up with the best option for all the people of Weston County.

**Ertman:** The county is in the process of determining what the best solution is for all 7,300 residents of Weston County.

**Q5. How would you encourage citizens to be more involved and have a greater awareness of local government issues?**

**Lambert:** Take time to go to local government meetings and listen. Read everything that is written about local government. If you have a passion for certain areas, sign up to serve on the various boards that we have, or run in the next election for the numerous seats that will be available.

**Ertman:** The public is always welcome to a commissioners' meeting. I have previously and will continue to encourage the board to consider having a few meetings in the evening and in Upton and/or Osage. The board's agenda is currently on the county's website. This allows the public to see what topics are going to be discussed and are urged to join in the conversation if they have questions and/or concerns. Another way for the public to get involved, is to have more volunteers sign up for positions on the various county boards.

## Newcastle City Council

### Three Seats • Four Candidates

**Q1. What motivated you to seek this office?**

**Stevenson:** My wife! I have been involved in the community for more than 30 years with the fire department and felt I could offer my talents and service for the city council.

**Hunt:** I have been on the Newcastle City Council for approximately six years. I was initially appointed. I have learned "the other side of the fence," so to speak, and wish to continue being a part of the forward progress of this community and area. I believe it has been positive.

**Murray:** To serve the city and give back to the community that has given me a home.

**Ladwig:** Community support and involvement; a chance to make a difference

**Q2. How do you rate the present performance of city government, and what would you like to do to improve it?**

**Stevenson:** Very good! We are working hard to improve service for Newcastle such as the landfill issue and improving roads.

**Hunt:** I believe the city government does very well with what limited resources it has. While the progress may appear slow to some, such as infrastructure, the city continues to improve all these areas each year as those resources become available. Department heads juggle and reach out to other means to accomplish acquisition of funding and equipment needs. I would and do encourage younger citizens to become involved.

**Murray:** I feel there is a lot going on that the people should know that they don't. I feel those that represent us work for us! And I'd be a constant reminder of that. I will never allow officials to circumvent the voting process.

**Ladwig:** Performance is about attitude. Change the attitude.

**Q3. How committed will you be to communicating with other government officials (county, state, school, etc.) in an effort to produce better service for constituents?**

**Stevenson:** I am very committed with communications with other government agencies. I feel communication is the key to success and we all need to communicate to work together effectively.

**Hunt:** Both as a city council person and a citizen, I have worked with various federal, state, county, city and school district offices, as well as businesses and individuals for various resources to provide a "quality of life" infrastructure for the community. By pooling in-kind and funding resources of all, we can have more available to use in a small community. I believe that examples of county and city working together for greater benefit to people of the entire community would be a sanitation district and sales tax.

**Murray:** Community, state and county governments can be an asset for the city and through cooperation we make each other stronger.

**Ladwig:** That's easy. Just do it. What a novel

idea, if city, county, school, etc., attended each other's meetings.

**Q4. Does Newcastle offer enough entertainment and recreation for a city of its size, and should city government do more or less in this area?**

**Stevenson:** Newcastle does offer entertainment and recreation to the community! We should do more to support the efforts in place.

**Hunt:** Newcastle offers a tremendous amount of entertainment and recreation for its size. The city provides and maintains parks, sports complex, bike routes, hiking trails and assists with downtown events. The schools provide education, entertainment and recreation. Businesses provide entertainment. Groups and individuals work tirelessly to provide these things. Organizations provide possibilities. And other government entities provide events. I believe individuals and groups of citizens who say, "there is nothing to do" need to step up and take responsibility for their entertainment if they have desires that are not currently available here. The issue is not "there is nothing to do," but rather making an effort to discover what all there is to do here. If I were to provide a list of what is available, it would certainly take up much more space than I have here.

**Murray:** Yes and no. There is a wide variety of parks, but no water fountains, no volleyball or tennis courts. There is a skate park, but no ice skating.

**Ladwig:** [Candidate changed question to 'Does Newcastle offer a pet friendly environment?'] No! Yes, the city and county should do more and everything it can. Not just what city council and mayor wants. This council and mayorship are hostile. They hand out

traps for cats and dogs to my neighbor. My neighbor does not have the right to trap my pet. Somebody is going to get hurt.

**Q5. How would you encourage citizens to be more involved and have a greater awareness of local government issues?**

**Stevenson:** Get involved! This is the only way they can learn what is going on in their community and how they can help out if needed. Ask questions!

**Hunt:** There are many, many business owners and citizens involved in this community. These people work for a purpose and not the recognition. It is a community that is extremely generous for all causes, although we humans can sometimes have a tendency not to become involved unless it is an issue that affects us. As young adults, people may be very involved in raising families with very little time left over to become involved in one more activity or purpose. As elderly adults we may not have the energy left to be active in this way. Citizens can become aware of everything in the community by reading the local newspapers and listening to the news and social media. Individuals can sit on any one of numerous boards. People are always welcome to attend the local governments and schools public meetings.

**Murray:** Through example. I wouldn't ask of the people anything I wouldn't be will to do myself.

**Ladwig:** Promote competition for business. Invite K-Mart, Wal-Mart or any/some other small business to town.



**Linda Perino Hunt**

Family: Father, Fred Perino; brother, Jim Perino; sisters, Sandy Goodwin (Steve) and Marcia Williams (Kenney), Newcastle, son, Austin Hunt (Anna), Boise, Idaho; grandson, Bruce Hunt  
Occupation: Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp/Boot Camp American Correctional Association coordinator

Education and/or experience: 1968 graduate Newcastle High School, 1996 graduate University of Wyoming, BA with two majors, 2000 graduate University of Wyoming, second BA with one major. Have sat on the City Planning Board and the Weston County Travel Commission. Newcastle native.



**Don Stevenson**

Family: Wife, Jennifer; daughters, Alaina Stevenson, Lauren Stevenson, Jessie Stevenson Blanchard (husband Jarret and granddaughters, Jayden and Jersey); son, Ryan Stevenson (wife Jamie & granddaughter, Aliyah)

Occupation: Process Safety Manager

Education and/or experience: High school; Casper Welding School; API 570 and API 510 Inspectors; 25 years with Wyoming Refining Company, 19 years as a welder, and six years as the process safety manager (since 2008), plant fire chief since 2000. 30 years as a Newcastle volunteer firefighter, two terms as fire chief, assistant fire chief, secretary, captain, lieutenant, and EMT. Was a drill team member for 15 years. LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) chairman since 2008.



**Steven R. Ladwig**

Family: Three grown children  
Occupation: Retail Sales, Frontier Home, Ranch & Hardware

Education and/or experience: K-12, 30-plus years of retail experience; self employed; owner/operator; manager experience



**Scottie Murray**

Occupation: disabled; Safe Ride and People 1st Store; County Planning and Zoning Commission

Education and/or experience: Elected to second term as precinct committeeman, also serve on county Planning and Zoning Commission as well as providing Safe Ride to the community.



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**Weston County Clerk**

**Q1. How can county officials be more effective at expressing the needs of the county to state and federal officials to produce better results for residents?**

**Kregel:** County officials need to be on the same page. Communication is the only way to go. We need to remember we work for all the residents of Weston County.

**Q2. How well do you feel county government communicates and works with city governments in Weston County? How would you try to improve that?**

**Kregel:** I would like to wait to answer until I get into office to see what is happening.

**Q3. How would you encourage citizens to be more involved and have a greater awareness of local government issues?**

**Kregel:** Attending forums, election judges, and just asking county and city officials questions when they don't understand an issue.

**Q4. How do you rate the performance of county government and what would you do to improve that?**

**Kregel:** I am not able to answer this at this time. But I will give 110 percent to do what it takes to make the county government better. But communication is a must to improve trust between the county government and the citizens of Weston County.

**Q5. Please define the job duties for the office you seek, and tell us how you intend to improve performance to provide better service for the people of Weston County.**

**Kregel:** Weston County Clerk. Acknowledgement of every customer that comes to the courthouse. Friendliness, courtesy and answer all question truthfully. Treating everyone the same.



**Cheryl Kregel**  
Family: Eric, Matt, Justin, Rollie and Chloe, Peyton, Tyrin and Kynsley

Occupation: Bookkeeper at First State Bank

Education and/or experience: Business administration, secretarial jobs, and I have worked in the Weston County Clerk's office; friendliness and positive thinking



**Weston County Coroner**

**Q1. How can county officials be more effective at expressing the needs of the county to state and federal officials to produce better results for residents?**

**Crabtree:** By listening to the county residents and carry those needs to the state and federal officials.

**Q2. How well do you feel county government communicates and works with city governments in Weston County? How would you try to improve that?**

**Crabtree:** Communication is limited. It seems like Osage and Upton are forgotten in the communications. We need to improve communication with all of the county.

**Q3. How would you encourage citizens to be more involved and have a greater awareness of local government issues?**

**Crabtree:** Listen carefully to what is being said in regard to issues and speak up, express their view. Don't just sit back and hope that things will improve, go do something and make improvement.

**Q4. How do you rate the performance of county government and what would you do to improve that?**

**Crabtree:** Fair

**Q5. Please define the job duties for the office you seek, and tell us how you intend to improve performance to provide better service for the people of Weston County.**

**Crabtree:** Taking care of deceased in a professional and timely manner; assisting with investigations.



**Cynthia Crabtree**  
Family: Sons, Sean and Brandon (Butch) Crabtree; 7 grandchildren; life partner, Rod McMeekin

Occupation: Educator, health and safety classes

Education and/or experience: Certified Emergency Medical Technician with Osage Ambulance since 1987.



**Weston County School District #1**

**Q1. What is the most important issue confronting our local school district?**

**Gordon:** Important issue. The decline in student numbers, which means reduced funding. This is a large concern for our district. Being able to adjust and absorb this impact is very important.

**Johnson:** Providing a high-quality education to as many students as possible. Accomplishing that requires a team effort from students, parents, teachers and administration.

**Lewis:** The safety and education of our youth. All issues are important and need to be addressed and worked on until resolved.

**Corley:** I feel that the present board has done a very good job and can only hope to bring in a fresh view, and new ideas to help our students.

**Stalder:** There is not one single important issue facing our school district and, unfortunately, there are no quick fixes to the many important issues that we are confronting together. We must continue to focus our efforts on eliminating the achievement gap, hiring and retaining the very best faculty and staff, and making certain we have adequate resources, which includes our facilities, to do the important work of educating our students and keeping them safe.

**Q2. How do you rate the performance of local schools, and what would you do to improve that?**

**Gordon:** Performance. Our schools perform quite well. If you look at the faculty and staff, there are many that have received awards and recognition. It is important that we try and keep these people as well as encourage everyone to improve and expand. We need to keep the excitement and enthusiasm going in our educators.

**Johnson:** Overall I think we have a good school system. I think our schools provide many opportunities for students who wish to take them. Professionalism must be maintained by all adults, and discipline issues must be fair and just for all. Respect given will be respect received.

**Lewis:** I feel we have a good system throughout the district. We need to keep working hard and not be complacent or satisfied with where we are at. Instill the winning mentality into our youth, whether it's in academics, athletics, or life in general. It is a community effort.

**Corley:** For the most part, I think we are going down the right path. In the past there have been some issues that I would have liked to have seen different outcomes. But not knowing the full story, I can only hope to be a part of the decision-making process and give my input, and continue to move forward making the right decisions for our students and faculty.

**Stalder:** I believe the schools are doing an amazing job in performance. I believe each school has many strengths and weaknesses. The elementary school did not meet AYP in reading, but I believe with training and assistance from the state to meet their standards they will meet it again. It isn't so much that I would be looking to change anything, but look for the system to provide growth.

**Q3. How would you encourage parents**

**to be more involved and have a greater awareness of school and student issues?**

**Gordon:** Parent encouragement. There isn't anything more important than our children. Having had three children go through this school, watching them grow and change and sharing things with them has been some of the best parts of my life. I would encourage all parents not to miss this opportunity with your children. There are so many things that happen in a child's life that no matter how involved we are, we will still miss some. But staying involved, visiting with their teachers, interacting with their friends and being available can only help.

**Johnson:** Be friendly and open with parents and make them feel welcome to our schools. These buildings are where their children spend at least a third of their day, and to most is a second home. If we can make them feel at home in the buildings they will be involved. Both sides must be truthful, honest and respectful!

**Lewis:** Make sure there is an open line of communication between all students, teachers and parents.

**Corley:** I think the message has been relayed well in the past. The people that want their children to succeed and want to be involved will always be there for support and encouragement. Social media is a big part of our children's lives, as well as that of the parents. As this grows, I think we'll see more involvement due to being more informed, versus notes not making it home.

**Stalder:** Communication is the key to involving parents. The school needs to have a shared decision-making team with parents. Involve the parents in decisions that affect their children, such as the school calendar, building a PTO, field trips, activities, etc. I feel with support from parents and students we can give back to the community.

**Q4. Does the school district provide too much or too little in the way of extracurricular activities? Explain.**

**Gordon:** Extra-curricular. I think an active student is a well-rounded individual. For students to be active we definitely need a variety of activities, because not all students like to play sports or give a speech or participate in arts and humanities. With a variety, they have an opportunity to check out different things and see what fits for them. It is hard in a school of our size to offer everything that a larger district may offer, but I feel we have a pretty good selection.

**Johnson:** Tough question! As some of you may know, I voted against adding soccer as a sport a few years back. My fear was that we were going to deplete the numbers needed for current activities and adding more expenses to our budget. That program is still running and has had its ups and downs, like all sports. Small schools will always be limited to what they can provide, in my opinion. I think this school is giving what they fairly can. My children were active in activities but were required to maintain academic responsibility.

**Lewis:** I believe that our school provides a variety of extracurricular activities. But our district needs to do a better job promoting those activities and getting students involved.

**Four Seats • Five Candidates**



**Jimmy Lewis**  
Family: Wife, Kristy; children, Tyler, James and Michelle

Occupation: Driller at TBCC Arch Coal Education and/or experience: High school graduate, some college. 10 years Little League Baseball board; 12 years coaching youth sports



**Joe Corley**  
Family: Wife, Cindy of 14 years; three boys, Wyatt, 14, Kale, 12, Jayden, 7

Education: Newcastle High School graduate; 1 year at Black Hills State and 2 years at Chadron State. I have always been very active in my children's lives, from school work to school sports, to club sports.



**Dana Gordon**  
Family: Husband, Glenn Gordon; children, Megan, Billie & Wade Gordon

Occupation: Office manager at Weston County Weed & Pest Education/experience: NHS graduate; attended UW; wife, mother, 14 years; Salt Creek Vet, 2 1/2 years; Weed & Pest



**Robert "Dean" Johnson**  
Family: Married to Tammy Johnson; three sons, Chad, Scott and Mitch, all educated in Newcastle.

Occupation: Feedlot foreman at True Ranches Education and/or experience: Graduate of Newcastle High School 1970; previously served on Newcastle school board for 12 years.



**Melissa Stalder**  
Family: Husband, Jesse Stalder; children, Madsyn and JJ Stalder

Occupation: Senior Accountant Education and/or experience: Degree in Business Administration and Accounting from Black Hills State University. Worked for WCSD #1 for almost 10 years in the finance and Special Ed Department.

**Corley:** I think we are on the bubble with this. We want to give our children every opportunity available, but at what time, do we say, 'that's enough.' As a small community, the more activities we have the less participants we have in the others. And smaller numbers mean less competition, and less competition leads to a poor performance in athletics and activities.

**Stalder:** I feel the school offers adequate extra-curricular activities. For the size of the school district we are already seeing lack of numbers in the involvement of current activities. I like that the school strives for student first in activities. I believe all activities, whether sports or academic, help our students grow. I strongly encourage and believe in the support the school receives from EWC. I feel it is a great academic strength to give the high school students the opportunity to receive concurrent credits.

**Q5. How important is it for students at local schools to perform well on statewide tests and assessments?**

**Gordon:** Statewide testing. This is an area where I need to do more research. Statewide testing is important because it does hold our school system accountable for maintaining certain standards. However, these assessments shouldn't be the only tool we use to judge a student's individual abilities. All students learn and develop at different levels. Some very intelligent people don't do well in school or on tests. By the same token, some straight A students don't relate well with people. It is hard to fit each and every student into a certain mold.

**Johnson:** It is always important to do well in all that we do. Do we always do that? Probably not. Do students have bad days like adults do? Of course. But with motivation, drive to do well and quality guidance, students should perform along with their statewide peers.

**Lewis:** I feel it is very important for local students to perform well on statewide tests and assessments. Having the knowledge and preparation to do well from our teachers and parents is a must.

**Corley:** I think it is important to want our students to succeed. But I also think it's more important to prepare these young adults

**Weston County Assessor**

**Q1. How can county officials be more effective at expressing the needs of the county to state and federal officials to produce better results for residents?**

**Conklin:** Continue to call or send letters and emails to our state and federal legislators; attend meetings in Weston County and legislative sessions in Cheyenne.

**Q2. How well do you feel county government communicates and works with city governments in Weston County? How would you try to improve that?**

**Conklin:** The assessor's office works well with the city offices in Upton and Newcastle. They are very knowledgeable and helpful.

**Q3. How would you encourage citizens to be more involved and have a greater awareness of local government issues?**

**Conklin:** Attend the local meetings. Whether it is meetings of the city council, county commissioners, school board, etc.

**Q4. How do you rate the performance of county government, and what would you do to improve that?**

**Conklin:** I would like to have better communication between all departments.

**Q5. Please define the job duties for the office you seek, and tell us how you intend to improve performance to provide better service for the people of Weston County.**

**Conklin:** The Weston County Assessor's office is responsible for finding, listing and setting the fair market value of all real and personal property located in Weston County; keeping track of surface ownership; in charge of the Veteran's Exemption program pertaining to property; assist in the mill levy process; transfer the tax roll to the county treasurer. The assessor's office would like to include more information on Weston County's website to assist the local people.



**Tina Conklin**  
Family: My husband is Jeff Conklin. We have two children, Brian and Tara, and two granddaughters, Payge and Taylor.

Occupation: Weston County Assessor

Education and/or experience: I have worked in the Weston County Assessor's office for several years; first as the deputy then was appointed assessor in 2005. I have a title insurance background and paralegal course specializing in land records; and permanent certification by the Department of Revenue as a property tax appraiser. The assessor and employees of that department must meet mandatory education requirements per Wyoming Department of Revenue rules and regulations.





## Wyoming Governor

### Q1. What is the role of the governor when it comes to the issue of education?

**Wills:** Concerning education, the governor has only a few responsibilities: proposing the budget, signing budget bill into law and appointing members of the State Board of Education.

**Mead:** I have high expectations for students at all levels of Wyoming's education system. We spend over \$1.5 billion annually on K-12 school operations, \$262 million was appropriated in state aid for community colleges, and \$468 million was appropriated for operations and research at the University of Wyoming. These systems should assure that students learn to their full potential and that all of the teachers are the highest quality. Students should be ready to pursue careers and to contribute to their communities. The governor should work to assure consistency, stability, and communications within and between K-12, the colleges, and UW.

**Gosar:** The governor should play a significant role in education policy by working with the Superintendent of Public Instruction and local districts to establish long-range plans for Wyoming's system of education. The governor should champion those policies, like early childhood education, that would have direct and positive impacts on students, their families and their communities. Additionally, the governor must work with the legislature to craft thoughtful legislation to remove obstacles for school improvement, remove excessive testing and create a system that targets learning strategies and tailors them to the individual. Finally, the governor should be a consistent public advocate for education.

### Q2. How much emphasis should be placed on building the state's savings (or reserve) accounts in future state budgets? Should more of that money be shared with local governments?

**Wills:** The billions in savings is adequate today. No more money needs to be saved. The decrease in budget expense should be given back to the people in the form of a state sales tax decrease.

**Mead:** Wyoming is in the enviable position of being able to save and invest. We fund priorities such as education, infrastructure, and services to the most vulnerable citizens.

We have over \$6 billion in the permanent mineral trust fund, which produces significant investment income. The state's "rainy day" fund is close to the \$2 billion mark. We have hundreds of millions in saving for education, school construction, water development, and the budget reserve. This past session I supported \$175 million for local governments. I believe sound fiscal policy blends savings, investment, and services. I continue to work for the right balance.

**Gosar:** As governor, it is important to maintain fiscal responsibility and save money, but it is also vital to reinvest in local towns and counties. The governor must solicit public input to set a vision that details the necessary reinvestment schedule to continue to improve local governments in Wyoming. It is important to emphasize the role that local infrastructure, roads, sanitation, landfills, and water lines play in the efficient functioning of counties and towns. The governor must stress the importance of a sound infrastructure system in attracting new businesses and developing existing businesses.

### Q3. How do you rate the performance of Wyoming state government, and what would you like to do to improve it?

**Wills:** Wyoming government is far too large. It consists of several bloated bureaucracies, that need to be cut back. State employees are generally very competent; the number of state employees should be decreased through attrition with a permanent hiring freeze until the number of state employees is halved.

**Mead:** Wyoming has been ranked as one of the best-run states in the nation. I have worked to create jobs and economic growth and to promote a business-friendly climate. I have put a focus on cities, towns, and counties. The results are in. More people are working in Wyoming than ever before. Wyoming ranks No. 2 for our business-friendly tax climate, and we are the state with the lowest state-local tax burden. My priorities are to continue to expand and diversify the economy, to expand technology, and to position Wyoming as a leader of energy, the economy, and the environment.

**Gosar:** The state of Wyoming performs well in carrying out its missions, but like any other organization, there are reforms that could be instituted to make it more efficient and

effective. Immediately upon election, I would ask all department heads and program managers to work with their staffs to develop plans to increase effectiveness and efficiency. Civil servants that consistently made contributions to these goals would be moved into positions of leadership. Additionally, I would create a website and set up a hotline to solicit ideas and solutions from outside state government. Implemented solutions would be rewarded and publicly acknowledged.

**Q4. If elected, how can you better inform Wyoming citizens about state government and encourage greater involvement from them?**

**Wills:** A solution to many of the problems with state government is drastic increase in transparency. As governor, I would institute a website that publishes all contracts, purchase orders, payments and other commitments of Wyoming government entities, including state departments, schools, towns, counties, etc., within 24 hours of their creation.

**Mead:** Elected leaders must be accessible to citizens of the state. There is no substitute for face-to-face contact. I have traveled to every Wyoming county many times over the past four years. I meet personally with Wyoming citizens around the state and in the capitol. I listen and act on the concerns I hear. That is how I establish programs and budget policies. My office works with citizens on their concerns to provide services and proper responses. I work to involve citizens on boards and commissions, in public meetings on energy and water, and through listening.

**Gosar:** I would operate the governor's office in the same way that I have conducted my campaign — in an honest and transparent manner.



**Don Wills**  
Family: Two daughters; two granddaughters

Occupation: Business owner of Produce Pro, a national software company with more than 80 employees, no longer involved on a day to day basis.

Education and/or experience: 40 years as a small business man; B.S. in Computer Engineering from the University of Illinois.



**Matt Mead**  
Family: Wife, Carol; daughter, Mary; son, Pete

Occupation: Governor of Wyoming

Education and/or experience: Bachelor's degree, Trinity University (San Antonio, TX) • JD (law) degree, University of Wyoming (Laramie) • Owner and operator with wife Carol of family's ranch & farm business in southeast Wyoming • County prosecutor, Campbell County Attorney's Office, Gillette, WY • Federal prosecutor, U.S. Attorney's Office, Cheyenne, WY • Partner in private law practice, Cheyenne, WY • Special Assistant to Wyoming Attorney General • U.S. Attorney for Wyoming, U.S. Attorney's Office, Cheyenne, WY • Governor of Wyoming, State Capitol, Cheyenne, WY

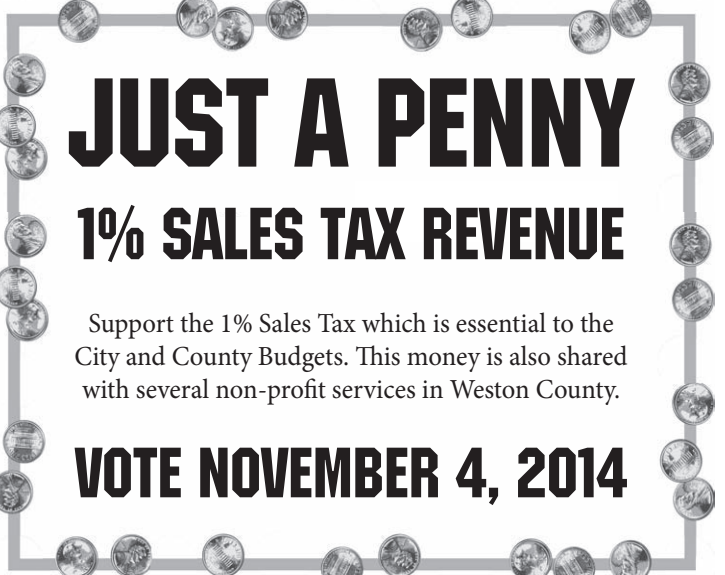


**Pete Gosar**  
Family: Single

Occupation: Senior pilot for the Aeronautics Division of the Wyoming Department of Transportation, and co-owner of small aviation business

Education and/or experience: I graduated from the University of Wyoming with a degree in Secondary Education, and returned to Pinedale to teach Social Studies at Pinedale High School. I continued my education at San Juan Community College, earned an Aviation Technology degree and was a commercial airline pilot for almost seven years. I am currently employed as a senior pilot for the Aeronautics Division within the Wyoming Department of Transportation and am a co-owner of a small aircraft management business. I serve as the treasurer of the State Board of Education and am a board member for the Downtown Clinic.

Elected officials must continue to interact with the people of Wyoming, and to facilitate these necessary conversations, I would host scheduled public forums around the state and regular live chats on social media. Additionally, I would voluntarily comply with all reasonable public requests for information from my office, even those that have been shielded from public view by the current administration. I would ask that the legislature support legislation to make all branches more open and transparent.




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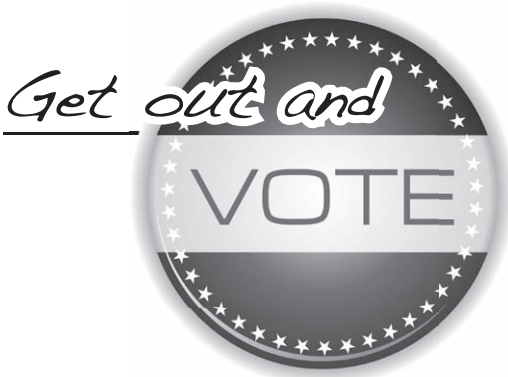
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## Secretary of State



**Ed Murray**

Family: Married to Caren Murray for 28 years; four grown daughters

Occupation: Small business owner, Murray Investments

Education and/or experience: B.A. in Business Administration (dual majors in finance and real estate), J.D. from the University of Wyoming

### Q1. Please define the job duties for the office you seek, and tell us how you intend to improve performance to provide better service for the people of Wyoming.

**Murray:** In addition to sitting on the State Land and Investment Board and other important boards, the Secretary of State's office serves as the business office and the chief elections office for the state. Therefore, my priorities will be keeping our economy on the right track by ensuring business-friendly practices while fighting fraud and scams, and also safeguarding our fair and free elections while promoting increased voter turnout. I am particularly interested in improving the performance of the office by leveraging new technology that modernizes, streamlines and enhances the services we provide.

### Q2. Why is your office important to the people of Wyoming? How does it impact their everyday lives?

**Murray:** The Secretary of State plays a vital role in maintaining a business-friendly environment for industries across Wyoming. One of the biggest challenges facing the next Secretary of State will be keeping Wyoming as business-friendly as possible in light of threats and overreaching federal government, fraud from shell companies, and rules and regulations that stifle free enterprise. As the next Secretary of State, I will fight to keep our economy strong, protect the good jobs we have while creating new ones, preserve our coal and mining industry, and keep the playing field fair for economic development.

### Q3. How do you rate the performance of Wyoming state government, and what would you like to do to improve it?

**Murray:** The Secretary of State's office is well run and provides excellent customer service, but I see an opportunity to enhance, modernize, and update the office functions. My first priority would be to analyze the turnaround time of filings with the office and work to make the process more efficient and expedient through leveraging technology. I would like to make the renewal process for notary publics an online process. At the same time, we must keep a vigilant eye on shell companies that want to utilize Wyoming's business-friendly environment for fraudulent activities.

### Q4. If elected, how can you better inform Wyoming citizens about state government and encourage greater involvement from them?

**Murray:** Transparency is paramount to good governance, and I will work hard to facilitate open records and the dissemination of public information. I do not support using the deliberative process exemption to shield deliberations from the best disinfectant: sunlight. I will strictly adhere to Wyoming's open meetings laws and respond to all news media requests for information. I will increase access to data and information by modernizing the Secretary of State's website. As the chief elections officer, I will partner with county clerks to ensure open and fair elections.

## Weston County Treasurer

### Q1. How can county officials be more effective at expressing the needs of the county to state and federal officials to produce better results for residents?

**Overman:** No answer

### Q2. How well do you feel county government communicates and works with city governments in Weston County? How would you try to improve that?

**Overman:** Weston County Treasurer's office only communicates with the city office once a month when monthly revenues are distributed.

### Q3. How would you encourage citizens to be more involved and have a greater awareness of local government issues?

**Overman:** I would encourage them to attend the different government meetings — for example: county commissioners, city council, political parties, forums, meet the candidates, etc. — to become aware of the issues that surround them.

### Q4. How do you rate the performance of county government and what would you do to improve that?

**Overman:** No answer

### Q5. Please define the job duties for the office you seek, and tell us how you intend to improve performance to provide better service for the people of Weston County.

**Overman:** My duties include managing investments, tracking grant revenues, keeping county revenues, the collection of taxes and registration fees.



**Susie Overman**

Family: Husband, Craig Overman, 2 children, 2 grandchildren

Occupation: Weston County Treasurer



## Weston County Sheriff

### Q1. How can county officials be more effective at expressing the needs of the county to state and federal officials to produce better results for residents?

**Colvard:** I believe a big part of that is to contact our local senators/representatives with those needs. I also would encourage our citizens to do the same.

### Q2. How well do you feel county government communicates and works with city governments in Weston County? How would you try to improve that?

**Colvard:** From my perspective, I think we do a pretty good job working with the police departments in both communities, but there is always room for improvement.

### Q3. How would you encourage citizens to be more involved and have a greater awareness of local government issues?

**Colvard:** I think a big part of my job is to communicate with citizens, and in doing so, discuss those issues that concern them and work with them to resolve those issues.

### Q4. How do you rate the performance of county government, and what would you do to improve that?

**Colvard:** I believe county or local government is the key to getting things done, not only locally but at state and federal levels as well. With that said, I think county government is doing a good job, but there is always room for improvement and we should not lose sight of that fact.

### Q5. Please define the job duties for the office you seek, and tell us how you intend to improve performance to provide better service for the people of Weston County.

**Colvard:** My duties include maintaining a detention facility and a patrol division. I oversee a budget for both and continually strive to keep costs to a minimum. I will continue to keep our staff trained in current peace officer standards and continue to provide the best services possible.



**Bryan Colvard**

Family: Wife Cary; two sons, Dustin and Clayton

Occupation: Weston County Sheriff

Education and/or experience: 10 years WDOC and eight years with the Weston County Sheriff's Office; over 1,800 hours of Certified Law Enforcement training.



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## Absentee voting up to election day

Alexis Shultz  
NLJ Reporter

“Wyoming is one of 27 states that allows any qualified voter to vote absentee without providing an excuse,” according to a media release from the Peggy Nighswonger, state election director for Wyoming.

Absentee voting in Wyoming for the General Election, which is held on Nov. 4, began on Sept. 25 and ends Nov. 3. Registered voters who vote absentee can either return their ballots by mail or in person. All ballots must be received by the clerk’s office no later than 7 p.m. on Nov. 4, the day of the General Election.

“County clerks across the state received 23,037 requests for absent ballots and more than

half of those voters have voted. As of the morning of October 21st, clerks received 12,743 absentee ballots,” stated Max Maxfield, Secretary of State, according to the media release.

This number represents nearly 5 percent of registered voters in the state.

Mamie Krank, Weston County Clerk, reported that Weston County accounts for 215 of those ballots. According to Krank, Weston County had a total of 288 absentee ballots either mailed out or given out to registered voters.

Registered voters in Weston County may request an absentee ballot by contacting Krank at 746-4744, or by going to the Weston County Courthouse to fill one out there.

# School candidates weigh in

Alexis Shultz  
NLJ Reporter

At this year’s Candidate Forum, hosted by the News Letter Journal, two of the five candidates for Weston County School District #1 were in attendance. Joe Corley and Melissa Stalder, both of whom are running for the first time, explained what makes them want the position on the school board before answering questions posed by Bob Bonnar, NLJ publisher and editor, and director of the Candidate Forum.

“I strongly believe in communication and working with each other,” professed Stalder, explaining that, when it comes to working with eight other members on the school board, this is going to be of great importance. She stated that, with strong backing you can convince anyone to see things the way you do, and in order to accomplish great things for the school district this has to be done. Stalder also said she believes

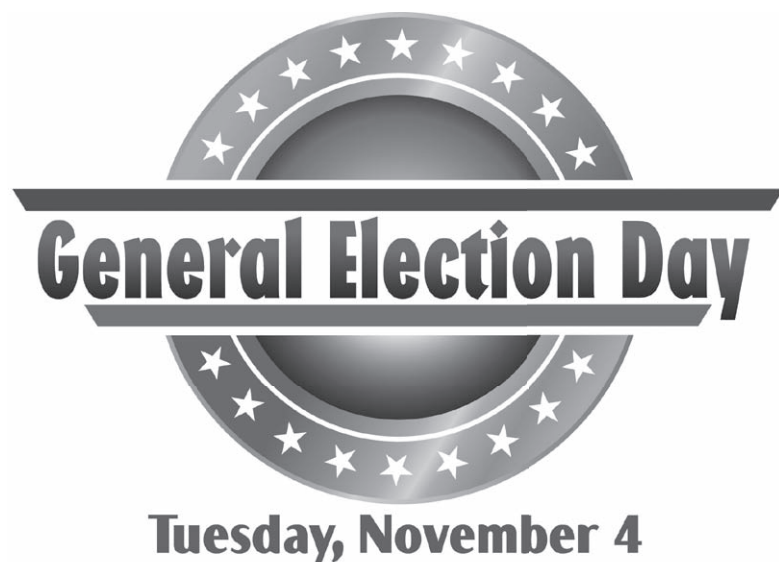
communication is just as important between school board members, parents and students, which is at the top of her priority list. She believes that your child is your biggest investment, and every parent should be as involved as possible in their child’s school career.

“The biggest thing that comes to mind for me, especially being a parent nowadays, is accountability,” stated Corley, in response to a question asking where he would like to see improvement within the schools. He explained that, in his opinion, kids these days aren’t held as responsible or are as responsible as they should be for their actions. Corley said that kids these days are handed things that their parents’ generation had to work for, which isn’t fair to those who try and work their hardest. Corley professed that this is not just the fault of the school system, but that of the parents as well. The school system is not a day care and parents need to get involved and be responsible

as well, he opined. To do this, he believes that being seen and making his face available is a step in the right direction. To get people involved you have to be out there and able to talk to more parents, kids, and grandparents, stated Corley. Communication between school board members is also of importance to Corley. With nine different people on the school board, with nine different opinions, communication is necessary to work together and get things accomplished.

As first-timers running for school board, both Stalder and Corley reiterated the importance of communication in helping the children of this community succeed. Both candidates expressed the need to be involved in not only their own children’s lives, but those of others, and as a small community the opportunity to do so is high.

“Like Melissa said, we watch them grow up, we want to see them succeed, we want to see them all succeed,” stated Corley.



## U.S. Senator

### Q1. Why is Washington, D.C., broken, and how can it be fixed?

**Gottshall:** Washington is broken due to corporate campaign contributions, PAC money, party affiliation (gridlock), lack of term limits and ethics. Our current leaders take millions in corporate & PAC contributions and are allowing skyrocketing national debt. They repeatedly put what is best for their campaign contributors and party above what is best for the people. We need an Independent. I will be sponsoring legislation based on right and wrong, not party affiliation. I will not be part of the party gridlock. I will sponsor legislation for campaign finance reform, term limits, public access to public lands and defend our 2nd Amendment rights.

**Enzi:** Partisanship and a focus on deal-making instead of legislating are two of the biggest problems in Washington. American citizens send their representatives to D.C. to get things done, and that often requires working with people you don’t agree with. I believe we can find “common ground” — core beliefs we can all agree on — on 80 percent of the issues. Senate leaders have also continuously side-stepped the legislative process to pass bills with little to no time for public review or input from other lawmakers. Returning to regular order is essential to improving transparency and productivity in Washington.

**Q2. There is some consensus in Wyoming that ‘Obamacare’ is ‘bad.’ Tell us how you believe health care can be improved and made more affordable.**

**Gottshall:** We need to:

1. Stop the health care and insurance sector from donating hundreds of millions to political campaigns.
2. Open the marketplace year round. People cannot change insurance companies during “Open Enrollment” Nov. 15 to Dec. 31.
3. Put an end to the automatic denials of insurance companies.
4. Stop the providers from over billing.
5. Create competition, by having Wyoming join our surrounding states for a larger pool and more competitive pricing.

It might be easier to replace Obamacare with legislation that actually works.

**Enzi:** I had a plan for reforming the health care system before President Obama became a senator. I have always advocated for free market principles when it comes to health insurance products. I have introduced legislation and supported many ideas, including my 10-step plan to improve the health care in our country, proposals to sell insurance across state lines, state-run high-risk pools, medical liability reform, and lowering premiums. To get the best solution for our country, we need to go back to the drawing board and consider all options for addressing our health care system.

**Q3. How can small states, like Wyoming, exert a greater influence over the federal government and decisions made at that level that impact our state?**

**Gottshall:** As an Independent, I will be dealing with each issue on merit. I will not have party pressure, or influence of corporations as my campaign has not taken any corporate or PAC contributions. Each piece of legislation that I sponsor or co-sponsor will require a vote from the other 99 senators in office, and if they vote the wrong way, their voting record will be used by their opposition in the next election. This unique position will allow me to make a positive change not only for Wyoming, but also for our nation as a whole.

**Enzi:** For small states like Wyoming, having a senator who knows how to work with others with whom they don’t always agree is critical. People in Wyoming expect their elected officials to deliver results, and that often requires finding common ground. I work hard every day to teach my colleagues about the West and the specific challenges we face — particularly in regard to energy. I meet one-on-one with Republicans and Democrats to build support for our energy industry. I’ve built up a great deal of trust among my colleagues that allows me to be effective in advocating for policies important to Wyoming.

**Q4. If elected, how can you better inform Wyoming citizens about the federal government and encourage greater involvement from them?**

**Gottshall:** When an issue comes up for a vote in the Senate, my staff and I will check the issue for constitutionality. If it falls within the purview of the Constitution, and it is not classified or security sensitive, then I will summarize the information and disseminate it around the state via internet, TV, mail, newspaper and radio, then allow voters to cast a ballot. I will vote for those who do not. For example if 10,000 voters do not vote, then my vote would weigh 10,001. I would then tally and vote the will of the people, with complete accountability.

**Enzi:** Engaging with the Wyoming citizens I so proudly represent has always been a top priority. I hold “Listening Sessions” and community meetings throughout Wyoming on a regular basis. My field staff also holds regular office hours in communities across the state. I hold Tele-Town meetings with Sen. John Barrasso, meet regularly with Wyoming citizens in Washington and respond to thousands of constituent letters every year regarding my position and votes on key issues. In addition, I have a website, Facebook page and Twitter account that are updated almost daily to give Wyoming residents the latest news from Washington.



**Curt Gottshall**

Family: Wife, Katrina; and son, Cole

Occupation: International airline captain and consultant

Education and/or experience: I have worked as a cook, mechanic, construction worker, pyro-technician, demolitionist, forestry and department corps-man. Currently I am an international airline captain and consultant. I live in Laramie with my wife Katrina and our 8-month-old son, Cole. I am 40 years old, grew up on a farm and am an avid hunter and fisherman. I hold a Bachelors of Science degree in Aeronautical Science. I have traveled to all 50 states and 28 countries around the world and have worked on and negotiated contracts on a global stage. My exposure gives me a unique prospective and vast bank of knowledge to use when it comes to leading us in Washington, to ensure we can leave something worthwhile for our future generations.

Experience: Has served in the U.S. Senate since 1997; senior Republican and former chair and ranking member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee; member, Finance Committee; senior member of Senate Budget Committee; member, Senate Small Business Committee; former Gillette mayor; former member Wyoming Senate and House of Representatives.



**Mike Enzi**

Family: Wife, Diana; children, Amy, Emily and Brad; four grandchildren

Occupation: United States Senator from Wyoming

History: Owned and operated NZ Shoes in Gillette and Sheridan, and Miles City, Mont.; served on the Department of Interior Coal Advisory Committee from 1976-1979; president of the Wyoming Association of Municipalities from 1980-1982; member of the Energy Council Executive Committee from 1989-1993, 1994-1996; commissioner of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education from 1995-1996; member of the founding board of directors of First Wyoming Bank of Gillette from 1978-1988; accounting manager and computer programmer for Dunbar Well Service from 1985-1997; director of the Black Hills Corporation from 1992-1996. Education and/or Experience: Sheridan High School, graduated 1962; George Washington University, Accounting Degree, 1966; University of Denver, Master’s Degree, 1968; Rappport Leadership International, Master Grad

## U.S. Representative

### Q1. Why is Washington, D.C., broken, and how can it be fixed?

**Lummis:** President Barack Obama’s decision to rule by executive order instead of working with Congress and Republican lawmakers is of great concern. The enabling of the Environmental Protection Agency to bypass Congress and expand its authority within the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act is not acceptable. The EPA has reduced coal usage and closed power plants, which will cost Wyoming jobs and revenue while raising the cost of energy. We must roll back the rules and regulations being promulgated through D.C. bureaucrats.

**Grayson:** Extreme partisanship, a 24/7 media circus, a perennial campaign, excessive money in elections, and a host of other problems have made our Congress dysfunctional. Part of the problem is a lack of collegiality among legislators. Back in the days when members of Congress were forced to live in Washington, they socialized together and were neighbors. Now we have three-day-a-week sessions of Congress as members fly home every Thursday, not to return till Monday. I’ll be honest: I don’t think it can be fixed, and I don’t want to serve in Congress, really. It sounds like a horrible place to work.

### Q2. There is some consensus in Wyoming that ‘Obamacare’ is ‘bad.’ Tell us how you believe health care can be improved and made more affordable.

**Lummis:** I believe we must repeal and replace Obamacare and to that end I have voted numerous times to eliminate Obamacare and I have cosponsored the American Health Care Reform Act, which would create more competition and choice by allowing Americans to purchase health insurance across state lines and enable small businesses to band together to produce the same buying power as corporations. The legislation reforms the tax code, creating a standard tax deduction for health expenses for all families and individuals, whether they purchase health insurance through their employer or as a stand-alone plan.

**Grayson:** For me, Obamacare has been a godsend. My previous policy was \$100 more expensive a month, and it basically was catastrophic only. I was billed \$240 just to see a physician’s assistant who did nothing more than talk to me briefly and renew my prescriptions; the insurance paid nothing. I stopped

taking all my medication because I couldn’t afford those visits. Now I have a silver policy that is not only cheaper, but it paid half of a \$1,000 leg brace that I’d been told I needed before but couldn’t afford, and my old \$45 prescription is now just \$3.

### Q3. How can small states, like Wyoming, exert a greater influence over the federal government and decisions made at that level that impact our state?

**Lummis:** In order to be more productive, finding members of the U.S. House whose interests mirror those of Wyoming is a must — whether Republican or Democrat, we need to build coalitions. To that end, this session I have co-authored various bills with numerous House Democrat colleagues including: Jared Huffman of California to enable the National Park Service to work with public and private institutions to improve our parks; Tim Walz of Minnesota to help the Forest Service to better use volunteers and partners to improve its trails system; and, Jim Cooper of Tennessee on an issue important to women’s health research.

**Grayson:** Here’s how: The At-Large Congressional District of Wyoming is one of 435 congressional districts in the U.S. House of Representatives. The average congressional district has about 710,000 residents, but Wyoming has fewer than 580,000. Although WY-AL is the fourth largest congressional district in size (after Alaska and Montana’s single districts and Nevada’s 2nd CD), it is the third smallest district in the U.S., after Rhode Island’s two districts, and Rhode Island will lose its second district to Montana after the next census. Wyoming has two senators, just like California, which has more than 60 times its population.

### Q4. If elected, how can you better inform Wyoming citizens about the federal government and encourage greater involvement from them?

**Lummis:** In pursuit of much-needed transparency in the Obama Administration and federal government as a whole, I have sponsored many bills seeking more access to information that should be available to the public. The importance of access to data used by the federal government to implement the Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act cannot be overstated. I have introduced and passed in the U.S. House the



**Cynthia Lummis**

Family: Husband, Al Wiederspahn; and daughter, Annaliese Wiederspahn

Occupation: I am a rancher, attorney, and presently represent Wyoming in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Education and/or Experience: I was born in Cheyenne and am a lifetime Wyoming resident. I received a BS in Animal Science, a BS in Biology and a JD, all from the University of Wyoming. I have served in both the Wyoming State House and Senate, as Wyoming’s state treasurer, and presently serve in the U.S. House.



**Richard Grayson**

Family: Single gay male; at 63, I am the caregiver for my even more elderly parents, one of whom has had Alzheimer’s disease for the past dozen years.

Occupation: Author, lawyer, college professor, university administrator, computer education trainer, retailer.

Education and/or experience: B.A. Political Science (Phi Beta Kappa) and M.F.A. Creative Writing, Brooklyn College; M.A. English Literature, Richmond College; J.D. Law, University of Florida.

Endangered Species Recovery Transparency Act to require online reporting of money spent on litigation and fees for trial lawyers.

**Grayson:** I am not going to be elected. I’d have to be delusional to think that I can get more than a small fraction of the vote against Republican Cynthia Lummis. Her last two Democratic opponents each polled 24 percent. Since I have absolutely no money for my campaign, I expect to poll less than half of that. I am running merely to provide a protest vote for those Democrats, liberals, and progressives who’d otherwise have to vote for a conservative candidate they don’t agree with or skip the race. This district, like 90 percent of House districts, has an election in name only.

## More from state candidates ...

The following are candidate responses to questions posed at the NLJ Candidate Forum, held Oct. 23 in Newcastle

### Jennifer Young, Constitution Party Candidate for Secretary of State

1. How would you improve the business climate in Wyoming?

With pro-active leadership in working with not only business, but legislators in Wyoming. Work with legislators for minimal laws and regulations as well as lower taxation.

2. What can you do to help small rural communities access more funds and resources in the state?

On the local level people need to be vigilant to make sure the money is going where it needs to be going. Larger communities are showing up in front of the SLIB board, smaller communities need to be ready with good proposals and be there.

3. What can you do to right what we as a community feel was wrong when it comes to redistricting?

We need to listen to our county clerks, I don’t think their ideas were incorporated into the new redistricting. We need to listen to the county clerks and give them a larger role — local government is the most fundamental.

4. Why is it important to have an elected Secretary of State?

It’s important to have that voice of the people. The Secretary of State is the overseer of many divisions and is intended to bring the

voice of the people into all divisions of the agency.

### Curt Gottshall Independent for U.S. Senate.

1. What can an independent senator, which is unique, accomplish in the U.S. Senate?

I can represent the little people. I can have a lot of influence as just one single person.

2. What is Washington, D.C., doing to us that harms Wyoming, and what can you do about it?

Creating new agencies to waste our resources. This is the nation, not just Wyoming. Overreach of the Environmental Protection Agency, specifically in Wyoming. I feel they should have to come in through state municipalities if they feel we are crossing lines. As well as they should only be able to get involved once it crosses state lines, much like the FBI.

3. What would your relationship with the other Wyoming representatives be?

The only thing that really matters is representing the people of Wyoming, and we need to pull together and work together to share information and work to steer the United States back on course.

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## Superintendent of Public Instruction



**Mike Ceballos**

Family: Married to Addie 34 years. Two grown children, Kelly, a recent UW grad, and Samantha, who works in Denver.

Occupation: Retired telecom Wyoming CEO of Qwest Communications. Currently pursuing a doctorate in education leadership at University of Wyoming.

Education and experience: I earned a BSBBA at Northern Arizona University and an MBA at the University of Colorado. I retired in 2011 after a 30-year career with Qwest Communications, the last 14 of which I served as Wyoming president. I have lived in Wyoming for 19 years. I have a passion for education in Wyoming. I am a fiscal conservative. I won't let the federal government dictate how to run Wyoming's schools. I have served on numerous state committees dealing with education, generally as a gubernatorial appointee representing the interests of private industry. I have a long history of service to Wyoming.

**Q1. Does the state superintendent's role in settling goals and direction for education in Wyoming greater or less than that of the Wyoming State Legislature?**

**Ceballos:** The superintendent and the legislature need to be able to work hand in hand to set the goals and direction of Wyoming education. This will happen in my administration. Wyoming has a complex power sharing arrangement for education policy. The most important issue for education is to develop a shared vision for the future of Wyoming's system. This has been a consistent theme in my conversations with superintendents during my 48-District Listening Tour. Once we agree upon the vision for the future all the other pieces, such as testing, assessment and accountability can be determined and implemented.

**Q2. How can the Wyoming Department of Education best help schools and students succeed?**

**Ceballos:** I see the superintendent's most important role as serving those who are educating our students, our 48 districts which include administrators, teachers, parents, students, employers and community members. I will bring a calm, mature, experienced, and reasoned, not rancorous, voice to the education system. The department can best help the districts by promoting stability in the educational standards and helping the schools implement the standards through locally directed curricula, teaching materials and teacher training. Department also must have fiscal and programmatic integrity and deal with the complex requirements of state and federal funding.

**Q3. How do rate the performance of Wyoming state government, and what would you like to do to improve it?**

**Ceballos:** There are many admirable qualities of Wyoming state government. It is well funded on a year to year basis. It is governed by conservative spending policies and it has a talented work force. Education and school construction is funded at the state level, which helps to promote equality of education. The state needs to continue to invest in infrastructure maintenance and replacement. The superintendent is able to assist local communities with economic development through decisions of the State Land Board and State Loan and Investment Board, which will be an important focus of my administration.

**Q4. If elected, how can you better inform Wyoming citizens about state government and encourage greater involvement from them?**

**Ceballos:** The central theme of my campaign has been to increase the participation of citizens in the education system. In order for the public to participate in the education system, the public must feel as if their voices are valued and that they can have an impact. It can be difficult to engage the public in policy discussions, but multiple efforts must be made to do so. We must move well beyond simply publishing notices of meetings in the newspaper and on web sites and employ modern communications tools to reach out to the public.

## State Senator District 3

**Q1. Do small rural communities need a greater amount of state revenue to provide services to residents? If so, how do you plan to secure this funding?**

**Meier:** Yes, small rural communities need adequate stable state funding. I have been working with the director of the Wyoming Association of Municipalities and Jim Huddleson from the county commissioners association since last session, looking at modifications to the state funding formula for local governments. Both associations have draft proposals which address local government funding.

**Q2. How do you rate the quality of education in Wyoming?**

**Meier:** I believe the quality of education in Wyoming is good, however I also believe it can be excellent.

**Q3. Is the current education accountability plan the way to improve it, or can you offer a better alternative?**

**Meier:** The current education accountability plan is flawed. It takes teachers out of the classroom and students out of their seats. It demands teaching to tests that are constantly changing. A good teacher knows by observation what their students need. Parents and local school boards know what needs to be taught. The state legislature has been acting like a local board of education and needs to stop. A play on the 10th Amendment for local school boards and parents might do the trick. I fear that with the current membership on the Senate Education Committee it would never pass a bill that would limit their power.

**Q4. Should Medicaid be expanded in Wyoming. If so, why? If not, please explain your alternative to making health care more affordable.**

**Meier:** I believe that a poverty rate of 100 percent for all Wyoming citizens for Medicaid is acceptable. I do not believe it is affordable for government to go beyond 100 percent of poverty at the federal or state level. Obamacare is being paid for by the grandchildren and children that are not yet born. It is a question of generational ethics. It is unethical to place that burden on future generations. The cost is already being paid for the uninsured



**Curtis Meier**

Wife: Charlene Meier

Occupation: Farm alfalfa, corn, wheat, dry edible beans, lease ranch and potato warehouse.

Experience: University of Wyoming graduate, Bachelor of Science in Animal Science; graduate and past president of the WY Ag Leadership Program; past member of the State Board of Education; served the Republican Party as precinct man, state central committee, executive committee, Alternate Delegate to Bush/Cheney 1st convention, Current Legislative Committees Senate Appropriations, sub committee economic development, liaison to the WY retirement board, select Water and Capital finance.

by cost shifting uncompensated care to the insured by increased insurance rates. I asked health providers, if the state paid the millions of dollars for medical service, would all of us get a reduction in our cost and rates? The answer was no!

So what can we do? We can work to reduce the administrative costs. Unfortunately that, too, has its own problems. Better communication between providers and patients. Ross Perot had some interesting ideas that should be revisited.

**Q5. How do you rate the performance of Wyoming state government, and what would you like to do to improve it?**

**Meier:** It is good on the budget, bad on education, fair on health care, corrections, higher education, transportation, pensions — or some good, some bad and some ugly. How to make it better? See next answer.

**Q6. If elected, how can you better inform Wyoming citizens about state government and encourage greater involvement from them?**

**Meier:** We need more transparency in government. It can start with more audio broadcasting over the internet, upgrade to include video of session and committee work. We have audio for the Joint Appropriations Committee now. Change joint Senate and House rules to require a public inspection period between the House and Senate crossover. This would prevent the process and bills from easily being railroaded without public input. Five business days should be enough, a nice break to catch our breath. Clear enforcement and penalty provisions for prohibited executive lobbying at all levels. Effective public notice for all government committees and commissions. Everyone that wants to know what is going on in government should be able to easily find out and be included. That being said, I truly believe the best government is one that does not interfere in our daily lives and lets us enjoy our freedoms without worry or fear. It is just sad we find ourselves wondering why we are here, still the best country and state in the world, but not what we used to be. Lets make it better!

## House District 2

**Q1. Do small rural communities need a greater amount of state revenue to provide services to residents? If so, how do you plan to secure this funding?**

**Hunt:** While many small communities are always in need of additional financial assistance for large projects such as infrastructure overhaul and expansion, the state of Wyoming has been quite generous in recent years in providing financial assistance. I always support state funding of counties and municipalities, but it would be nice if the money provided by the state had fewer strings attached. While much of it does, there are certain projects which must meet requirements and conditions set by the state. If a city could have freer reign over how the money was spent, then this funding could be put to use more wisely.

**Q2. How do you rate the quality of education in Wyoming?**

**Hunt:** On the local level, I believe that Wyoming has a great education system. While problems exist at the state level, they are, and should remain, the state's problems. Any issues within individual school districts should be handled by the school boards and/or staff in those districts, without the state interfering in any way.

**Q3. Is the current Education Accountability plan the way to improve it, or can you offer a better alternative?**

**Hunt:** No. While accountability as an idea has (or had) good intentions, it has instead become a quagmire of oversight from the state, dictating how local districts will operate. The state standards and state tests are constantly being revised, and no one ever has the opportunity to review the data from the last incarnation of the tests to see if it was effective or not. I propose putting a five-year moratorium on the issue of accountability, doing away with the Select Committee on Accountability, and giving the districts some breathing room to try and work out any issues they might have before jumping head first back into the issue without looking before we leap again.

**Q4. Should Medicaid be expanded in Wyoming. If so, why? If not, please explain your alternative to making health care more affordable.**

**Hunt:** No. With our state's Rainy Day Fund teetering on the \$2 billion mark, this is an issue where using some of that rainy day money would make perfect sense. There is more than enough state funding in Wyoming to set up a state-level form of health care coverage to include those who still do not qualify for assisted insurance. A program run by the state, on the state's own terms, would be managed much better than the federal albatross of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare).

**Q5. How do you rate the performance of Wyoming state government, and what would you like to do to improve it?**

**Hunt:** Solid -B. While the budget cuts of the past couple of fiscal years have been a positive step, this is only a small first step. Wyoming's government has grown considerably in the past decade, and could stand to be whittled down, particularly in areas where bureaucracy within state departments could be cut back. I would support more aggressive cuts that would actually begin shrinking state government back to a more manageable level.

**Q6. If elected, how can you better inform Wyoming citizens about state government and encourage greater involvement from them?**

**Hunt:** I will continue to be as available as possible. I can always be reached on my phone ((307) 746-8899) or by email (Hans.Hunt@wyoleg.gov). I will continue to give daily updates about the goings-on in the legislature during session through the radio and social media, as well as my weekly updates in the newspaper.



**Hans Hunt**

Family: Single

Occupation: Rancher

Education and/or experience: B.S. in Ag Business from University of Wyoming; 4 years in the Wyoming State Legislature, serving on various committees including Agriculture, Education, Minerals and Labor

## Newcastle Community Wellness Screening Event

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**Weston County Senior Services**  
**Michael's Meeting Room**

**We encourage fasting prior to blood draw. Please drink plenty of water & take medications as usual.**

- **\$30 • Blood Chemistry Panel** - Full 32 level screening for bone and electrolyte levels along with heart and kidney functions and liver and lipid functions with cholesterol, protein, iron, glucose, and thyroid levels. (TSH) *Recommend fasting, unless Diabetic.*
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 If you missed the **Gubernatorial Debate** held on Oct. 13, you can still watch that too. Just go to <http://www.rtcom.tv/debate/>  
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# Volleyball

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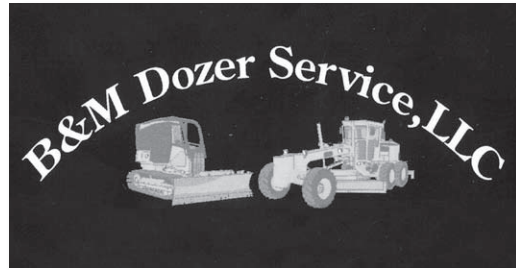


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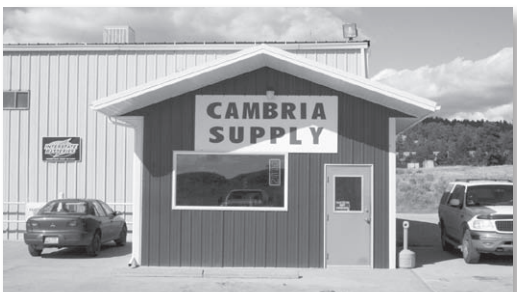
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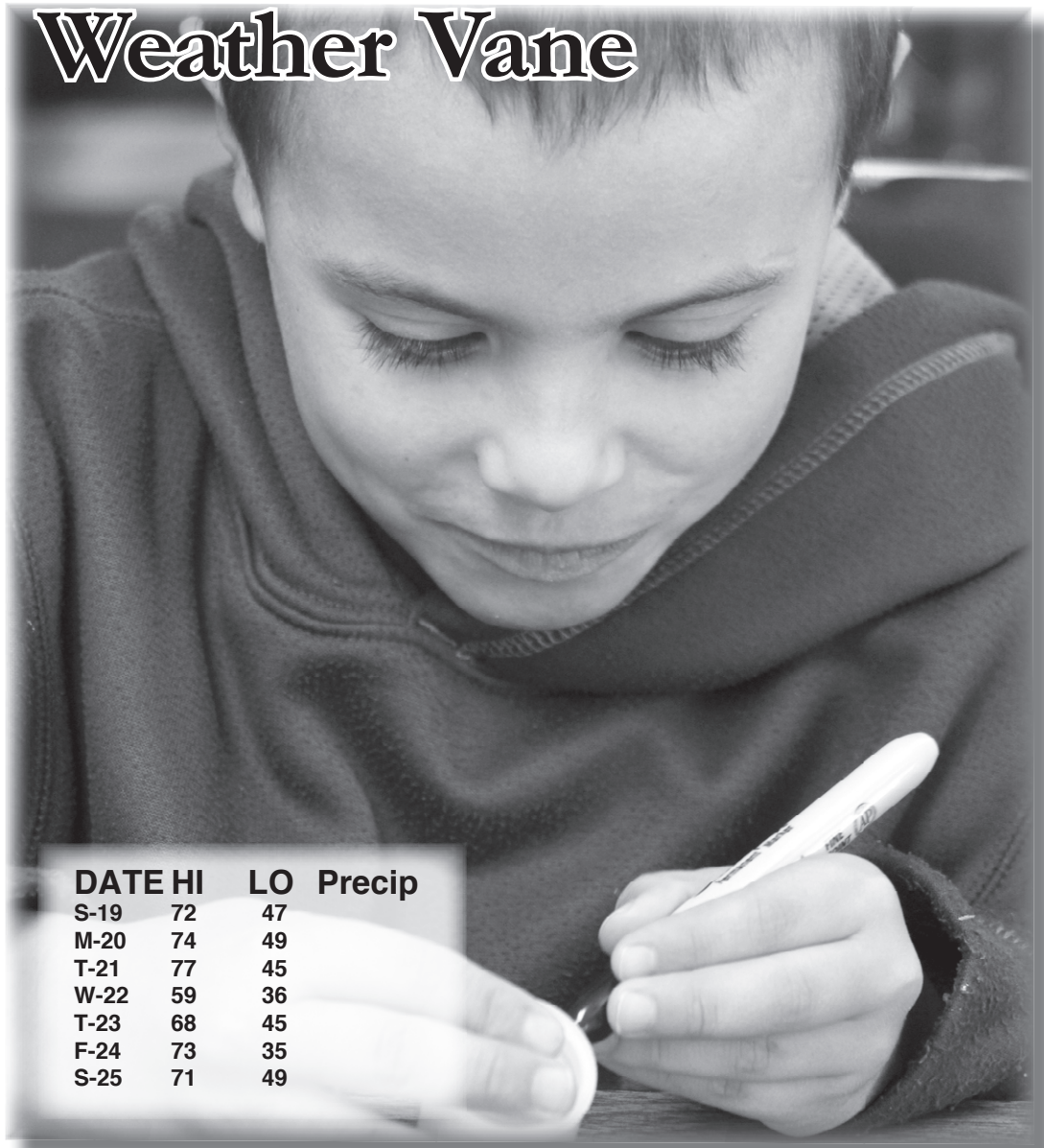
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W-22	59	36	
T-23	68	45	
F-24	73	35	
S-25	71	49	

## Foreclosure Notice

### FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note ("Note") and real estate mortgage ("Mortgage"). The Mortgage dated June 26, 2013, was executed and delivered by Katina Smith and Gary Smith ("Mortgagor(s)") to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Quicken Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns, as security for the Note of the same date, and said Mortgage was recorded on July 16, 2013, at Reception No. 745034 in Book 346 at Page 442 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: Quicken Loans Inc.  
Assignment dated: September 11, 2014  
Assignment recorded: September 19, 2014  
Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 754646 in Book 354 at Page 280

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

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

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$106,402.75 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$103,218.17 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$2,247.76, plus other costs in the amount of \$936.82, plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of sale;

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

NOW, THEREFORE Quicken Loans 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 County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on November 18, 2014 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 25 N. Sumner, Newcastle, Wyoming, Weston County, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

The land referred to herein below is situated in the county of Weston, state of Wyoming, and is described as follows:

Lot 17 of painted hills country estates in weston county, wyoming according to the record plat thereof

with an address of 100 Kenwood Dr., Newcastle, WY 82701.

Together with all improvements thereon situated and all fixtures and appurtenances thereto.

Quicken Loans Inc.  
By: Weinstein, Pinson & Riley, P.S.  
123 West 1st Street, Ste. 433  
Casper, WY 82601  
(206) 438-1034

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## Foreclosure Notice

### FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note (the "Note") dated 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 thereof, nor has any such suit or proceeding been instituted and the same discontinued; and

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$144,142.61 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 \$39,139.13 plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of sale;

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

NOW, THEREFORE Wells Fargo 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 November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Weston County Court House located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, Wyoming, Weston County for application on the above-described 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 thereof.

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

Together with all improvements thereon situated and all fixtures and appurtenances thereto.

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

(Publish October 30, November 6, 13 and 20, 2014)

# Fun and Games

## DANCE DANCE DANCE

### ACROSS

- \*Hula dancers wear skirts made of this
- Automated teller
- Grain in "The House That Jack Built"
- Send in payment
- Indochinese language
- Juan or his wife Evita
- Administer oil to, often in religious ceremony
- Make a choice
- Fancy tie
- \*Big band music dance
- \*Distinctly urban dance
- Do needlework
- His alter ego was a doctor
- Ship pronoun
- "I'm \_\_\_ you"
- Rubber gaskets
- \*Dance to a ballerina
- Chows down
- Motionless
- Aware of
- \*Tony Manero's dance
- Purse to go with evening gown
- Searched, often used with "around"
- \*Ballet move
- Well-deserved reward
- Matured
- Lend a hand
- "The Catcher in the \_\_\_"
- "\_\_\_ we forget"
- Beluga yield
- \*Montparnasse dance
- \*May Day dance prop
- Fair market \_\_\_
- \*Meryl Davis' and Charlie White's turf
- Lowest deck on a ship
- Real estate broker, e.g.
- Driving hazard
- Upholstery choice
- Nessie's Loch
- Drug approver
- \_\_\_ or a spy

### DOWN

- Tennis great Steffi \_\_\_
- She is a former U.S. Attorney General
- Used for charging
- River clay deposits
- Three-dimensional sound
- A bunch
- \*Soft-shoe
- Like an eaten blanket?
- Mosquito net fabric
- a.k.a. Atlantic Richfield Company
- \*Ice dancer's jump
- Dynamite
- School assignments
- Had title to
- Altar avowal
- Uncomfortable position
- \*East Coast or West Coast dance
- Kind of roll
- Having an irregular edge
- Peacock's pride
- Bookkeeping entry
- Fertilizer ingredient
- Sticky
- \*Electric \_\_\_
- Was aware of
- Healing sign
- Performed at Teatro alla Scala
- Pleasing to the ear
- Cause of fairytale princess' downfall
- "Let's Go Places" vehicle
- Use nose as detector
- Erased programmable read only memory

- \*Where dancer performed in Whisky a Go Go
- Guinness and such
- Women in habits
- Large, prefix
- Assortment
- Take it easy
- "All for one, one for all" sword
- \*MGM song-and-dance star, \_\_\_ Johnson
- Atlantic catch

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# Unofficial County Commission Minutes

OCTOBER 21, 2014

The regular meeting of the Weston County Commissioners convened at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Seeley presiding. Present for the meeting were Commissioners: Lenard D. Seeley, Jerry Shepperson, Randy Rossman, Tracy Hunt, Marty Ertman and County Clerk, Mamie C. Krank.

### Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Shepperson gave the Invocation and Commissioner Hunt led the delegation in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Rebate of Taxes

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to accept a Rebate of Taxes numbered 1103 issued to Alpha Petrovision in the amount of \$4,869.07. Discussion ensued, **carried**.

### Cancellation of Taxes

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to approve a Cancellation of Taxes numbered 1104 issued to Maxim Drilling in the amount of \$459.19. **Carried**.

### Resolution to Lift Open Burning Restrictions

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to approve a Resolution to Lift the Open Burning Restrictions in Weston County. **Carried**. The Resolution was signed and numbered 14-10.

### Liquor License-Catering Permit

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to approve a catering permit application from Perkins Tavern for the Hospital Banquet to be held on November 1, 2014, at the Weston County Fairgrounds. **Carried**.

### Employee Appreciation Days

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to give employees the following days off as employee appreciation days: Friday, November 28, 2014 and half a day (off at noon) on December 24, 2014. Discussion ensued, **carried**.

### Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 7, 2014, as published. Discussion ensued, **carried**.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to approve the minutes of the executive session held October 7, 2014. **Carried**.

### Circuit Court Magistrates

An order appointing part-time Magistrates for Weston County was received from Circuit Court. The order was signed by Judge Castano and appointed Francis E. Stevens and R. Douglas Dumbrell as part-time Magistrates for the Circuit Court in the Sixth Judicial District, Weston County, Wyoming. A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to concur with the appointments made by Circuit Court Judge Castano. Discussion ensued, **carried**.

The meeting recessed at 9:25 a.m. and reconvened at 9:30 a.m. with all present. Jerry

Hunt, Contract Engineer joined the meeting.

### 2011-2012 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)

Chairman Seeley opened and reviewed the only bid received for the 2011-2012 CMAQ Project, from Timberline Services Inc. Timberline Service's bid for dust suppression on various county roads came in at \$556,530.00. The Commissioners discussed the fact that grant funds received for the project total \$527,694.00, the Board discussed reducing the work to fit the grant funds. Jerry Hunt, Contract Engineer, stated that he has been in contact with the bidder and that it would not be a problem to complete the project within the awarded grant funds. The Commissioners discussed having the contractor complete the dust suppression on the Green Mountain and Grieves Road and reducing the mileage of the project on the Old Highway 85 to fit the funding. Mr. Hunt reviewed Timberline Service's bid documents. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to accept the bid from Timberline Services Inc. for the 2011-2012 CMAQ Projects and adjust the bid price not to exceed grant funding. Discussion ensued, **carried**. A Notice of Award was signed by Chairman Seeley. The meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:09 a.m. with all present.

### Weston County Event Center

Chairman Seeley explained that he had been in contact with Ray Hunkins, Attorney/Hunkins Newton Law Firm, and requested discussion of that conversation within an executive session.

### Executive Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to enter executive session under Wyoming Statute 16-4-405 (a)(iii) on matters concerning litigation to which the governing body is a party or proposed litigation to which the governing body may be a party. **Carried**. The recorded votes were as follows: Yea: Commissioners Hunt, Rossman and Shepperson; Nay: Commissioner Ertman. The meeting entered executive session at 10:10 a.m. and returned to open session at 10:18 a.m. with all present.

### Rare Element Resources

Mike Finn, Rare Element Resources, met with the Commissioners and updated them on the Rare Element Project. Mr. Finn stated that RER is working on the permitting process and continuing base-line data collection at the site. Mr. Finn discussed the importance of educating the public with regard to the environmental controls in place for the RER mine project. Mr. Finn stated that RER chemists are working on patents to be able to separate each individual element. No action was taken, the Commissioners thanked Mr. Finn for the update.

### Prairie Dogs

Chairman Seeley related that he had a conversation with Gregory Cowen, Wyoming County Commissioners Association, with regard to hiring an independent company to produce a document on the socioeconomic impact aspect of prairie dog management. Chairman Seeley related that the document would be presented to the Forest Services for possible use in their Prairie Dog Management Strategy. The Board agreed that a document needed to be drafted. No action was taken.

### County Vehicle Usage Agreement

Susan Overman, Treasurer, met with the Commissioners and discussed a vehicle usage agreement she drafted. The Commissioners reviewed the document and suggested the Mrs. Overman have it reviewed by the Local Government Liability Pool (LGLP) prior to implementation. No action was taken.

### Courthouse Side Door

Scott Rager, Emergency Management Coordinator and Susan Overman, Treasurer, met with the Commissioners and discussed the side door of the Courthouse. The door needs repaired or replaced because of the lock, and the fact that on windy days it blows open. The Board agreed that Mr. Rager should schedule the repair. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:20 a.m. and reconvened at 11:25 a.m. with all present.

### County Roads

The Commissioners discussed county road issues. There was extensive discussion regarding the Old Hwy 85 and an easement needed on a portion of that roadway. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 1:31 p.m. with all present.

### Contract Engineer

Jerry Hunt, Contract Engineer, met with the Commissioners and discussed several projects. **2011-2012 CMAQ:** Mr. Hunt stated that he had contacted Timberline Services Inc. and that they would work within the grant funding for the 2011-2012 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Project.

**Energy Efficient Lighting Project:** Mr. Hunt stated that he was informed that the Courthouse portion of the lighting project had been completed by Mining Electrical Services (MES). Mamie C. Krank, County Clerk, stated there were still issues with the photo eye plug-in not working at the Courthouse, and parking lights in the back of the building that did not work. Ms. Krank explained that lighting on the second and third floor as well as the front pillars and flag pole had been lost, but were now restored. Mr. Hunt will contact MES, contractor for the lighting project, to get the corrections completed.

**Buffalo Creek Traffic Study:** Mr. Hunt stated that the Commissioners should receive a draft report from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson (KLJ) on the Buffalo Creek Traffic Study project by the end of the month.

**Solid Waste:** Mr. Hunt stated that a feasibility study for a county-wide solid waste facility would be completed by next week and forwarded to the Board. Mr. Hunt related that Central Weston County Solid Waste District (CWCSWD) permitting will expire at the end of the year.

### Public Health EBOLA

Lori Bickford, Public Health Nurse, met with the Commissioners and discussed the EBOLA outbreak. Mrs. Bickford gave a brief history of the virus, stating that it was first discovered in 1976 in Africa, also noting that a small outbreak occurred in 1996 in the same region. The Ebola virus is derived from animals; bats and primates being the prime carriers. Mrs. Bickford stated that weekly updates from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) are being delivered to all medical personnel, and the CDC is currently working on a vaccine. No action was taken; Mrs. Bickford was thanked for the update.

### Mallo Camp Water Tank Replacement Project

Greg Stumpff, Mallo Camp Board Member, and Ken Rathbun, Bearlodge Engineering, met with the Commissioners and discussed the Mallo Camp Water Tank Replacement Project. Mr. Stumpff stated that the permit to construct the water tank had been approved by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Mr. Rathbun discussed the second phase of the project, upgrading and replacing the water lines of the system. The Commissioners stated that the second phase of the project will be paid out of BFY2015-2016 Consensus funds. Mr. Rathbun suggested contacting DEQ and requesting an amendment to the permit to include the second phase of the project. This would allow both phases of the project to be bid together and would save time and money. The Commissioners agreed with Mr. Rathbun. Mr. Rathbun stated that a contract will be prepared between Weston County and Bearlodge Engineering for the construction of the Mallo Camp Water Tank. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 2:48 p.m. and reconvened at 2:55 p.m. with all present.

### Road & Bridge Department

Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Foreman, met with the Commissioners and discussed a possible overlay on Old Highway 85. Mr. Williams related that he was contacted by a landowner on the Materi Road who requested a portion of the road be moved further from his residence, in return for easements on the Materi and Buffalo Creek Roads. Mr. Williams stated that the county road runs between the landowner's residence and barn. Mr. Williams discussed several other safety issues with visibility which would be reduced if the road were moved. No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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

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## Election Notice

### OSAGE WATER DISTRICT ELECTION PROCLAMATION

On November 4, 2014, the Osage Water District will hold their election. The polling place will be located at the Kitty Moats Complex, Metz Ave, Gymnasium, Osage, Wyoming. The polling hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing three (3) board members for four year terms. For absentee ballots call Cynthia Crabtree @ 465-2340

### VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE (3)

- \_\_\_ CYNTHIA CRABTREE
- \_\_\_ JOSEPH CUMMINGS
- \_\_\_ NATHAN LOCKE
- \_\_\_ RODNEY MCMEEKIN
- \_\_\_ (Write in Candidate's name)
- \_\_\_ (Write in Candidate's name)

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## Election Notice

### OSAGE IMPROVEMENT AND SERVICE DISTRICT ELECTION PROCLAMATION

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## Blotter

### October 19, 2014

Fight reported. Assist other agency. Barking dog complaint. Found property reported. Theft reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Civil standby requested. Accident reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Lost property reported. Civil standby requested. Report of a dog at large. Drunk driver reported. Civil problem reported.

### October 20

Open door discovered. 911 hang up. Open door reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. 911 hang up. 911 hang up. Protection Order issued. Report of a dog at large. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Disturbance reported. 911 hang up. Welfare check requested. 911 hang up. Message delivery requested.

### October 21

Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued. Assist other agency. Medical assist. Extra patrol requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Civil standby requested. Extra patrol requested. Suspicious activity reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Citation issued. House check requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Assist other agency.

### October 22

Open door discovered. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Report of a dog at large. Traffic

stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. VIN inspection requested. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic control requested. Injured deer reported.

### October 23

Disturbance reported. Open door discovered. Lost property reported. Residential alarm reported. Assist other agency. Medical assist. Suspicious activity reported. Civil standby requested. 911 hang up. Drunk driver reported. Traffic complaint. Barking dog complaint. Medical assist. Theft reported. Domestic problem reported.

### October 24

Open door discovered. Assist other agency. Suicide threatened. Welfare check requested. Residential alarm reported. 911 hang up. Drunk driver reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic complaint.

### October 25

Fight reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. House check requested. 911 hang up. Lost property reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Found property reported. Report of a dog at large. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.



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**City Council Minutes**

**NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2014**

Mayor Greg James called the regular meeting of Monday October 20, 2014 to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were: Mayor James, Roger Hespe, Archie Callander, Linda Hunt, and Todd Quigley as well as several guests. Absent: Clerk Treasurer Brunner, and Don Steveson. Also present Department Heads: City Attorney Jim Peck, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Mills, Police Chief Jim Owens and Engineer Bob Hartley.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Linda Hunt moved and Roger Hespe seconded to approve the agenda for Monday, October 20, 2014. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Linda Hunt moved and Archie Callander seconded to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 6, 2014. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION and APPRECIATION:** Mayor James gave certificates to: T & A Brewing Company for their new brew-

ery which opened on Wednesday and Wyoming Refinery Co. for the Newcastle Dogie and the Wyoming Cowboy bucking horse painted on their new tanks and Annette Koester, manager of the local Family Dollar for her recent national award with the company (Annual Chairman's Circle Award).

**MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS:** - 1. Council appointee, Linda Hunt moved to appoint Kara Sweet, Roger Hespe seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.** Hespe, Hunt, and Quigley voted Aye and Callander Nay. 2. Mayor James read an Energy Awareness Day Proclamation for Black Hills Power's Energy Efficiency Day in Newcastle on October 22, 2014. 3. Read an invitation from The Weston County Children's Center open house on Thursday, October 23, 2014 from 7PM to 8:30PM. Mayor James asked the council to be thinking of a voting delegate for WAM in January.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**  
**Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Mills** - 1. In the absence of Charita Brunner had nothing to report.

**City Attorney Jim Peck** - 1. Reported that Municipal court will now be held on the second Friday of each month. 2. Stated we need an anti-discrimination policy in place, for grant money received, if we don't have one we can use WYDOT's.

**City Engineer Bob Hartley** 1. The blue water tank is now light brown. 2. Several unexpected issues were found, leaks in the roof, and fiberglass in the floor which the contractors are trying to remove. Should be back up and running in about a month. The small water tank is working well, but the pumps have to run continually. 3. The conduit is being installed from the four way to the grade school. 4. Lester Weir has taken over as equipment operator at the landfill. 5. Cardboard is being shipped to Rapid City. 6. The City Shop crew is getting all the equipment ready for the winter. 7. Linda Hunt reported that the City of Newcastle has been recommended for the first grant for the bike path. She has raised over \$52,000 for the projects. Right now there is \$38,698 available for matching funds.

**Police Chief Jim Owens** - 1. Calls for service are about the same as this time last year. 2. By November 9<sup>th</sup> the staff should be back up to full staff and working eight hour shifts. 3. Received a homeland security grant of \$4,600.00 which will be used for body cameras. PD will purchase three or four cameras, and be moved from shift to shift, for the officer on duty to use.

Linda Hunt moved and Todd Quigley seconded to pay claims dated October 20, 2014. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Archie Callander moved and Todd Quigley

seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:30PM. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Claims:** B&K Cleaning, city hall cleaning, \$360.50; BH Power, electricity, \$1205.85; Carr Coatings, Pay Req. #1 tank painting & piping, \$108,157.50; Classic Cleaning, clean City Hall carpets, \$571.20; CLT Flooring, adhesive, \$21.98; CNA Surety, bond, \$227.72; Culligan Water, water, \$39.00; Cummins Rocky Mountain, repairs, \$3336.27; Deckers, grocery, \$120.51; Derek's Field Service, oil changes/equipment landfill, \$1335.60; Emergency Services Marketing, subscription, \$800.00; Energy Labs, water tests,, \$280.00; Fisher Sand & Gravel, base course J, 1 3/4" base, \$4348.38; Gateway Auto, rocker switch/hammer set, \$40.08; Jenner equipment, blade, \$158.09; Minuteman Lube, oil changes, \$263.58; Newcastle Equip., supplies/repairs, \$233.44; Newcastle Hardware, supplies, \$668.12; NVFD, reimb/supplies, \$946.61; Norco, monthly, \$22.63; Office Shop Leasing, copier lease, \$106.81; Oil City Supply, supplies, \$177.60; One Call of Wyoming, Sept. tickets, \$28.50; Powder River Energy, electricity, \$616.76; Public Safety Center,, hand sanitizer, \$75.43; Rapid Delivery, delivery charges, \$12.60; Recycle Systems, service calls/landfill, \$400.00; Renegade Paint & Pipes, repairs, \$903.95; Sheehan Mack, gasket/reserve, \$77.84; Shopko, supplies, \$361.19; TruGreen Chemlawn, round six/FD, \$102.00; USA bluebook, Paint, \$429.50; Valli info, maintenance credit/cards, \$150.00; WEBT, life insurance, \$104.25; West River International, spring, \$17.72; Weston County Health Services, drug screening, \$35.00; Weston County Road and Bridge, fuel, \$12,483.49; Weston County Treasurer, tax handling, \$343.07; Weston County Clerk, youth services share, \$1127.58; **WATER DEPOSIT REFUND:** Patrick Feist, \$69.13; Roy Gill, \$100.00; Troy Wildermuth, \$100.00;

**WCSD Fed. Warrants**

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

Vendor/Payee	Amount
WCSD#1 GENERAL FUND	\$14,962.79
WCSD#1 GENERAL FUND	\$11,475.37
WCSD#1 GENERAL FUND	\$0.00
WYOMING AFSCHOOL ALLIANCE	\$1,500.00
WCSD#1 GENERAL FUND	\$1,180.28
Grand Total:	\$29,118.44

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Dated October 14, 2014  
John L. Ellis

(Publish October 23 and 30, 2014)

**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 12/20/2006 executed and delivered by Perry D West 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 Perry D. West and Amanda R. West ("Mortgagor") to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., and which Mortgage was recorded on 12/21/2006, as Rec 690439, Book 293, Page 0085 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming; and  
WHEREAS, the Mortgage contains a power of sale which by reason of said default, the Mortgagee declares to have become operative, and no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof, nor has any such suit or proceeding been instituted and the same discontinued; and  
WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$117,521.49 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$111,797.92 plus Interest accrued to 9/25/2014 of this notice in the amount of \$4,937.76 plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of sale;  
WHEREAS, the property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale. Any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting a bid;  
NOW, THEREFORE Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Weston County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on 11/18/2014 at the Weston County Courthouse, 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY, 82701, Weston County, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

A tract of land in the NE 1/4 of Section 12, T47N, R65W, of the 6th P.M., Weston County, Wyoming, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the N 1/4 corner of Section 12, thence N88°12'00"E a distance of 247.00 feet to the true point of beginning, said point is a rebar and cap (LS-584); thence N88°12'00"E a distance of 660.00 feet to a rebar and cap (LS-584); thence S08°02'43"W a distance of 669.87 feet to a rebar and cap (LS-584); thence N41°22'26"W a distance of 856.20 feet to the true point of beginning.

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Brian G. Sayer  
Klatt, Odekirk, Augustine,  
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**Foreclosure Notice**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note dated September 29, 2009 executed and delivered by Michael L. Shepperson, as Mortgagor, to First National Bank of Buffalo, and a real estate mortgage of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was recorded on September 29, 2009 as Rec. No. 714913, Book 317, Page 0900, in the public records in the office of the County Clerk of Weston County, Wyoming; as assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as Mortgagee, recorded October 13, 2009 as Rec. No. 715174, Book 318, Page 0131 in the public records in the office of the County Clerk of Weston County, Wyoming. The premises that are described in the Mortgage are as follows:

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JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., has served a written Notice of Intent to Foreclose the Mortgage by Advertisement and Sale pursuant to the terms of the Mortgage to the record owner or party in possession in accordance with the statute ten (10) days prior to the first publication of the sale.

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BY: Greg B. Asay  
Associated Legal Group, LLC  
1807 Capitol Ave Suite 203  
Cheyenne, WY 82001  
(307) 632-2888  
Attorney for JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

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ATTEST: Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer, Deb Mills

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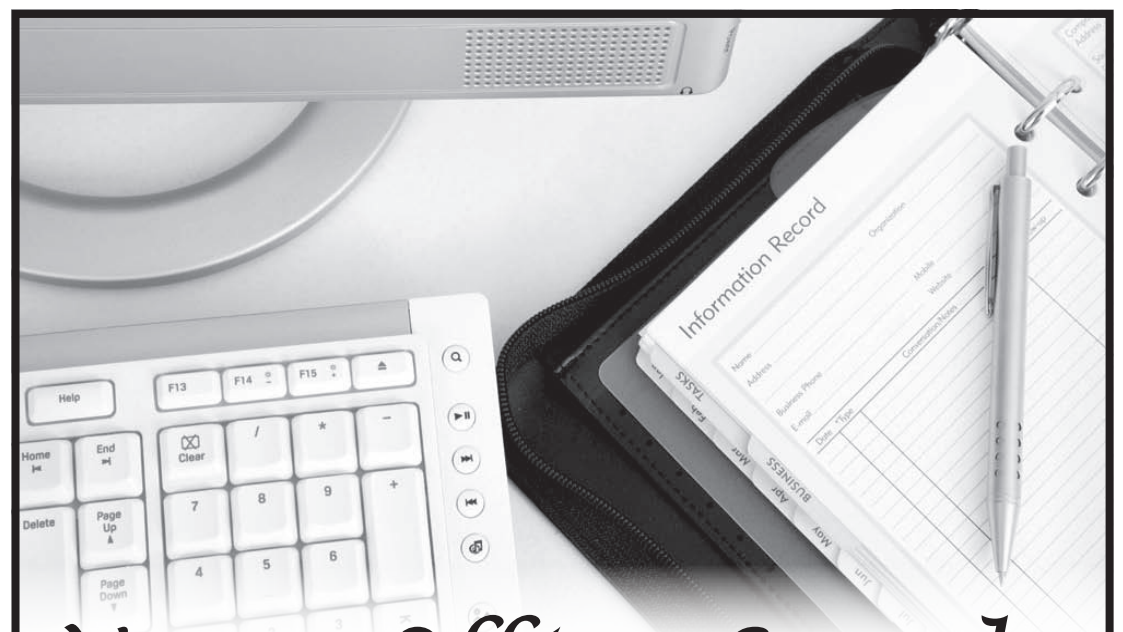
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Each bid must be received in the Fire District Office no later than 3:00 p.m. November 12, 2014 to be considered. Bids may be mailed to Weston County Fire Protection District PO Box 937 Newcastle WY 82701. All bids will be opened November 12, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. by the Board of the Weston County Fire Protection District at the Fire Hall located at 17 Fairgrounds Road, Newcastle WY. After consideration, the successful bidder, if any, will be announced. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted if it is determined that none of them would best serve the public interest.

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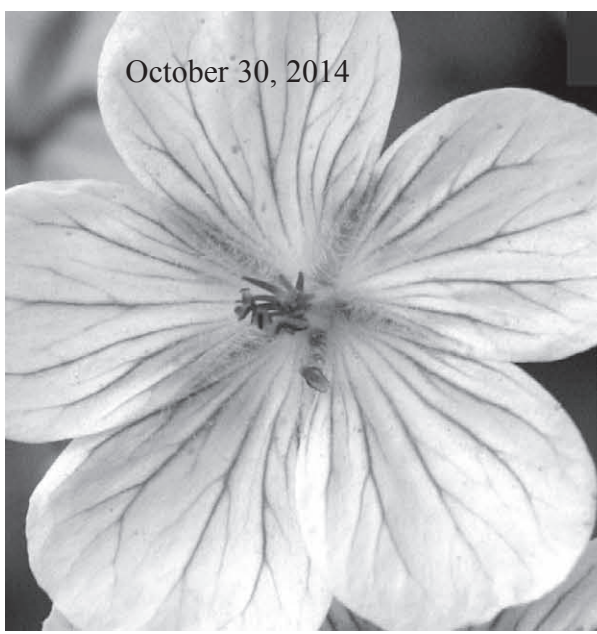
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### Card of Thanks

Our warmest thank you and deepest appreciation for the flowers, food, cards, phone calls, hugs, prayers, and donations generously sent our way during our recent loss of our beloved mother, grandmother, Linda Howen. Thank you to everyone who attended her memorial service, you helped to make it a wonderful tribute to her memory. A heart filled thank you to Samantha Hileman, Sean Peterson, Don Scheck,, John Larsen and VFW, Kenny Conklin, Mike Farnsworth Sr., Pat, and Dennis Bennington for all the generous help with everything. We couldn't have done it with out you, and you are forever in our hearts. Thank you all so very much, we love you. These memories are precious and will be cherished forever.

Michelle, Evelyn, Brandi & Families

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### Card of Thanks

A very big heartfelt THANK YOU to my wonderful children, Shawnda & Mike, Parm and Cody for the great birthday party! To all the special family and friends who made me feel so honored by your presence, phone calls and cards. Sharon and Mary, the food was great. Denette, the cakes were beautiful and delicious. What a fun time! Made getting older worth it.

Thank you, Betty

### Annual Meeting

The Weston County Historical Society will hold thier annual meeting on Sunday, Nov. 9, 2014 at the Weston County Senior Center in the Michaels Room. Lunch will be at 12:00 noon with Award presentations and a program following. The Annual business meeting and elections will follow that. All interested people are encouraged to attend.

### Help Wanted

Openings for all hours, full-time and part-time. Please apply in person or on line at subway.com. 19-1fn

Evening cashier, approximately 60 hrs every 2 weeks. Apply in person at 4-Way Gas N Go. 35-1fn

Newcastle Extinguisher is seeking a fire suppression technician. Please bring resume to 1519 W. Main Street, Newcastle, WY. Leave resume in front door drop box if no one is available. 44-1fn

### Yard Sale

Nov. 1, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 113 Butte Drive. Garage shelving, garage cart, book shelf, TV stand, wing back chairs, sofa table, end table, twin comforter set, queen down comforter, Christmas decorations and tree, X-Box with many games, electronics, books, rolling suitcase, new down sleeping bag, new back pack, day pack, golf clubs, BowFlex, flower pots, molded Dodge mud flaps and more!

### Trick Or Treat

**Weston County Manor** Residents will be passing out candy on **Oct. 31st, 6-7 pm!** 1124 Washington Blvd, **back entrance!** 43-2tc

### Odd Jobs Wanted

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### Petska Fur

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### Fall Decor

Check out the fall and Halloween table runners and towels in Booth #8 at the Strawberry Quilt Shop on Main Street. All sales support Totes of Hope. 42-3tp

### Cliff's Tree Service

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### Wanted

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### Self-Help

**AL-ANON** (help for family & friends of alcoholics) meets every Tuesday night at 6:45 p.m. Mondell Heights.

### Self-Help

**Veterans Outreach & Advocacy Program** (Wyo.Dept. of Health/BHD). OEF/OIF veterans eligibility, (307) 630-3230.

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Meeting on Tues. at 4 p.m.** at 1st United Methodist Church upstairs. Contact Joyce Brown 746-3696.

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Meeting every Thurs. morning** at the Weston County Senior Center. Contact Ellen Butts, 746-4251.

**WESTON COUNTY HELPING HANDS FOUNDATION.** Applications are now available for help. Please contact Rita Conklin at 307-629-0627.

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**Social Worker (Full Time)**  
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**Director of Home Health (Full Time)**  
 WCHS is searching for a Director to oversee our Home Health Department. Director is responsible for overall management of the Home Health program including Lifeline and In Home Services, evaluates care/services provided and the client's response, ensures continuity of care/services, creates departmental budget, responsible for Department QA/PI, prepares grant applications, and works directly with surveyors and program auditors. Must maintain high level of knowledge regarding legislation and changes in home health. Prior public health, home health or hospice experience preferred. Prior management experience also preferred. Wyoming RN license required.

**Director of Long Term Care (Full Time)**  
 WCHS is searching for a Director to oversee our Long Term Care Department. Director is responsible for overall management of the Long Term Care program including the Activities Department. Evaluates care/services provided and the resident's response/needs, ensures comprehensive care/services are provided, creates departmental budget, responsible for Department QA/PI and safety, prepares and works directly with social services, surveyors and program auditors. Must maintain high level of knowledge regarding legislation, reimbursement design, and changes in the long term care environment. Prior long term care and management experience preferred. Wyoming RN license required.

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Application, Resumes, and Letter of References are due by November 21st, 2014 to: Town of Kaycee, P.O. Box 265, 268 Nolan Avenue, Kaycee, WY 82639. (307)738-2301.

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# DECISION 2014

## State Senator District 1

**Q1. Do small rural communities need a greater amount of state revenue to provide services to residents? If so, how do you plan to secure this funding?**

**Driskill:** Yes. I continue to try to get more stable funding, with little success. I will continue to strive for better funding mechanisms for our towns. I also will strive to get additional funding for landfill solutions for small communities.

**Q2. How do you rate the quality of education in Wyoming?**

**Driskill:** I feel the overall quality of education is good in Wyoming. With that being said, there is always room for improvement. We need to focus on local control and performance.

**Q3. Is the current Education Accountability plan the way to improve it, or can you offer a better alternative?**

**Driskill:** I voted against the current accountability law and was a strong opponent. My alternative would be this:  
 1. Block grant all state monies to local school districts. Let the local school boards decide all base decisions about education, testing and spending.  
 2. The only testing (state-mandated) would be a single test of children with an A to F Grade (Test and grading system developed by the legislature. (Test would be totally confidential and used as a composite, not individually)  
 3. As long as a district receives an A, B or C grade they can make all decisions about education of children within their district. Any involvement of the state school board or the state department of education would be only with the invitation of the local school board.  
 4. If a district receives a D or F grade, then they would be required to accept help from the state school board, and/or the state department of education along with the Superintendent of Public Instruction.



**Ogden Driskill**

Family: Wife, Rosanne Shoop Driskill; three children, Andrea Wood (Matt), Katerie Reynolds (Kirby), Lincoln Driskill; one grandchild, Ellen Wood

Occupation: Legislature, rancher, tourism, vegetation management

Education and/or experience: High school, Hulett; AA Casper College; attended University of Wyoming. 35-plus years of experience ranching and vegetation management. 20-plus years in the tourism industry.



5. If a district receives an "F" for two or more consecutive years, entire management of the district would fall under the state school board, state Superintendent of Public Instruction and the state department of education. When test results return to an A,B or C the control would be returned to the local district (if they wanted it)

**Q4. Should Medicaid be expanded in Wyoming. If so, why? If not, please explain your alternative to making health care more affordable.**

**Driskill:** We left the governor with the ability to try to see if he could reach a consensus on a plan with the federal government on Medicaid expansion. I will wait to see if he has found an acceptable solution before I make a comment. This is a very tough decision as, if we accept the federal terms and they stop or reduce funding as they have with other programs, we could run the state budget into the red very quickly.

**Q5. How do you rate the performance of Wyoming state government, and what would you like to do to improve it?**

**Driskill:** Performance is mediocre at best. We have one of the highest levels of state employment on a per capita basis in the nation. Our level of service is not appreciably better than surrounding states. In short, we can do much better.

**Q6. If elected, how can you better inform Wyoming citizens about state government and encourage greater involvement from them?**

**Driskill:** I work hard to help educate children in various ways. I also always attend any meetings that I am asked to attend (around 50-plus a year). I post on social media and do columns for the papers. The very best for citizens to be informed is to go to the Wyoming legislature website where they can find all voting records and listen to floor debates live. There is no better source. Greater involvement is a necessity for government to function correctly.

## State Treasurer

**Q1. Please define the job duties for the office you seek, and tell us how you intend to improve performance to provide better service for the people of Wyoming.**

**Gordon:** The Treasurer's office receives, safeguards, and invests all funds of the State, except for the State Retirement funds. The office also administers the Unclaimed Property program. The treasurer sits on eight boards and commissions, including the Board of Land Commissioners, the State Building Commission, the State Loan and Investment Board, and the Wyoming Retirement Board of Directors. I am running now for a full term because I want to finish the work that I have begun, improve the state's financial health, diversify her economy, and make the way my office operates more efficient, accessible, and transparent.

**Q2. Why is your office important to the people of Wyoming? How does it impact their everyday lives?**

**Gordon:** Citizens in Wyoming need to have a better understanding of the state's finances. The income garnered from our investments alone is the second most significant source to the state budget and prudent investment of our corpus is essential to our state's future economic well-being. Beyond being a significant part of the reason Wyoming does not have an income tax, these investments buffer economic shocks from commodity price fluctuation to misguided and consequential policy decisions such as we see coming from Washington,



**Mark Gordon**

Family: Married to my wife, Jennie; we have four adult children  
 Occupation: Currently Wyoming State Treasurer; owner of Merlin & Gordon ranches

Education and/or experience: I have a B.A. in History from Middlebury College. Although I grew up on and still ranch in Johnson County, I have been an executive for a Fortune 500 oil company, owned businesses on Main Street, and have served on the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City as a Class B director for four years. I have also served on the board for the Willow Park Reservoir Company, on the board of the Ucross Foundation, on the Johnson County School Board, and the Environmental Quality Council. My business experience reaches to agriculture, mineral development, tourism, finance, recreation, and politics.

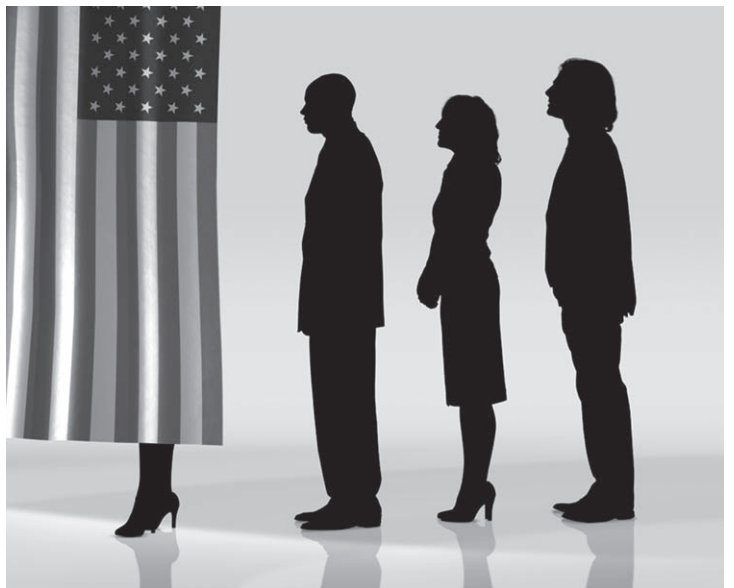
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**Q3. How do you rate the performance of Wyoming state government, and what would you like to do to improve it?**

**Gordon:** I have championed an effort to establish a new category of "Constitutional" fund into which we can place the very substantial "rainy day" account, the corpus of which is equivalent to 25 percent of the Permanent Mineral Trust Fund. I want to create this account so that, like the PMTF, those "rainy day" funds can be invested in a more diversified fashion and seek a higher rate of return than is now constitutionally allowed. This would allow our "rainy day" funds to achieve a better rate of return for our state, her counties and cities, and ultimately help reduce the burden on her taxpayers.

**Q4. If elected, how can you better inform Wyoming citizens about state government and encourage greater involvement from them?**

**Gordon:** My office has been working with that of the state auditor to make access to our information clearer and more transparent. I will strive to continue those efforts if I am fortunate enough to be elected to a full term. Seeking a consistency of format and presentation between both agencies makes sense. Beyond that, my office continues to be open and I strive to be accessible by traveling around the state as much as possible, and being available in Cheyenne when not traveling.



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It's hard work to keep Wyoming the special place that it is, and we all have to do our part. That's why I've worked to rein in the reach of the federal government, stop burdensome regulations that cripple our energy sector, keep healthcare decisions in the hands of doctors and patients and protect Wyoming's lands, water and wildlife from Washington overreach.

Fortunately, the payoff for our efforts is tremendous – and Wyoming kids will continue to live in this special place and call it home.

On November 4th, I hope I can count on your support to keep fighting for Wyoming. Thank you.

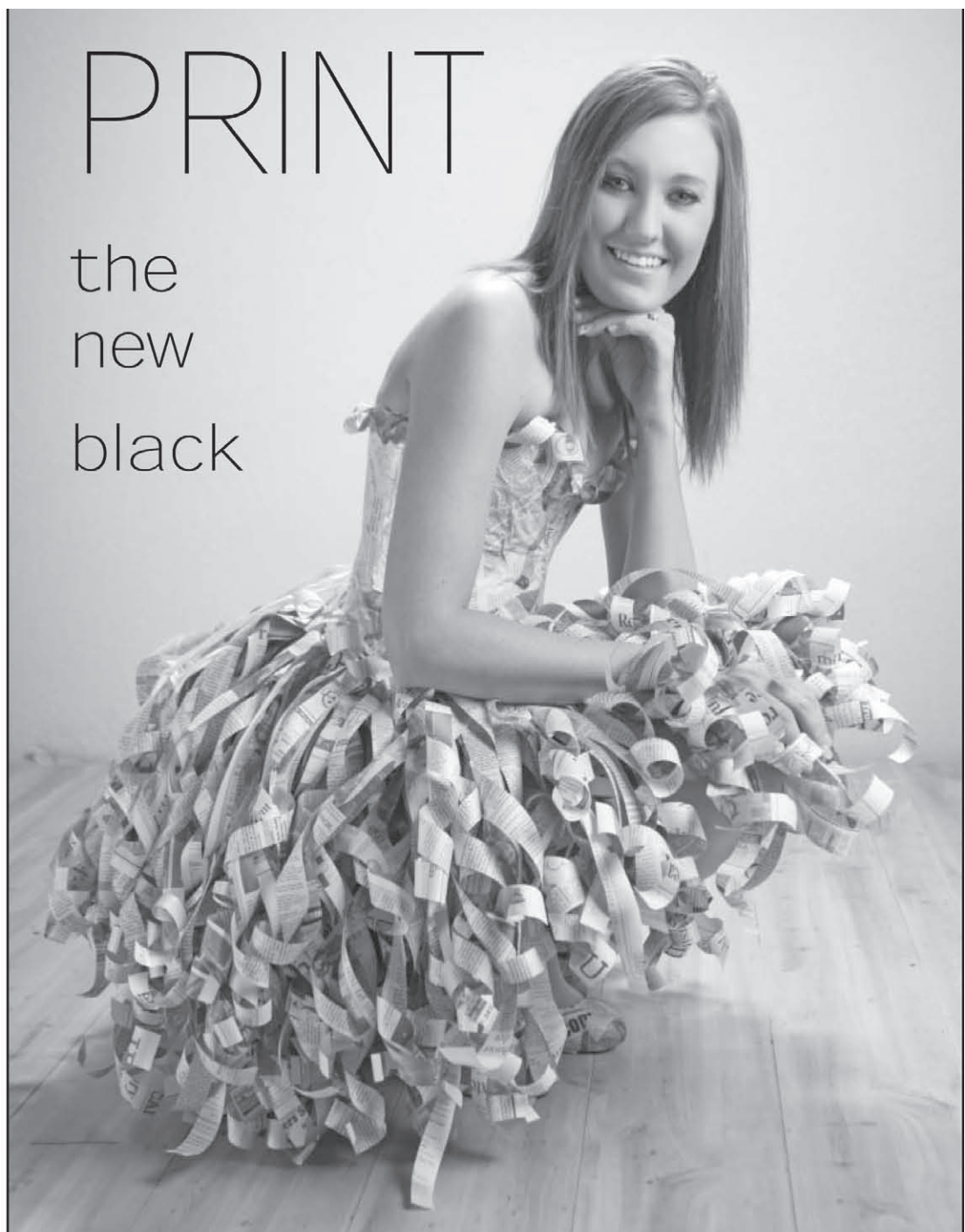
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