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City keeps crane, raises price

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Patrons of Newcastle's water crane will soon need to come to the facility with pockets laden with quarters as the Newcastle City Council voted last Monday to sharply increase the price

of dispensed water, effective Dec. 1. Reversing a previous decision to again send the issue back to committee, the city council finally came to an agreement on what has proven to be a controversial issue, as they rescinded the scheduled Dec. 31

shutoff date and raised prices as part of a one-year trial period. The trial is intended to determine whether the facility can garner enough business at increased rates to justify a costly upgrade. Such an upgrade project is being considered by the city as a

means of curtailing vandalism and addressing issues of public safety and legal liability surrounding the crane. As Mayor Greg James explained, directing his comments to the council, "One of the things that [has been] brought up is that if we

continue [the water crane], it's a necessity to increase the rates. Some of the estimates that [City Engineer] Bob [Hartley] has been looking at indicate [it will cost] \$15,000 to

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Moving forward

■ FOCUS Board members call it quits, blame newspaper

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

The Foundation for Caring, Understanding, and Services, otherwise known by the acronym FOCUS, faced the effective resignation of two board members last Wednesday, while at the same time some members of the FOCUS Board leveled accusations against the News Letter Journal for supposedly having sought to undermine the troubled agency.

After the board met in a lengthy closed-door executive session, board chairman Milinda Wineteer and board vice-chairman Sharon Strickland each announced she would be stepping away from the agency, effective immediately.

"For the record, my term is up on the board of FOCUS, and I do not wish to reapply," Wineteer stated. "I stayed on for a few months extra with my term being up ..."

"And I'm stating that my term has been up for a while," Strickland immediately added, "and I just continued on to help the board out. I will not be renewing my term."

The women's terms had expired in August and June respectively, according to the FOCUS Board's records.

The sudden resignations seem to have been precipitated by interim director Donna Howard's report to the board, made earlier at Wednesday evening's meeting, of what she deemed to be the generally negative perception of the agency throughout the local

community.

"We have the elephant in the room," she began. "We have these articles that have been in the newspaper. We have letters to the editor by different people. So for the last few weeks ... I went to the city council meeting. I went to the [Weston County] commissioners meeting. I've talked to individuals [and entities] in the community ... The bottom dollar is there is very limited public support of FOCUS for whatever reason. I'm not here to point fingers, but based on the information that I've gathered, trying to pull these pieces together, if we don't make a drastic change with FOCUS ... that the public perceives positively, FOCUS is not going to be here. We are almost out of the little bit of money we have. We've got through December. We don't have county money ... We don't have city money ... What is it that FOCUS is going to do? What is FOCUS going to do to give the public the feel that 'yes,' we're listening to you ..."

"We are at the gates right now," she continued. "This is it ... I want to enter this conversation, not with personality [conflicts] and not with personal opinion. What we have to do is enter this [with] what is the best thing for FOCUS, and we hear it over and over and over again: there has to be a change on the board. That's what we're hearing."

Wineteer protested that the public's perception of what has gone on at FOCUS is grossly inaccurate, but that because of the professional and legal obligations involved she is not in a position to lend

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Hospital's board remains the same

By Denise Piscioti of NLJ

The discussion about increasing the Weston County Health Services Board from five to seven members began at their October meeting, however the conversation was tabled because two key players — board member Georgia Materi and WCHS attorney Jim Peck — were absent. At the Nov. 21 meeting the matter was once again discussed, since any proposals would need to be made before December for election purposes, but no vote was made in regard to changing the bylaws.

Because she was not present at the previous meeting, Materi was the first one to voice her opinion about adding members to the board.

"My concern is we have a hard enough time finding five people to be able to commit to being on this board now. Seriously, I can't imagine being able to find two more," she offered. "I think it would be wonderful, if you can find the people to commit."

WCHS Chairman of the Board Jill Sellers agreed with Materi, also noting she is pleased with the current board of five. She does not want to have the board change from five members to seven.

"We have come a long way to be productive for this hospital.

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Todd Bennington/NLJ

Bob Harshbarger discusses the issue of prairie dogs with Tim Byer, district wildlife biologist, at the Nov. 19 meeting held at the USDA Hell Canyon Ranger District Office in Newcastle. Charts in the background show proposed changes to the 2009 Prairie Dog Management Strategy for the Thunder Basin National Grassland.

Public weighs in on critters

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Local ranchers and other concerned parties expressed skepticism about proposed amendments to the 2009 Prairie Dog Management Strategy for the Thunder Basin National Grassland at a public forum held last Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the USDA Hell Canyon Ranger District Office in Newcastle. The general consensus among those in attendance seemed to be that the proposed changes provide insufficient guarantees to landowners and ranchers that their interests will be protected.

Similar sentiments were expressed by those in attendance at a meeting between U.S. Forest Service personnel and the Weston County Commissioners that occurred earlier last Tuesday afternoon. There, Forest Service District Wildlife Biologist Tim Byer cited sections of the Endangered Species Act and the National

Forest Management Act as legal justification for the Forest Service's management of the black-tailed prairie dog, the primary prey of the endangered black-footed ferret. Some residents have expressed fear that federal authorities plan to eventually reintroduce the ferret to Weston County.

"The black-tailed prairie dog isn't listed as threatened," observed commission chairman Lenard Seeley, seeking clarification from Byer, "how did we get to the place where we manage it under the Endangered Species Act when they're not endangered or threatened?"

"You have to be able to provide habitat," Byer answered. "The prairie dogs are actually the habitat we're providing. The Fish and Wildlife Service actually controls the black-footed ferret and its releases. We'll cooperate with those folks when they decide it's appropriate to put them on the ground. But we provide the

habitat. To that end, that's our prairie dogs. Ferrets eat about 98 percent prairie dogs as a prey base. That's their food source."

Seeley went on to express his fear that the Forest Service was not adequately taking into account the needs of human beings in their decision-making process.

"Our job as commissioners is to preserve the human habitat for our constituents," he commented. "I don't see [that in your plans]. I would hope that's the top of your list. I have not seen that indication. I would like to see that indication."

"That'll be part of the analysis, because that's come up in all the counties," answered district ranger Tom Whitford. "... We're in a position where we're trying to balance the wildlife issue plus provide the grazing [of cattle] and the whole [interests of] the community."

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City a victim of identity theft

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

The United States Postal Inspection Service has recently opened an investigation into fraudulent checks passed out of state bearing the account and routing numbers of the City of Newcastle, as well as the forged signatures of Newcastle officials, according to local authorities.

"It appears that the identity of the City of Newcastle has been stolen, and fake City of Newcastle checks are now showing up at various places in Arizona and New Mexico," city attorney Jim Peck told the News Letter.

"You can go to [a store such as] Office Depot, and you can get a [software] package for your computer, and you can basically print your own checks," he explained of the process. Still, in spite of the apparent simplicity of

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— Jim Peck, Newcastle City Attorney

the scheme, in Peck's experience it is typically individuals who are targeted, not government entities.

"It's unusual. You hear of identity theft all the time. Identity theft of a government is a little unusual ... This is the first time where I have personally ever observed where the identity of a local government, whether it be a city or a town or a county or whatever [has been stolen]."

When it comes to finding and prosecuting the perpetrators, however, Newcastle will apparently have to look to the Postal Service or the specific jurisdictions where the crimes

actually occurred.

"Since the crime didn't occur in Weston County," Peck explained, "we can't do anything about it [here], even though the bank is in Weston County and even though the city obviously is in Weston County, because the act of creating [and passing] these fake checks occurred [out of state]."

As for the financial loss involved, city clerk Charita Brunner, who initially discovered the discrepancies, assured the News Letter Journal that the bank has already refunded the approximately \$2,500 at issue, and that citizens of Newcastle haven't lost any

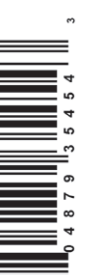
money. The city is carefully monitoring its account for any activity that looks suspicious, she added.

Peck said he feels it is incumbent upon the city to make its residents aware of the issue, but regretted he could offer few specific details.

"It seems to me that this constitutes something that the public should be aware of, that their municipality's identity has apparently been stolen by people who are making their own checks to look like the City of Newcastle and passing those checks. Right now it appears limited to Arizona and New Mexico," Peck said.

"[City Hall] has been contacted by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and they've opened a case on it and are investigating. We don't have a lot more details, and frankly we couldn't give any more details because it's an ongoing investigation," he concluded.

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Our View

Back where you belong

Every year we urge readers to resist the enticement of the Black Friday experience offered by large retailers in places like Rapid City, Billings, Casper and Denver in the hopes of encouraging you to spend more of your holiday shopping dollars in Weston County.

We've accurately portrayed the sometimes treacherous travel associated with trips to these cities, the maddening frustration of fighting through swarms of other bargain hunters to grab this year's must-have gift at 20 percent off its already inflated price, and the often rude and callous treatment in these faraway stores from harried clerks and employees who don't know you personally— and really don't care to.

But despite those warnings, we've come to accept the fact that the lure of Black Friday is simply too much for some of you to overcome, and instead of saying "I told you so," we want to assure you that when you return, this community and its merchants will gladly welcome you back into the warm and inviting stores of Newcastle and Weston County. We won't even make you feel guilty about your decision to stray from the people and businesses that may not be as alluring as the flashy big box stores, but have steadily and consistently stood by your side throughout the year.

What we will do is provide the kind of service and convenience that invariably forces you to wonder why you ever thought of going someplace else in the first place.

We'll offer you a wide variety of truly unique items that proudly proclaim who you are and where you come from— and that you'll never find in the types of businesses that offer the gifts that everybody has to have. (Which of course means that they're the types of gifts that everybody will have!)

We will give you the chance to support any number of worthwhile local causes— and contribute to a happier holiday season for those friends and neighbors on whom good fortune may not have smiled recently— by donating many of the dollars you spend with us to the types of organizations and events featured in so many of the stories in this week's paper.

And if you do sneak away on Friday, we hope you come back before nightfall for the multitude of activities sponsored by local merchants in conjunction with the annual Lighted Parade— the sort of tradition-rich activities that always seem friendlier and more authentic in small towns like ours than they do in bustling metropolitan areas.

We sincerely hope that you avoid the seductive pull of Black Friday in the big city, but if you can't, we really hope you know that we'll always be glad to have you back.

Getting an even split

Due to many issues, the concept of being "fair" when making an estate plan is often much more complex and difficult with personal items than with titled property. Titled property can often be appraised and valued and some sort of economic division can be developed. How do you "fairly" divide up family heirlooms, photos, knick knacks, or antiques?

Many of these personal belongings have different meanings to different family members and it is difficult to measure their worth or value. And what is "fair" to one family member may seem entirely "unfair" to another. The "rules" often are unwritten and are not the same from family member to family member, seldom being discussed or agreed upon. Family discussions should be designed to bring to the forefront members' expectations and understanding of the "rules." It is often impossible to divide things "equally" and distribution methods and consequences become clouded.

In determining how to be fair there are several questions to answer according to "Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate? A Guide to Passing on Personal Possessions." We must determine:

- Who is involved (in-laws, grandchildren?)
- How we proceed (informing everyone, determining values)
- When to proceed
- What methods and standards to use to be consistent

Family members will consider the process unfair if they feel moral and ethical standards are not followed and if they have not had a voice in the decisions made. This is especially true if a few persons with dominate personalities walk off with everything they want and everyone else gets what is left over.

It is usually much better to face the truths of the situation and develop a workable plan before the death of the family member involved. Remember, the stress level and the degree of emotion will be multiplied after a death or debilitation, and decisions may be made in the heat of the moment that are regretted later, or things may be said or done that create insurmountable rifts in relationships.

Developing a distribution plan for personal non-titled property should include discussions and family conferences about values and goals, what

family members view as "fair" versus "equal," and what is important to the family as a whole and to those passing on the property. Carefully select a meeting location and time. Designate a person to record decisions made by the group. A decision needs to be made concerning who to include in the process. Is it parents and siblings only, with the siblings acting as representatives for their spouses and children? What about including spouses? Grandchildren? Other family members? Consider friends, significant others and ex-spouses, as well as caregivers, attorneys, and mediators.

The final decision for disposition belongs to the property owner(s). It is also important to remember that family relationships, and their continuity, are vastly more important than the possession of an inanimate object.

There are a number of topics that family members need to discuss before proceeding to the next steps in the process. The list is too long to enumerate and I will cover it in detail later. As your family prepares to discuss the estate planning process, they will find themselves faced with these issues and it will be greatly helpful if you have had some time to think them through first.

Members of the family need to consider the various options for distribution of personal property and what the consequences are of each. Some questions that should be answered are:

- Are there other goals beyond those that were listed that you feel are important?
 - Which goals are the most important to you and which least important?
 - Do any of your own goals conflict? Do any of the goals of family members conflict?
 - Are there others (other owners, other family members) that need to have input into these goals?
 - As you transfer this property what do you really want to accomplish? Family continuity and relationships? Conflict avoidance? Preserving a heritage? Maintaining privacy? Contributing to society?
- Remember that there is no perfect method of transfer – each method has its own advantages and disadvantages. Each method of transfer has its own consequences. But there are more transfer options available when planning is done before death of the owner then after.



Bill Taylor
Growing Wyo

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Letters to the Editor

Tea Party candidates offer Democrats an easier target

Dear Editor,

Does the Tea Party need another voice in the Senate? They have at least four now, and they make a lot of speeches but have minimal affect.

The Tea Party has been beneficial for the Republican Party with the rejuvenation they have brought about, but they do have some negatives also. The Democrats have developed a strategy of supporting the Tea Party candidate in opposition to the regular Republican because they have found them easier to defeat in the general elections. This is because the public does not like some of the more extreme positions which Tea Party candidates present.

The Tea Party has little chance of attaining a position of power in government, so they will continue to be a sideline group. The main reason being that the Democrats have most of the votes from the 47 percent of the people who are in support from the government.

Liz Cheney knows the Tea Party line, but her government experience has been with the State Department. Do we need to send someone with experience in foreign affairs to represent Wyoming in the senate?

Mike Enzi has a lifetime of experience in Wyoming business and government activities. He has been through the boom town growth of Gillette and participated in the modernization of state government systems. He is the only CPA in the Senate. He is being recognized for his predictions about the coming failures of the ACA. He is one of the few people who reads the bills before voting on them.

Mike has been criticized for trying to participate with the Democrats on the development of

health care, and also for not trying to participate in the procedure.

The truth is that he offered solutions to some of the problems but the Democrats refused all suggestions from any Republicans.

Mike prefers to work on solutions to problems rather than trying to be in front of every TV camera.

The main result of this campaign will be to enrich the owners of newspapers and TV stations.

—Don Thorson

Veterans express gratitude but we should be thanking them

Dear Editor,

Beth and I, and the best crew that we have had in all the 28 years at Taco John's, were so moved by the overwhelming response from all of the veterans whom we have been able to thank throughout the years for their service to our country that we wanted to share with everyone in our community this deeply touching letter from a veteran.

Dear Beth and Dick,

I just finished eating a very enjoyable lunch and walking out of your Taco John's with a smile on my face. I am truly moved by your generosity and appreciation for me and all the other folks who have served or are presently serving in our armed forces. I know that businesses such as Taco John's operate on a narrow margin, which is a fancy way of saying the gap between a profit and a loss in your business is really small. This makes it even more notable and noble when you decide to honor people like me with a free meal on Veterans' Day.

The way you and your staff pulled it off made it feel like we vets were honored guests at a really fun party. When the girl taking my order said, "Thank

you for your service," accompanied by a bright smile instead of taking payment for my meal, she made me feel great.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Patrick F. Crow
Major, US Army (Ret.)

We are so indebted to those still serving today, those who served before, and especially for those veterans who sacrificed all their tomorrows for your today! It is because of them that we are what we are today...Americans...free Americans!

—Dick and Beth Crawford

Girl Scouts want help keeping kids warm this winter

Dear Editor,

While out doing your Christmas shopping this year, don't forget those that are less fortunate.

For the sixth year running, Girl Scout Troop 1348 is collecting pajamas for Operation Santa. Last year, with your help, we collected 77 pairs. This year our goal is 100 pairs. The pajamas are given to Operation Santa to be passed out at Christmas-time to those children in need.

This year Girl Scout Troop 1245 is also collecting hats and gloves. Please keep in mind that children up to the age of 16 receive gifts, so bigger sizes of pajamas, hats, and gloves are welcome and needed. The drop-off box is located at Family Dollar.

You can also make a monetary donation this year. If you call our leader, Amy Hawley, at 746-5752 she will get you the information to make this donation.

The last day for donations is December 12, 2012. Thank you for your continued support of this worthy cause.

—Cassie Hawley
Girl Scout Troop 1348 and 1245

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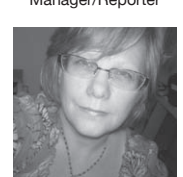
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Open house

Nora Lipp visits with Jerri Tapp, owner of Treasured Floral and Gifts, during Tapp's Open House on Friday, Nov. 22. Visitors were offered delicious food while perusing a wide variety of Christmas gifts on display for purchase. (Photo by Denice Piscioti/NLJ)

New opportunity for learning

Many of us remember when a mouse still had a heartbeat, four legs and a tail; charging was something we did with a credit card; live-stream was a place to go fishing; and a tablet was a pad of paper. Times certainly have changed. And it's clear now more than ever: we live in an increasingly global economy, and the demand for innovative, tech-savvy workers will continue to grow.

At the Department of Workforce Services Newcastle Workforce Center, clients often express regret that they missed opportunities to learn about computers in the past. Workforce Center staff also talk with young and older clients alike who have a real knack for technology, but time, distance or money constraints have made obtaining a two-year or four-year degree a real challenge. Not only are potential students finding difficulty in obtaining the education they would like to have, Wyoming employers often voice their concerns about a shortage of talented web developers to fill vacant positions.

Code Wyoming is gearing up to grow information technology skill sets in Wyoming. Lander native Jason Kinzler is the founder and CEO of PitchEngine, a publishing software company in Lander and author of "The Great American Startup." With support from the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services, PitchEngine is launching Code Wyoming, which is offering a low-cost training opportunity for Wyoming residents to learn how to code.

The intensive eight-week courses will cover

basic coding languages like HTML, CSS, jQuery, and Javascript. The first session will kick off Jan. 13, 2014, in Riverton. A second session will be held in Casper, beginning March 17, 2014. The last session will be in Laramie starting May 19, 2014.

Sessions will run Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for an eight-week period. Interested individuals can apply online at www.codewyoming.com/#/register/cdc4. The deadline to apply for the first session is Dec. 6. Don't have a computer? The Newcastle Workforce Center at 2013 W Main Street, Suite 102, can help. How did this all come about? PitchEngine was recently awarded a Pre-Hire Economic Development Grant from the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services to provide 30 individuals with the skills needed to secure occupations as software developers in Wyoming.

Administered by DWS, the Workforce Development Training Fund (WDTF) is a unique program that encourages business expansion, enhances employment opportunities within Wyoming and meets the training needs of new and existing businesses in the state. The Pre-Hire Economic Development Grants Program under WDTF provides pre-employment, industry-specific skill training to develop a workforce for businesses or industry when there is a shortage of skilled workers.

Wyoming employers who may be interested in training grants should contact the Newcastle Workforce Center at 307-746-9690.



Susanne Voss Workforce Watch

Water

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\$25,000 to do a significant upgrade. Question being then, will we ever recover or recoup that investment from paying customers?"

"What I've asked [Hartley] to do," James continued, "is investigate [whether or not] we can change either the volume delivered or the amount charged with the current setup. The idea being, could we set up some sort of trial period ... at the newer costs to see if we were are going to [be able to maintain] the customers that we have and if in fact it [is] going to generate enough income to justify the expense of an upgrade."

James, having outlined his thought process for the rest of the council, next went on to make a proposal.

"[My] recommendation would be to increase the cost of what used to be 50 cents to \$3; increase the cost of what used to be delivered for \$1 to \$6. Those are the kinds of numbers that [it was] indicated to us in the committee meetings that we would need to have for it to be ... profitable."

Hartley, for his part, confirmed for the council that the current system can in fact

be adjusted to require more coinage, and after some discussion, Councilwoman Linda Hunt put forward a motion, seconded by Councilman Roger Hesse, to institute James' recommendations. The city's plan for the water crane now includes the following:

- Raise the price from \$1 to \$6 for approximately 500 gallons of water or \$3 for half that amount.
- Empty the facility's coin box twice daily due to the anticipated increase in coinage.
- Post a temporary sign informing customers of the Dec. 1 price increase. (A permanent sign reflecting the new prices is planned.)
- Maintain a log detailing the facility's daily condition.
- Discontinue the service in the event the water crane suffers significant vandalism.
- Review the issue come Oct. 1, 2014.

In regard to exactly how the facility functions, city attorney Jim Peck confirmed with Hartley that the water crane technically utilizes a timer system rather than an actual measure of gallons dispensed. Currently, though, one dollar will give a user enough time on

the system to draw just under 500 gallons.

Despite the council having accepted his recommendations for how the crane might be kept for the time being, James went on to reiterate that he is personally opposed to providing the service and urged council members to keep in mind their constituency when dealing with the issue in the future.

"I think it is terribly important that we understand and recognize who we are elected to represent," James reminded them, "and it's not the people in the county, and it's certainly not the people who live in South Dakota. I don't mean to be heartless or sound cruel about this, but we have got to keep that fact up front more than anything else."

"It is costing the City of Newcastle and its residents money to provide a service for [those who live outside the city]," he concluded. "It's incumbent upon us to either get the cost up [to where it's profitable] or discontinue [the water crane] entirely."

A committee meeting previously scheduled for Nov. 25 to discuss the water crane has now been cancelled.

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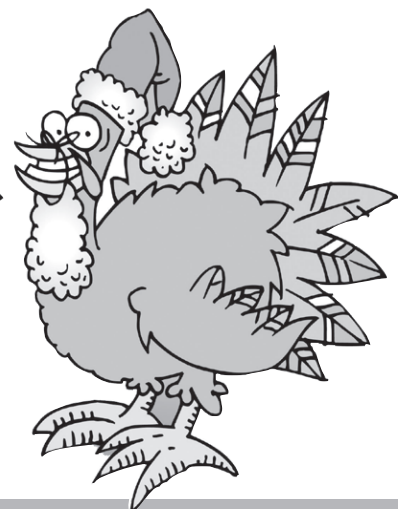
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Obituaries

WYATT JAMES PILLEN
Sept. 17, 1998–Nov. 18, 2013

Wyatt J. Pille, 15, was born Sept. 17, 1998, at Newcastle, the son of Rick and Susan (Lewis) Pille. He was raised in Newcastle, attending school and was a freshman at Newcastle High School. He died Monday, Nov. 18, 2013, at Denver Children's Hospital in Aurora, Colo., from injuries received in an automobile accident on Nov. 17 near Newcastle. His dream was to be a rancher and fireman following graduation.

Currently he was a member of Explorer's Post No. 66 of Newcastle, 4-H Program, FFA, the High School Rodeo Club and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He enjoyed shooting sports, youth wrestling, Little Britches Rodeo, basketball, baseball, football, rodeo, training for



Wyatt Pille

Explorers, dancing, ranch work and being with family and friends.

He is survived by his parents; best friend and brother, Nathaniel Pille of Newcastle, and by his sisters, Crystal Stevens-Benson of Glenrock, Rickay Pille of Gillette and Tabitha Pille of Newcastle. Also surviving are nieces Ayla Stevens, McCall Benson and Paetyn Sylte; nephews, Parker Stevens and Roman Williams; grandmothers, Virginia Pille and Jeannie Lewis, both of Newcastle; great-grandmother, Pearl Tavegia of Osage; and numerous uncles, aunts, cousins and friends. Preceding him in death were his grandfathers, James L. Lewis and Nathan Pille.

A visitation was held Friday, Nov. 22, at Worden Chapel. Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 24, at Crouch Auditorium, followed by burial at Boyd Cemetery near Four Corners.

The family has established the Wyatt Pille Memorial; contributions may be mailed to PO Box 700, Newcastle, WY 82701.


ANGEL LOUISE HOPE DUVALL
Nov. 21, 2013–Nov. 21, 2013

Angel Louise Hope Duvall, Gillette, was born and passed away, Nov. 21, 2013, at Spearfish Regional Hospital in Spearfish, S.D.

Angel is survived by her parents, Stacy Duvall and Lance Bergstrom; siblings, Kylin, Ashlie and Jaicee Whitecher, Gillette; grandparents, Judy Cayton, Sundance, Dan Duvall, Newcastle, Dean and Lorna Bergstrom, Newcastle; and great-grandmothers, Marie Domina and Lee Bergstrom, Newcastle.

Funeral Services for Angel will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 27, at the Church of Christ in Sundance.

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





Spreading Christmas cheer

First United Methodist Church was standing-room-only at times during the Christmas in Wyoming Bazaar held Saturday. Baked goods, crafts, hand-sewn items, plants and more provided unique gifts for holiday shoppers. Chili, chicken noodle soup and pie was on the lunch menu. Downstairs, the Second Time Around shop had an interesting variety of items for young and old to pick from. Above, Kennedy Ragland, Judy Anderson, Mary Ragland and Jackie Duty handle the pastries. (Photo by Denice Piscioti/NLJ)

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- CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL:** Rev. Sally Boyd, S. Summit & Winthrop Streets, 746-9684. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday, Morning Prayer 10 a.m.; 2nd & 4th Saturday 4 p.m., Holy Eucharist. haydishall@hotmail.com
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- CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS:** Bishop Greg James, 120 Ash, 746-4131. Sunday Sacrament Meeting 9 am; Sunday School 10:20 am; Relief Society & Priesthood Mtg 11:15 am.
- CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Killian Muli, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5:00 pm; Weekday Mass 8 am.
- COUNTRY CHURCH:** Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley, 746-9712, Worship 10 am.
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- FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH:** Pastor Lynn Schleicher, 301 Delaware, 746-9663. Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship 10:45 am; Prayer Service 5 pm, Christian Academy.
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Paul Holland, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Sunday School 8:45 am; Church Services 8 & 10 am; Nursery care available.
- GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Jon Andersen, Evangelical Free Church meets at the Weston County Senior Services; Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship 11 am. Call 746-8091.
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- NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sunday Worship 10 am; Wednesday Night Prayer.
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- OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH:** 348 Sheridan St. Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm.
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- ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Killian Muli, Upton. Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
- VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH:** Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366.
- UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Rev. Sheree Johnson, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship 10:30 am; Children's Church & Nursery are available; 1st & 3rd Wed Evenings Prayer and Praise Service 7 pm.



GIVE THANKS

From early childhood many of us were taught to give thanks, daily or perhaps several times a day. Did we know why we prayed? Do we know now? Let us take a few moments to think about giving thanks. How can we repay the Lord for all His goodness to us? Our faith is strengthened each time we remember, or bring to mind, how our Heavenly Father loves us and cares for us each day. This positive affirmation can add years to our life and life to our years. This Thanksgiving, as we give our prayer of thanks, may we remember the words of Psalm 118:1 "...Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

Weekly Scripture Reading

Psalm 92	Psalm 96	Psalm 97	Psalm 98	Psalm 100	Psalm 111	Psalm 115
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WHAT'S UP

Meetings & Events Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Nov. 29	3 p.m.	Hot Chocolate & Cider	Frontier Home & Ranch
	5 p.m.	Holiday Open House	Chick Financial
	5 p.m.	Chili Feed	W.C. Senior Center
	6 p.m.	Parade of Lights	Main Street
	7:30 p.m.	Life Prints	W.C. Senior Center
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	7:30 p.m.	Square Dancing	Newcastle Elementary
Dec. 1	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
	2 p.m.	Bingo	Corpus Christi Church
Dec. 2	6 p.m.	Ministerial Christmas Concert	W.C. Senior Center
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	11 a.m.	Blood Drive	W.C. Senior Center
Dec. 3	Noon	Chamber Board Meeting	Newcastle Country Club
	5 p.m.	W.C. Historical Preservation Board	USDA Building
	7 p.m.	City Council Meeting	Council Chambers
	7 p.m.	Square Dance Lessons	Newcastle Elementary
	9 a.m.	W.C. Commissioners Meeting	W.C. Courthouse
Dec. 4	6:45 p.m.	ALANON (746-9791)	Mondell Heights
	7 p.m.	Ladies Firearms Safety & Self Defense	Indoor Range
Dec. 5	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	11:45 a.m.	Newcastle Business Roundtable	Newcastle Country Club
Dec. 6	6 p.m.	Masons Family In Open Lodge	Masonic Lodge
	7 p.m.	W.C. Museum District	Anna Miller Museum
	7:30 p.m.	Salt Creek Water District Meeting	District Office
	8:30 a.m.	Customer Appreciation Open House	First State Bank
	9 a.m.	Open House	Modern Cleaners
Birthdays & Anniversaries	10 a.m.	Open House	Serendipity Nails
	11 a.m.	Open House	Edward Jones
	11:30 a.m.	Christmas Tea	Four Square Church
	6 p.m.	Pinnacle Bank Festival of Trees	W.C. Senior Center
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	7:30 p.m.	Square Dancing	Newcastle Elementary
	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
	Nov. 28:		Matt Hawley,
	Nov. 29:		Beau Bradford, Craig & Gloria Beckner
	Nov. 30:		Maxx DeMerritt
Dec. 1:		Ayla Stevens, Heidi Beehler	
Dec. 2:		Scott Wiggins, Mr. & Mrs Brett Reed	
Dec. 3:		Elaine Wilcomb	
Dec. 3:		Emily Rushton, Bill Beastron	

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100 YEARS AGO - NOV. 27, 1913

Hiram Hart died in this city early Saturday morning. Mr. Hart was born in New York state in 1823 and at the time of his death had attained the age of 90 years, 9 months, and 8 days. He had been a resident of this state for more than 20 years, his home being on Cold Creek.

Mrs. W.H. Fawcett and daughter and son and Mrs. Felix Laverne, all of the Beaver Creek area, were in Newcastle to the Library Social last Friday.

Frank Cummings of Howard is the victim of thieves, having lost a large amount of grain and later about \$15 worth of meat from his smokehouse, the door of which was locked.

Brookmead was the scene of a very pleasant gathering last Saturday night when Mr. and Mrs. Cowger's neighbors responded to their invitation to attend a dance there.

The death of James Roark, one of the pioneer settlers of this part of the country, occurred at Sundance Monday. Mr. Roark has been in very poor health the past year.

The ditch digger being operated on the sewer ditch is making rapid progress and has attracted many sightseers to watch its operation. The sewer will be completed in a few days.

The cutting of the hill projection on Summit Street at the head of Warren Avenue and the removal of the dirt for a fill at the lower end of the street is being rapidly pushed by E.H. Knapp and W.J. Cummings. This will make a great improvement.

The Ladies Aid of the M.E. Church of Cambria will give their annual bazaar in the Cambria Opera House on Monday, Dec. 1.

About three weeks ago Cambria was supposed to have a box of books and supplies shipped from Newcastle. It now seems the box was put aboard the wrong ship and has evidently landed at some foreign post. A tracer has been put on its

track and when found it will be permitted to return without further duty.

75 YEARS AGO - NOV. 24, 1938

Workers at the Mush Creek well, located about 12 miles southeast of Newcastle, were making final preparations for the drilling of a test well this week.

Funeral services were held at the Assembly of God Church here Wednesday morning for Theodore C. Fann, 69-year-old resident of Newcastle. Theodore Columbus Fann was born Jan. 19, 1869, at Mary's County, Mo. He and his family have lived in Newcastle for the past several years.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon on the Prairie for Mrs. James Simonson, 73. Marie Jensen Simonson was born April 12, 1865, in Westa, Denmark. She came to the United States and located on the Andy Oleson farm in Weston County in June 1906. On Aug. 22, 1907, she was married to James Simonson.

The opening of the J.C. Penney Company new toy department each year is an outstanding event of every child in Newcastle and trade territory. This year was a record, with more than 700 kiddies of the community visiting the toy department in the store's basement and shaking hands with Santa Claus.

Thursday evening at the Methodist church 20 young people met and organized an Epworth League. The young people expect to make this really one of the influential organizations of the city.

Mrs. Dora Sly entertained at dinner Sunday in honor of her mother, Mrs. Osten Olsen, who was celebrating her 67th birthday.

Daniel Patton of Red Butte is skidding logs for the Bickford saw mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Boznick and baby moved from Red Butte to Newcastle where Mike has employment.

Mrs. Emily Allan Patton, 80, who died in Washington, D.C., was the founder of



the Daughters of the American Revolution in Wyoming.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reed, of the Cheyenne River community, left for Douglas Wednesday to have their son Tommy operated on for appendicitis. Florence Bedell, teacher at 7-Mile, is staying at the Chris Christensen home while Reeds are in Douglas.

Mrs. Dave Darlington of Edgemont visited her daughter, Mrs. Mark Sheehan, in Osage for a couple of days the last of the week.

Mrs. Virgie Elliott and Mrs. J.E. Long spent Sunday visiting Mrs. Bertha Hays at the ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hays and son Leonard and Ben Hays spent the weekend on the ranch. J.E. Long, Ted Elliott and Lewis Adkins assisted them erect a new windmill.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Blair motored to St. Onge Friday where Mrs. Blair visited her mother, Mrs. Mary Kinghorn, and her niece, Mrs. Carl Aga.

50 YEARS AGO - NOV. 28, 1963

Rhonda Sedgwick of Newcastle won the horsemanship award at the International Rodeo Management's ninth annual pageant last week in Las Vegas, Nev.

Sen. Gale McGee, D-WY, toured Sioux Oil Company last Wednesday during a visit to Newcastle. Explaining the refinery to the senator was Leo Nelson, vice president and general sales manager of Sioux.

Dave Williams announced this week that he is the new area agent for Farmers Insurance Group.

Miss Suzanne Marie Hsley, of Newcastle, a junior at Loretto Heights College in Denver, will take part in the performance of Handel's Messiah.

The meeting of Lambda Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi sorority, was held at the home of Mrs. Gen. Ellis Monday evening. A decision was made to have a traveling bake sale.

Weston County joins the nation in mourning President John F. Kennedy. This poem was submitted by Barbara Thomas of Newcastle:

Day of Tragedy
Died he as Lincoln died
Bloodied and shot, while people stared
Died he thus a martyr to the freedoms
That he loved.
Death came not gently as a welcome friend,

But as a ruthless, final enemy
Cutting his life force at full vitality.
Weep, all people, weep, but not for him.
But for ourselves, we civilized,
Who let this happen in our day,
But, yes, weep for him, as the drums
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From the Vault of the Anna Miller Museum:

An early photo depicts tanks owned by Consumers Oil and Refining.



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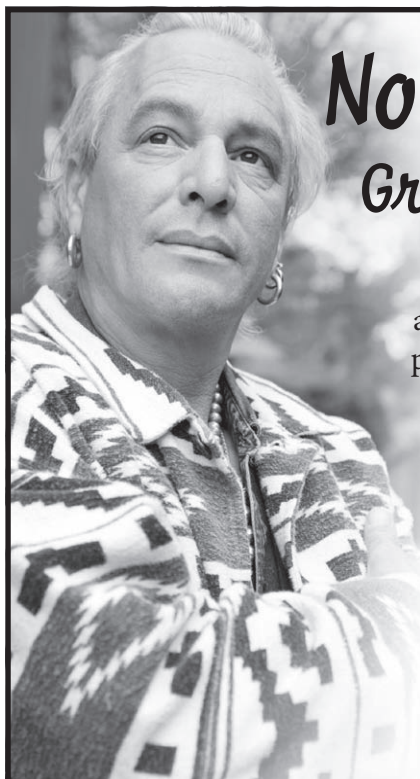
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Arla Bruch inspects the merchandise on offer at the United Fund of Weston County's annual Pie Auction and Bake Sale Monday morning. Proceeds from the event went to benefit nine local non-profit organizations, with bids for the delectable baked items being taken by KASL radio. As of late Monday afternoon, the auction had raised \$7,300. (Photo by Todd Bennington/NLJ)

County pens anti-ferret letter to feds

By **Todd Bennington of NLJ**

In response to a revision of the "Black Footed Ferret Draft Recovery Plan" released in February of this year, and suggestive language included in recently proposed amendments to prairie dog management strategy, the Weston County Board of Commissioners has written a letter addressed to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service seeking clarification as to whether or not the federal agency in fact intends to attempt to reintroduce the endangered black-footed ferret into Weston County in contravention of local ordinances.

"Because our Board was not notified of this revision nor included in the coordination process as required by the Federal Land Management and Policy Act," the letter reads in

part, "it is our understanding that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife do not intend to introduce the black-footed ferret in Weston County's portion of the Thunder Basin National Grassland as per our resolution #11-07 and Weston County's Land Use Plan."

The letter, dated Nov. 19 continues, "therefore, it would be appreciated if your organization would inform Douglas Ranger

District of the United States Forest Service to remove such language from the proposed amendment to the 2009 Thunder Basin National Grassland Prairie Dog Management Strategy ..."

Forest Service officials have clearly indicated in recent meetings with county commissioners that Weston County remains a favored location for those advocating the reintroduction of the black-footed ferret.

Prairie Dogs

Speaking of the proposed quarter-of-a-mile buffer zone around state and private lands, which is featured among the amendments, Commissioner Tracy Hunt confirmed with Whitford that no contingency plan is yet in place in the event prairie dogs are unable to be contained on federal lands.

"I guess we'll have to assess that as it comes. Really, I can't tell you," was Whitford's answer as to what the Forest Service intends to do should such circumstances arise.

Sen. Ogden Driskill, who was present in the audience at the commissioner's meeting, expressed dismay at the entire project, likening it to past efforts at local wolf reintroduction, which he characterized as disastrous.

"It just scares the dickens out of me, what you guys have got going on," he told Whitford and Byer. "I listen to you guys talk about nonessential and experimental populations. We haven't had really good experience with that here in Wyoming, and that was our wolf reintroduction. [Federal agencies] gave us those exact same promises that we'd be able to have outside controls ... Then they turned around, and [non-governmental organizations] sued, and we ended up with absolutely no control and a disaster. This is a carbon copy of that. You guys are heading right down the same path. You make all kinds of promises ... until environmental groups sue you, and you have to renege on your promises ... I think it's absolutely frightening ... I would really encourage you guys to think really, really hard about what you're doing to local economies and local people ... This whole thing is a big lie. It's the same as the wolf deal was."

Despite the general animosity directed toward the proposed amendments and

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— **Sen. Ogden Driskill**

prairie dog management in general, the commissioners made it clear they did not blame Whitford personally and expressed their appreciation for what they felt to be his candor relative to other officials they have dealt with in the past on the issue.

Speaking to the News Letter Journal later that Tuesday evening, Whitford said the new proposals, which are largely adapted from ones originally made by the state, have also met with resistance from ecological groups.

"[This amendment has] mostly been driven by the State of Wyoming [in response to public concerns]," he said. "The non-governmental organizations have really not wanted [it]. They were okay with the 2009 strategy, and they're not that happy with us amending [things]. It's hard to tell where it's all going to fall out."

Asked if the reintroduction of the black-footed ferret was bound to happen

regardless of the desires of Weston County, Whitford answered, "Potentially that could happen. I totally understand [the commissioner's] concern. [The decision is] beyond me. This is a really important area for the folks who back the ferret reintroduction, not only the non-governmental organizations but the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This is an important area because it's federal land, and we have a significant population of black-tailed prairie dogs."

Whitford continued, "[ferret reintroduction] is the ultimate goal for a lot of groups, but for [the Forest Service], the way we're looking at it as an agency is that we are tasked to manage for these other associated species, and I know the black-footed ferret is on the top of the list, but we don't have them. We're managing for all those other species mentioned tonight that are associated with and dependent on prairie dogs."


Given the opportunity to address the News Letter Journal's readership, Whitford concluded, "I want the public to know that the Forest Service is in a position where we're trying to find middle ground. The state has total confidence in the [National Environmental Policy Act] process, and we want a spectrum of public comments. We'll build some alternatives based on those comments, and [the end result] is going to fall somewhere in the middle. We can never make both ends happy, but [we will] try to find a happy medium. That's what our goal is."

The Forest Service will continue to accept written input from the public on the proposed amendments until the end of the 45-day scoping period, on Jan. 3. A draft Environmental Impact Statement followed by another 45-day comment period is anticipated for June 2014.


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WCHS gets good grades

By Denise Piscioti of NLJ

At the October meeting of the Weston County Health Services Board, it was decided to proceed with the free Straight A Leadership Assessment through the Studer Group, so 18 leaders of the organization took the assessment. WCHS Chief Executive Officer Maureen Cadwell provided the results of the assessment at the Nov. 21 meeting of the board.

The result of the survey was not a surprise because it had the same results the administrators saw through the employee engagement survey taken about a year ago in the facility. The assessment shows the areas of need already being focused upon, which was good affirmation that the organization is heading in the right direction.

"It was just the leaders, so it was just our administrative team, of which there are six of us, and the department managers, of which 12 completed it, for a total of 18. We have a total of 20, so you can see the percent was about 90 percent," reported the CEO.

Six key factors to achieving high performance were assessed: alignment, readiness for change, fundamentals, self-awareness, consistency and accountability.

The administrative team rated employee compensation and benefits, goal setting and strategic planning, and education, training and skill development as the top three things WCHS does well and should continue to do.

In agreement with the results, the department managers stated patient satisfaction/perception of care and quality of care are the top three areas where the organization excels.

"Education training is on both, which is a lot of what we talk about, for the leadership as well as our staff is a big deal. The administrative team thought well of the employee compensation and benefits, but they might know more about that process than the rest of the managers," Cadwell acknowledged.

Areas viewed for improvement by the administrative team are dealing with low performers, patient satisfaction/perception

of care, and quality of care. Dealing with low performers was second on the department managers' list, with communication first and community outreach below it.

"Communication, transparent and open, is on the managers' side. So we will be looking into exactly what that means, if it's something we need to do," Cadwell continued.

Employee engagement was seen as a challenge that hinders both the administrative team and department managers from achieving goals at the facility. In addition the administrators saw an inconsistency of standardization and hard-wiring, along with too many priorities. The managers believed resource limitations and communication delayed their ability to complete duties.

"On the alignment, the gap between the administrative team and the department managers is only 6.25 points, which tells you we are going in the same direction as far as alignment there," Cadwell informed.

The next area was the external health care market for WCHS, asking the survey-takers to state in the last five years if they saw the facility as very easy, normal, difficult or very difficult. Difficult received the highest number of nine, followed by normal with six, easy with two and one reply for very difficult.

"The next one was, over the next five years, what do you expect it to be. There is a little bigger variance which could be some communication with everyone realizing just exactly what those external situations are in health care," she added.

On the readiness for change aspect of the survey, nine of the leaders who took the survey felt that if the organization stays the same the results will be the same, eight believe it will be worse, and one indicated it will be much worse.

Cadwell acknowledged that it was pointed out through the survey that the evaluation system at WCHS needs improvement; this was not news, as it is an area they have been trying to improve upon.

"Past history is you have had

some leaders who believe it is important and some who don't. I am a believer [that] it is very important to evaluate people and let them know how they are doing. So that is a change that we will be going through," she admitted.

Another part of the survey asked how well the current leader training program prepares for successful leaders. The administrative team was divided, with half stating the training is fair and the other half good. Eight of the department managers felt the training is good, compared to three that agreed it is fair and one manager that thought the training is excellent.

Self-awareness from a patient or family member point of view rated average. Cadwell stated that, because of its importance, the patient satisfaction surveys were implemented again.

In consistency of leadership throughout the organization, the rating was above average. The rate of skill at WCHS in implementing and standardizing best practices throughout the facility was rated in the middle.

"We have not talked a lot about best practices, yet. The Studer Group really pushes that, best practices. So hopefully that will be something we will take advantage of in the future," noted the CEO.

In the accountability category, Cadwell told the board the survey determined the average leader supervises 10.43 individuals. Less than 10 percent were identified as not meeting expectations, with 30.77 percent of those identified as in formal corrective/disciplinary action.

"Again it didn't tell me anything I didn't know. I shared it with the admin team and I don't think any of those folks were surprised either," reported Cadwell.

Studer Group is working with the Wyoming Critical Access Network to bring in additional training, the CEO told the board. Once that is available she would like to take advantage of it as well. Through EmCare, the company WCHS contracts with for its acute care physicians, WCHS has access to the Studer Group's resources, which they will utilize as well.

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I appreciate the help," Sellers stated.

Because 2014 is an election year, WCHS board Vice Chairman Jimmy Long pointed out, that could change in May.

As their legal counsel, Peck reported that in order to get additional names on the ballot the bylaws would need to be changed prior to next month. However, later down the road they could be changed and additional board members could be appointed if the board determines that is in their best interest.

Barry Peterson, WCHS Board treasurer, indicated it would be beneficial to have a medical doctor's opinion during board discussions. He suggested a sixth member be added to the board that is a member of the medical committee.

In response, several people in the room stated that a representative from the Newcastle Regional Health Clinic is supposed to be in attendance of every WCHS Board meeting, however, many times they are unable to attend.

The way the district is set up, unless they run in the election they are not going to be a voting member, stated WCHS Chief Executive Officer Maureen Cadwell. Because it is already set up, however, the chief of the medical staff can attend board meetings, so there is still potential for their input.

"If you go to certain conferences, as you see things changing in health care, you do

see more boards including medical staff in those boards. You are seeing more and more of it because they really feel that physician engagement is important to the direction of health care facilities, and that is very true," acknowledged Cadwell.

Cadwell did not think that at this juncture it is a concern to add medical personnel as a voting board member because they do have quarterly meetings with the medical staff at the clinic to receive their input as well as a representative attending the board meetings.

"I will tell you, having worked with boards for 30 years, it is harder than heck to get people on. The other problem is, if you open it up too much, sometimes you get what you don't want. You have so many people in the community that are willing to run that will do a good job. Then you have other people that run simply because they have an issue — and if they are running unopposed, you may have people get on the board that would not be necessarily cohesive with the rest of you. That is something to think about," added Peck.

After discussing the pros and cons of adding members to the board, no motion was made in regard to changing the bylaws to increase the board's size.

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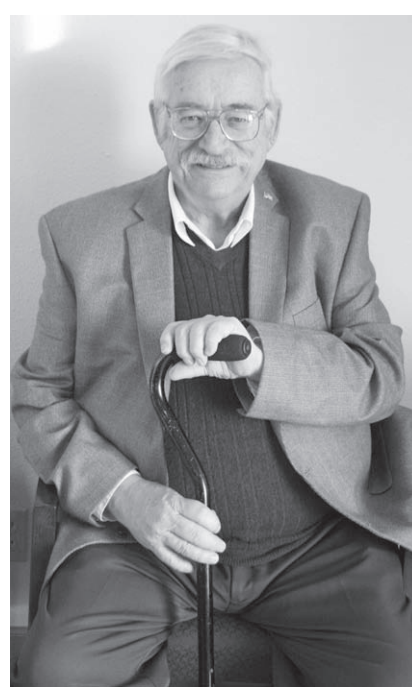
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clarification at this time.

"It's me. They want me to resign," she said. "It was in the paper. I am the bad person in this room. Because we had a disgruntled employee, who let us have it at a board meeting and put stuff in the paper that was confidential information, it's really hurt FOCUS. And I can't rebut that in the paper so now I am the [scapegoat], because I cannot talk about it. I cannot talk about things that have gone on because it's confidential information. I didn't break confidentiality. That's the big thing here. We all signed confidentiality statements. I did not break confidentiality. I have proof that other people broke confidentiality who were in this office and no longer are ... I'm the one who's being blamed for all of this, and they want me to resign."

Strickland also took the position that the current board was taking the blame for things beyond their control.

"It's just unfortunate," she said, "that the ones who were willing to stay and stand and make that decision to follow this through, because they don't want it to happen again, are the ones that are being persecuted. And the ones that left previous to that, who bailed from the board, who were probably very involved and knew things that were going on [have been absolved in the minds of the public], but it's unfortunate that we're the ones who are stuck with that."

"If [the public] really had the truth," Strickland went on, "they would be willing to help us stand up and fight. They don't know that though, and we can't say anything, which is unfortunate. We're in a really tough spot. The thing is that, through the [news-paper] articles ... it was [presented as the board's fault], and that's why we can't get any [new] board members. [News Letter Journal Editor Bob Bonnar] is scaring people from coming on the board, because who wants their name in print the way we've had our names in print."

Howard answered by suggesting that regardless of what has occurred in the past or who is to blame for it, it is incumbent that FOCUS move

beyond the negative public perceptions in which it seems to have become mired if it is to fulfill its mission statement.

"These are things that I can't attest to, because they were before my time. But it is true, what Sharon [Strickland] said, that as we try to move forward, and we've made some strides, [past issues] keep coming up, and the reason they keep coming up for the newspaper is that they are still talked about in the community. And when things are talked about in the community, it's only logical that the [news-paper goes] to the place where they think that they'll get the most bang for their buck ... I don't even think that's a bad thing. If this is representative of what the perception is in the community, we have to address it. For me, I have to tell you, the articles have been correct ... That's exactly what happened. That's exactly what was asked. That information has been correct ... We have to not take it personally. We can't just keep going on like this."

"I don't think it's a case of Bob Bonnar [and] the paper winning. I think the persons that we're serving are losing, and that's my priority," Howard said. "If this agency closes [the persons whom FOCUS should be serving] are going to be referred to the closest program and that's Crook County Family Violence."

"The comment was made at the last board meeting that we don't want to be bullied," Howard recalled. "I don't think it's a case of being bullied. I think it's a case of instilling confidence in the community in this board, and the community does not have that confidence."

Despite the hotly contested debate at Wednesday's meeting in regard to the cause of the agency's problems and how it should best proceed, the FOCUS Board did seem to tackle a number of items on its agenda in a productive and efficient manner. The board voted to adopt new mission and vision statements as well as a revised set of bylaws. Additionally, a job description for the open position of executive director was reviewed and finalized. Howard also brought to the attention of the board a number of issues for which she was in the process of finding remedies or had already successfully addressed. These included the following:

- The past practice of paying "volunteers" for their time
- The technical issues surrounding the online IntelliGrants system through which FOCUS is supposed to receive state and federal funding in the form of reimbursements
- Past inappropriate distribution of important computer passwords
- Past duplication of checks that had resulted in a confusing paper trail and issues with end-of-year reporting (although, as Howard was careful to point out, no one seems to have actually been paid twice)

With the resignation of the chairman and vice chairman on Wednesday, treasurer Kenneth Pitlick agreed to take on interim officer duties, and there are now a total of six openings on the FOCUS Board, which is scheduled to hold its next meeting on Dec. 11 at 6 p.m.

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— Sharon Strickland

Board member Andrew Macke disagreed with Howard's assessment, however.


"You suggest it's the public going to the paper," he said. "I suggest it's the paper causing the frenzy with the public ... I want to stand up and fight this whole thing, but we can't win, because public perception is driven by the paper."

Howard, in turn, sought to reorient the discussion toward the mandate the agency is meant to fulfill — dealing with and preventing incidents of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

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“ This little boy came up to me — it was really cute — he said, ‘I really, really like your books. They help me understand things’ ... ”

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

Humorous sayings are often heard out of the mouths of babes, but capturing the moment in writing can be a challenge. In an effort of preserving those special moments JaNel Farnsworth sat down one day and began drawing cartoons of the memorable moments she experienced with her children and grandchildren.

For almost 17 years, her cartoon “Gwamma” has been being published in the News Letter Journal, but soon 180 of Farnsworth’s favorites will be published in a book that will be on sale before Christmas at Devil’s Tower, the NLJ office and other businesses in Newcastle.

When her oldest grandchild, Trayton Farnsworth, was three months old, she decided she would write down the funny things he said. Then the idea occurred to her to not only jot down the things her grandchildren said, but to also take the opportunity to record what her children had said. One idea led to another and soon she was adding animation.

“I thought, right now I am going to write down the funny things my kids said, but when I did it, I thought, I am going to just draw a cartoon instead. The very first cartoon I drew was when one of my kids said, ‘How come her hair is doing that?’ about the lady

across the street. So that was my very first cartoon and I drew 12 that day — and the next day I drew 12 more,” detailed Farnsworth.

Looking back at her first 24 drawings, Farnsworth is amazed that anyone thought

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Author and cartoonist JaNel Farnsworth has a new book, at left, that compiles her cartoons of the last 17 years. The book will be on sale in local stores before Christmas.



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JaNel Farnsworth's cartoons feature "Gwamma" with all of her grandkids as the characters.

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they were good. Her husband, Doug Dumbrill, encouraged her, so they showed the cartoons to his uncle, John Dumbrill, an art teacher.

"They just kind of evolved. It is strange how that happens," she said.

Shortly thereafter, even though she was living in Gillette, she visited News Letter Journal's editor at the time, Tom Mullen, asking if he would run the cartoons in the newspaper. Much to her surprise he quickly agreed. Farnsworth was grateful when Bob Bonnar took over as editor and wanted to keep publishing her cartoons.

"Tom was the one who gave me my start. I probably would have done a cartoon here or there and never done it again. Bob was just as enthusiastic about it. Because of them, I have kept going with it and so I have hundreds and hundreds," she reported.

The cartoon has evolved to seven characters, which includes, herself, her husband and their grandchildren. In fact, Trayton Farnsworth is 'Grandbaby' in the cartoon and his sister Ashten is 'Babydoll'.

Farnsworth took her drawings a step further and began to make books. They are written, illustrated and made by Farnsworth.

"The very first book I did was when Michael, Staci and Trayton moved to Chicago. I was just broken-hearted when they left. So I wrote a book that is called "Hanging with Gwamma." So when I would see Trayton we could color the book together. That is what got me writing my first book," she explained.

The next book she wrote was to help a child, Sara Jorgensen, understand the feelings she was having. But the story behind the book began years before when Farnsworth worked closely with Ryan Donaldson while he attended school, getting to know him well before he died at the age of 13.

"I was the one who helped him at school every day in fifth grade. Sixth grade I spent every day with him all day. The summer before seventh grade, he was killed. It was so tragic, it was terrible. I remember I admired his parents so much because they donated his heart, his kidneys and the bones in his legs. I thought that was so generous and amazing," the author recalled.

She wondered why she went through the experience, but a few years later, Jorgensen came into Farnsworth's life. The young girl, about the age of 12, moved across the street from Farnsworth. After talking to her, Farnsworth learned she had received a kidney transplant.

"It was not Ryan's kidney, it was from a little girl who was in a car wreck. So we started talking and she was telling me how lonely she would get when she was in the hospital waiting for her kidney transplant and [during] dialysis. So I wrote a book for her and for Ryan and it was called, "Last Act of Kindness,"

Farnsworth explained.

In fact, she sent the book to the Children's Hospital in Denver, Colo. They were impressed with the book but told her they didn't have the funds to purchase it. In reply, Farnsworth asked them if they would be interested in taking a few copies. They replied they absolutely would.

"So I went around town, and I went to the businesses in Gillette and asked them to donate money. I showed them the book and everything. I raised \$2,200 then Doug and I matched that," she stated.

In the end, 3,000 copies were sent to the Children's Hospital in Denver through generous donations. Several requests have come from the books being there, including from the National Kidney Foundation, Farnsworth said. She believes today they are in 40 states.

From there she started writing fun to read and coloring books about things to help kids comprehend intimidating topics. She recalled visiting a fifth-grade class in Gillette after the teacher, Kelly McNamanan, bought a set of the books.

"So she had been letting them read the books and I came and talked to them. This little boy came up to me — it was really cute — he said, 'I really, really like your books. They help me understand things. I always thought everybody knew what ADHD was and I was the only one. Then I read your book and I found out my cousin has it,'" she smiled.

That same day another little girl told Farnsworth she enjoyed reading the books because they are about things she didn't understand, but they didn't go on and on and on like other books did.

Through the years Farnsworth has written about bullying, ADHD, cancer, eating right, exercising, Down Syndrome, scoliosis, death and just being different. Several schools and libraries in Wyoming have the full set of her books for children to enjoy, including the Weston County Library's Newcastle branch.

The book "Wonderful Wyoming" is available for purchase at Devil's Tower. It was written for Sen. Mike Enzi, who hands them out in his office in Washington, D.C. Farnsworth also wrote a book for the senator's wife, Diana, called "CHAMPS," about the dangers of land mines.

"The Last Road Trip" is a true story written for Farnsworth's sister-in-law and her husband, Debbie and Jim McLeland, when their son Morgan was one of the eight University of Wyoming Cross Country runners who were killed instantly by a drunken driver on Sept. 16, 2001.

Farnsworth said individuals interested in buying the 18-book set, which is sold for \$90, or individual copies, sold for \$5 each, are welcome to message her on Facebook, call at 307-682-3733 or email janel@vcn.com.

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Christmas in the County

New toys and clothes needed

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

It is the time of year we begin thinking about buying Christmas presents for loved ones, as well as those less fortunate. Operation Santa is gearing up to deliver presents during the holiday season. Both Girl Scouts and RENEW will be collecting clothing and toys at the Newcastle Family Dollar for the worthy organization.

A box near the cash register at the front of the store has been placed to collect new pajamas, hats and gloves. Cadet and Senior Girl Scout Troop No. 1348 are collecting pajamas, while Brownie and Junior Girl Scout Troop No. 1245 are collecting hats and gloves, Girl Scout Leader Amy Hawley told the News Letter Journal.

Her daughter, Cassie Hawley, began gathering items for Operation Santa six years ago as a Girl Scout project, continuing ever since as the troop became more involved. Last year, the Newcastle High School student was able to help wrap presents for the organization.

"It is very easy to pick out toys for kids at Christmas, after all, who doesn't enjoy getting new toys? This year think about not only something the kids want, but something they may need as well. For my sixth year I am collecting pajamas to donate to Operation Santa. After all, what is better than a brand new pair of warm, fuzzy pajamas for Christmas morning? This may be the only pair of new pajamas a child will receive this year. When you're out doing your Christmas shopping, please think about this and help me make my goal of 100 pairs of new pajamas for the children in Weston County," the younger Hawley stated.

The Girl Scouts also purchase new items for other children. Monetary donations can be sent to 527 Williams, Newcastle WY



Denice Piscioti/NLJ

James Lane, Deb Hoover and Danny Roetman, along with Santa, will be at Family Dollar's parking lot with a bus to take donations on Dec. 6 and 7.

82701, in care of Amy Hawley.

The first weekend in December, on Saturday the 7th and Sunday the 8th, the RENEW bus will be in the parking lot of Family Dollar along with Santa to collect new toys and clothes for Operation Santa as well.

"Danny Roetman and James Lane will be there helping Santa. People can get a name off of the tree inside the store or they can just bring new items to the bus," explained Deb Hoover of RENEW.

Hoover also said cameras are welcome if people want to take pictures with the jolly elf.

When asked why he wants to do this, Roetman told the News Letter Journal it is

because he wants to help families, and boys and girls love new toys.

"It would not feel good if I didn't have anything for Christmas. I want kids to feel happy and appreciated," he smiled.

"We will have hot chocolate and Santa will give out candy canes. It's nice to help others," added Lane.

Hoover wants to help collect new items for the Peace Officers to hand out because her family had been previous recipients of the organization's generosity.

"The reason I wanted to do this is, in years past, I have not had the money and they showed up with presents and food. It was a blessing for the community to give to us," she said.

Parade, chili feed on tap Friday

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

Events leading up to and following the annual Lighted Parade will make Newcastle the place to be on Nov. 29 and 30. The community will have the opportunity to enjoy hot beverages, good food and visit with Santa.

"Come on down and enjoy the parade and the festivities! The lighted parade once again will be on the Friday after Thanksgiving. The line-up is at 5 p.m. with the parade starting at 6 p.m. There is going to be a free chili feed at the Weston County Senior Services Center starting at 5 p.m.," reported Norma Shelton, member of the Newcastle Area Chamber of

Commerce.

Area businesses are also offering fun events at the same time. From 3 until 6 p.m. Frontier Home, Ranch and Hardware at 21 S. Railway will have free hot cider and glow sticks. Chick Financial/New York Life Insurance Company will hold a Holiday Open House at 1 S. Seneca at 5 p.m., serving hot chocolate, informed Shelton.

The lighted parade's theme this year is "O' Tyme Christmas," sponsored by Black Hills Power. It will begin at 6 p.m. at the Weston County Courthouse and continue down Main Street to the Weston County Senior Services Center.

During the parade, the

Newcastle Chapter of People First — a national organization promoting self-advocacy and employment for people with disabilities — will be handing out free hot chocolate and popcorn in front of Something Healthy.

"Santa will arrive in the parade and will be at the senior center to take orders right afterward," Shelton smiled.

As parents wait with their children to see St. Nick, the Newcastle Masonic Lodge will be handing out a packet from Life Prints. The lodge has been handing out the packets after the parade for several years as a community service.

"We will be in the room with Santa. Families can

pick up the packets to have finger prints of their children on file. Directions are on the envelope," explained Mike Hutchinson.

On Sat. Nov. 30, Santa will be at Sol Shine Photography in the afternoon, from 1 to 4. A fun background will be available for family members to pose with Santa. Photographer Hallie Bell urges those wanting to participate in the photo session to call 746-6324 for an appointment.

Bell will be offering package deals on the photos, as well as less expensive choices.

"If you don't want all the items, you can order from the ala cart selection, many items are under \$10," reported Bell.

Annual Christmas Tea scheduled

By Todd Benington of NLJ

The annual Community Christmas Tea, a local tradition typically held on the first Friday of December, is scheduled to take place on the sixth this year at Newcastle Foursquare Church from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. "Jesus is the Light of the World" is the theme of this year's event, which will feature snacks, refreshments and community Christian fellowship, according to an announcement.

Barb Hansen, who has helped organize the event for more than a decade, told the

News Letter Journal that based on past turnout she expects about 60 or 70 people might attend provided "it's not too stormy."

"Weather has a big [effect] on our attendance," she added.

The event, which rotates between local churches each year, is open to the entire community. "It's for the whole community and their families," Hansen explained, adding that attendance is not limited to adults as children are welcome as well. Asked to explain its history, Hansen recalled that the Christmas Tea has always gone hand-in-hand with the World Day of

Prayer, which takes place in March. Both events are motivated by a similar goal of uniting communities, she said.

"For some reason the Christmas Tea has always gone along with the World Day of Prayer for as long as I can remember here in Newcastle," Hansen explained of the local tradition. "A group of women got together, because they felt the world needed to come together ... It's been going on for many, many years as far as I know."

Those seeking more information about the event should contact Linda Bohn at 746-3354.

Schools announce Christmas concerts

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

Christmas is near and one indication of that is Weston County School District #1 students are busy preparing holiday music to sing to the community. Newcastle Elementary School grades third through fifth will be the first to perform on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. in the Crouch Auditorium. The following week the younger students in grades kindergarten through second grade will sing, on Thursday, Dec. 12, at the same place and time.

Also at Crouch Auditorium, Newcastle Middle School choir and band students will demonstrate their talents on Monday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. The Newcastle High School choir and band will perform the next evening, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

"Each grade level will sing two to three songs, with both schools singing one large piece at the end of the concert," explained Sara Whipple, the new music instructor at NES.

Kristin Wilkes, the nurse at

WCSD #1, will accompany the students on the piano while they sing classic Christmas music along with fun, upbeat, non-traditional holiday tunes.

Not new to teaching music, but new to Newcastle, Whipple received help from Newcastle middle and high school choir and band instructors Jan Ellis and Whipple's husband Ryan with setting up responsibilities behind the scenes.

"The kids are excited and ready to go! We are looking forward to it and hoping for a good turnout!" declared Whipple.

The middle and high school programs are also busy getting ready for their upcoming concerts as well. As the new band teacher in the upper grades, Ryan Whipple told the News Letter Journal the sixth grade band will also play a few non-Christmas selections from their method books. The high school band will be doing a piece called "Celebration," originally a Mannheim Steamroller hit, with hints of traditional

Christmas music.

The seventh grade band will be playing "First Holiday Concert", which incorporates "Jingle Bells", "Dreidel Dreidel" and "Jolly Old St. Nick".

The eighth-graders will perform "Jingle Bell Rock" and a two-movement piece called "Chorale and Dance", according to Ryan Whipple.

The middle school and high school choirs are eager to preform renditions of famous Christmas songs, which by all descriptions will make for enjoyable events.

In preparation for large crowds attending events at Crouch Auditorium, Dave Ehlers, the school district's director of technology, and his staff installed a closed-circuit camera in the auditorium which feeds directly into the large-screen televisions in the Commons area at the school, providing audio and video of events being held in the auditorium.

"There is not public access,

no internet connection. It can only be seen in the Commons," explained Ehlers. "It is for convenience, to allow for overflow or for people with young children. We hope to offer it to people who want to take advantage of it."

Cantata Choir presents Christmas program

The Community Cantata Choir presents its 8th Annual Christmas Cantata on Dec. 8 at 2 p.m., featuring the Handbell Choir in "One Starry Night." The annual event will be held at the Crouch Auditorium at Newcastle High School. There is no admission fee, however donations will be accepted.

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NLJ File Photo

Festival of Trees is on its way

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Pinnacle Bank's 11th annual Festival of Trees will take place at the Weston County Senior Services Center on Dec. 6 from 6 to 9 p.m.

The event, which will consist of the auction of 45 wreaths and four trees decorated by local businesses and non-profit organizations, raised more than \$32,000 for charity last year, according to Julie Whetsell, operations officer at Pinnacle Bank.

This year organizers hope to raise enough money to give \$5,000 apiece to Totes of Hope and Operation Santa, with the remainder of funds

raised going to benefit the senior center. Totes of Hope and Operation Santa are local charities that seek to provide weekend meals for students who qualify for reduced-cost school lunches and Christmas cheer to in-need Weston County families respectively.

The auction begins at 7:30 with Mark Stenson lending his services as auctioneer this year.

"We've kind of found through the years that the wreaths bring more money than the trees do," Whetsell admitted to the News Letter Journal, "but we do still want to have a few trees since it's called Festival of Trees."

"It's just a lot of fun," she

enthusiased. "There are wreaths that go for two or three thousand dollars. So it's pretty crazy. It's a great night. [Sometimes] people will donate them back, so they can be auctioned off again and bring even more."

For those who aren't in a position to spend quite that kind of cash but would still like to contribute, a silent auction of gift baskets assembled by those organizations being benefited will also take place.

"Because sometimes the wreaths go for so much money, not everybody is able to spend that much money," Whetsell explained. "[The baskets provide] another way for people to get involved and make a

donation without spending so much money."

There is no door fee for the event, but \$10 buys a commemorative wine glass that can be refilled all night long. Beer and fruit juice will also be available for teetotalers and wine non-enthusiasts.

Food will also be on offer, and Al and Brenda Costello and Company will round out the evening's activities with Christmas music.

"I'm just amazed every year," Whetsell confided, "I know there is going to be a year where we don't raise as much as the year before. It just hasn't happened yet. Knock on wood."

BREAD office helps folks year round

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

Cherished memories are often made during the holidays as families gather around a Thanksgiving meal, but sometimes that meal — and many others — can be pretty sparse for low-income households. The BREAD office, located in the east wing of the Weston County Senior Services Center, provides food for low-income households that qualify to help put food on their tables during the holidays and year round.

Director of the BREAD office, Elizabeth Goodart, told the News Letter Journal that the week before Thanksgiving, last week, recipients had the opportunity to shop for food for their holiday dinner table, but donations are needed throughout the year. This week BREAD recipients will be picking up the usual bag of goods prepared for them at the office.

"We haven't seen a large

influx of people this year. We have had a few new families signing up," reported Goodart.

She continued to say that it is easier to qualify for the program through the BREAD office than it is for food stamps, officially known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. When individuals arrive at the office to sign up, they are asked if they qualify for SNAP, because if they do, then she knows they will qualify to receive food through BREAD as well — although it's not a requirement to be on government assistance to receive help from the BREAD office.

Goodart also noted the office does not receive any funding from the government — not even from the City of Newcastle or Weston County. The program relies strictly on donations. Monetary donations help pay for rent to WCSSC and to purchase food for the recipients. As much food as possible is purchased at

local grocery stores, however, they do also get items from the Wyoming Rocky Mountain Food Bank in Casper.

Knowing BREAD depends solely on donations, Weston County School District #1 held their second annual food drive Nov. 18-22 called "Stuff the Bus." Last year, students brought food items either to their bus or to drop boxes at each school. Each year, the goal is to expand the project. This holiday season, they wanted to make it easier to donate, so each day a bus was driven to each of the grocery stores to be filled up.

"This year we expanded by parking the bus in the Woody's [Food Center] and Decker's [Market] parking lots. People were able to put their donations in the bus or a shopping cart," explained WCSD #1 Transportation Director Mark Peterson last week during the food drive. "We have already

exceeded what we received last year."

The successful effort netted 808 pounds of food this year.

Another annual donation the BREAD office counts on is the Boy Scout's of America Care and Share food drive. Goodart reports that through the Boy Scouts' collection of food in December, the organization receives six months worth of canned food. Each year, Boy Scouts in the community leave a bag at each house in Newcastle the first Saturday in December, returning the following Saturday to collect the bags people have generously filled.

"We appreciate the community donating food. If I don't get donations, then we will have to purchase food and we would need money to do that," smiled Goodart.

The BREAD office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

A new meaning for 'family' gatherings

Jessalynn Centifanto
Summer Solace

It's that time of year again. That time of year when you see turkeys dressed as pilgrims and those of pilgrim decent dressed like stuffed turkeys. That time of year when crazy Christmas shopping begins, but most of all when those dear to you are near. This is that time of year we call Thanksgiving, the time set aside to celebrate all the wonderful things God has blessed us with.

Growing up my family holidays were always a little different than what most people were used to. Thanksgiving was always a house full of people and food and plenty of good times, but those people rarely included the typical extended family members. Because my family was not very close to our

extended family, growing up, holidays turned into a kind of improvisation. We had the usual "crazy aunt" at dinner but she was actually our eye doctor named Pam whom we invited over because she had nowhere else to go. We had the typical loud "uncle" who only talks about football, but he was actually a mentally disabled man my dad worked with, called Mike. We had plenty of your typical "wild cousins" but they usually consisted of random people we met that had no place to go, and the role of grandparents was filled by the elderly couple we met in the park whose own family lived far away.

We had everyone from men just out of prison getting their lives back on track to pastors, aspiring artists and traveling band members. Thanksgiving was never boring, to say the least. It never looked like a Norman

Rockwell Thanksgiving painting, but it grew in me the desire to include those that were outcasts and to love those that had no one to love them. It gave my siblings and I an appreciation for life — in all its forms and walks of life — and taught us to see past a person's position or exterior to see their heart. It taught us to be thankful on Thanksgiving in a way that I don't think many people get the opportunity to appreciate because they choose not to be exposed to those that have so much less than them.

Thanksgiving was a time where we gave thanks for what we had by sharing it with those who had less. My family was never well-off but it's amazing how much you realize you do have when faced with the realities of those who have so little. One thing my family did have in abundance was love, and to this day there are very few people I have ever

met with greater love than my parents. It's the kind of love that stories are written about. It's the kind of love that the apostle Paul writes about in the Bible in First Corinthians. It's supernatural, it changes lives and hearts.

My family Thanksgivings were just as dysfunctional — if not more so — than many that you will experience this year, but it has always been a holiday so dear to my heart because it's all about the things that are really important. It's about family and friends and sometimes complete strangers celebrating this wonderful life we are privileged to live here in America.

So I would encourage you all this year to invite that person that has nowhere else to go and celebrate a privilege we all have here, to live in a land truly blessed. Happy Thanksgiving, may our hearts truly be filled with gratefulness and may that overflow in love.

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Love of history keeps this woman busy

By Donna Gochanour for NLJ

When I went to interview Lucille Clark Dumbrill for the newspaper, I ended up with a bad case of TMS: too much stuff! This lady has a remarkable record of accomplishments, in the county, the state and at the national level of historic preservation, with a few other things thrown in besides.

I started out reading about her famous sourdough starter and the pancakes it makes, and ended up with her service as Wyoming's representative and Advisor Emeritus for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Dumbrill says that she was very lucky in that her husband made a good living and it enabled her to be free to become a volunteer.

Dumbrill was born in Utah, in a log cabin that had been sided over, and her father was a teacher who ended up teaching in Laramie's University of Wyoming.

Lucille herself also attended the University of Wyoming, graduating in 1951 with a Master of Arts degree. This is where she met her husband, Richard. It was the end of the war, where he had served as a radio operator and code sender. He was discharged in 1946 and became a student at the University. The young couple was married in 1949 after his graduation and they moved to Newcastle in 1952 where his family already had roots in a ranch located between Upton and Moorcroft. The Dumbrill Ranch is still active today. The couple raised three children in Newcastle and Richard became a busy attorney with Chester



Donna Gochanour/For NLJ

Lucille Dumbrill's reputation of preserving history — a passion she has developed throughout the years — is known far and wide. She is also the 'keeper of the sourdough.'

S. Jones until he retired in 1988.

In the meantime, Lucille had been a very busy "volunteer" and became involved with numerous community, historical and political organizations in Wyoming. In 1988 President Ronald Reagan appointed Lucille Dumbrill as a member of the Advisory Council on

Historic Preservation for a term that didn't expire until 1992.

Meanwhile, back to the sourdough starter, the point where I started this whole interview. This 122-year-old starter is probably just as famous as Dumbrill herself and has been the centerpiece of pancake luncheons that the

Dumbrills have held throughout the years. Lucille says that Richard was always the cook at these occasions while she provided the peripheral support, adding whatever other items were necessary to the meal.

They often entertained U.S. Sen. Alan Simpson and Richard served as

Weston County's campaign chairman for Simpson for 18 years. When they held a 100th Birthday Party for the sourdough starter with the Wyoming State Historical Society, 90 people got to enjoy the pancakes that Richard flipped. The sourdough starter was used at fundraisers for the local museum district and Newcastle's Historical Society, as well as other groups. It's a very successful jar of dough residing in Lucille's refrigerator.

Richard passed away in 2009 but Lucille is still keeping very busy and presently she is serving as the chairman of Weston County's Preservation Board. They tried to save the Old Mill but they weren't able to, she laments, but they do have the history, in photographs and some of the mill equipment that they saved, which they are still trying to find a home for so it can be displayed properly. The current project is to save the oldest cabin at Mallo Camp. They have saved the Novak cabin, a Jenny Stockade cabin and a school house, among other things, like the locomotive on display across the road and alongside the Anna Miller Museum in Newcastle.

Lucille has given me a resumé of her work and all of the services that she has participated in, including serving on Weston County's hospital board, the Northern Wyoming Mental Health Board and her ongoing service to the University of Wyoming. Dumbrill has been a gift to this county with her skills, education and dedication. It was a great pleasure to talk with her.

Thanksgiving to remember Senior Happenings

Thanksgiving holidays come and go over our years, many of them only remembered as happy family get-togethers, with few actually standing out in any manner — they just leave behind happy, warm feelings and gratitude for the good things of the year just past. The ritual of tradition binds us together. Such was how our big family holidays were when I was a kid growing up.

Later, as we traveled from place to place, it centered around my own family, just the six of us, most of the time. Even after my kids were all grown and had expanded their own families, we always planned to get together if we were at least living in the same state at the time.

In 1988, we were actually all still in Alaska and my oldest, Randy, had bought a little house in Anchorage and the girls in the family announced, "We're tired of doing all of the work, you guys take it this year. You can do it all at Randy's house!"

Poor Randy. He hadn't a clue and he didn't ask any of us how to do it either, he just knew that it had to contain a turkey and it usually had good things to eat that went with it!

Before the big day, though, I did an inventory of his kitchen

and noticed a lack of dishes — he had one plate, one bowl, one cup, etc. Well heck, it was just him there! Why would he ever need anything else, right? A single man is mostly not too interested in the finer points of a kitchen, just so it had a frying pan in it, a toaster and a set of plastic forks and spoons. That'll take care of it! I can always eat out, he thinks to himself. He never called any of us so we just thought he had it all under control. Come to find out, instead of having this dinner on paper plates, he had gone downtown and bought a whole set of dishes, 12 piece. White. Amazing.



Donna Gochanour
I Remember When

Thanksgiving day dawned and with the dawn, I got a phone call.

"Mom, I had a hard time finding a turkey but I got one and it's froze solid. What do I do now?"

I look at the clock and leap out of bed and say to him... "I'll be there as soon as I can, and you put that turkey in a clean sink full of water so maybe it will thaw out a little."

I jumped into some clothes and hit the road with my roaster under my arm. When I finally get there, the turkey is in the sink and when I feel of it, I can tell it hasn't made any progress in the thawing department

so I drain the cold water off and put hot water on, hoping I can get it thawed enough to extract that little paper bundle with the neck and stuff.

Meanwhile, I am trying to comfort and encourage the guy. Hey, we still got a few hours yet, we'll make it! Eventually, it gets to the point where I think that little packet can be pulled out but it's still pretty icy. Randy wants to know what I'm trying to do, can he help. "Oh," I say, can you reach in there ...? I explain a little and he says, "you want me to reach in WHERE and get WHAT?!" Poor baby, I just educated him on turkeys!

Well, finally the bird got soft enough to put it in the oven, just skip the dressing bit, and start roasting it.

I can't remember if we put the potatoes in with it or not, but we all remember him opening up cans of vegetables and setting the whole can on the stove to heat up. We may have even had canned gravy! He had no pots or pans of course. Finally, as we all anxiously waited, it looked like at least some sections of it were "done" enough to eat. If it was still a little "rare" a few minutes in the microwave fixed it.

Believe or not, we were all so hungry by then that we pronounced it a wonderful meal and Randy, bless his heart, was flushed and grinning with his success. And we all greatly admired his new set of dishes!

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A holiday tradition to enjoy

By Donna Gochanour for NLJ

This year for Thanksgiving, I'll be making rosettes. It's a family tradition to serve these sweet treats during the holidays — and one my children seldom let me get out of.

Making rosettes requires a lot of hot grease, plenty of paper towels and a good stove vent! Also, a good cast-iron rosette iron works best (pictured at right), not the cheaper aluminum ones — they don't heat as well and end up sticking.

- The batter:**
 2 eggs
 1 cup milk
 1 cup flour
 3 teaspoons sugar
 1/8 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 Beat eggs slightly, add remaining ingredients and beat until smooth

Prepare a cookie sheet with a double layer of paper towel. Also prepare a wad of paper towel to blot the iron on between dips in the batter.

In a deep cast-iron skillet, heat about two inches of shortening — this takes most of a can. I've found over the years that Crisco shortening works best with the temperature used to deep-fry the rosettes.

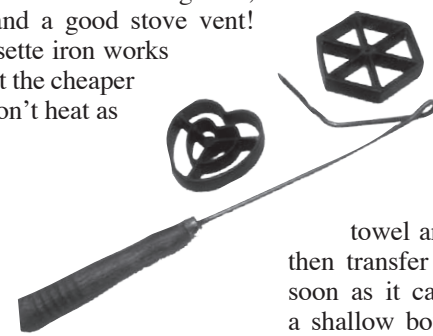
While the shortening is melting and heating, assemble your iron and set it in the melting

shortening to heat. The irons must be hot to "pick up" the batter. Dip the heated iron in the batter only to the top edge of the iron, not over the edge. When you see that the batter has adhered to the iron, move it quickly into the hot oil and hold it down until covered with the melted shortening, just level with the top of the iron. Try not to touch the bottom of the skillet. Only a few seconds are required and it will be done enough to fall off the iron by itself, with a quick flip of the wrist.

I quickly blot the iron on paper towel and flip the rosette over with a fork, then transfer to a cookie sheet. From there, as soon as it can be handled, I dip the rosette in a shallow bowl of sugar and lay it on back on the paper towel-covered cookie sheet (for many years, when they were little, this job went to the kids). This goes very quickly and can move along just as fast as you move! Coating it with the sugar can wait until you have several done, but the sugar sticks best when the rosette is still warm.

I usually make a double batch of the batter, and I usually ruin at least the first two because my iron is not hot enough. I take a slotted spoon and clean the oil of odds and ends of batter now and then.

I hope you enjoy this tradition as much as our family does!



We would like to recognize The Laundry Basket for the improvements made to their property located on Main Street.

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



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Foreclosure Notice

FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note ("Note") and real estate mortgage ("Mortgage"). The Mortgage dated November 15, 2007, was executed and delivered by Jesse R Williams and Janel L Williams ("Mortgagor(s)") to First Interstate Bank, as security for the Note of the same date, and said Mortgage was recorded on November 20, 2007, at Reception No. 699316 in Book 302 at Page 0196 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: Wyoming Community Development Authority
 Assignment dated: November 15, 2007
 Assignment recorded: November 20, 2007
 Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 699318 in Book 302 at Page 212

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 \$174,570.52 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$164,670.30 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$8,699.41, plus other costs in the amount of \$1,200.81, 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 Wyoming Community Development Authority, 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 December 10, 2013 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY, Weston County, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 9, FAGAN'S ADDITION TO UPTON, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF. HUD TAG #NTA718328 & NTA718329.

with an address of 725 Sherman, Upton, WY 82730.

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

Wyoming Community Development Authority
 By: The Castle Law Group, LLC
 123 West 1st Street, Ste. 400
 Casper, WY 82601-0000
 (307) 333-5379

(Publish November 14, 21, 28 and December 5, 2013)

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Foreclosure Notice

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

TO: RICHARD WOOTEN AND MELINDA WOOTEN
 TS # 13-00467-8

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to WYO. STAT. §§ 34-4-101 through 34-4-113, Assignee, DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR SAXON ASSET SECURITIES TRUST 2007-4, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-4, will foreclose that certain Mortgage dated August 2, 2007, and given by RICHARD WOOTEN AND MELINDA WOOTEN, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, Mortgagor(s) to SAXON MORTGAGE, INC., D/B/A SAXON HOME MORTGAGE, A CORPORATION, Original Mortgagee by Sale to the highest bidder at a public auction of the premises described pursuant to the "Power of Sale" contained in the Mortgage. If you wish to contest said Sale, then you must challenge said Sale by filing a lawsuit in a court of competent jurisdiction.

The Mortgage was recorded in the County Clerk and Ex-Officio Register of Deeds of WESTON County on August 6, 2007, as Instrument No. 696511, in Book 299, at Page 0059, which Mortgage was later assigned to DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR SAXON ASSET SECURITIES TRUST 2007-4, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-4 by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded in the County Clerk and Ex-Officio Register of Deeds of WESTON County on June 6, 2012, as Instrument No. 735948, in Book 337, at Page 411.

The legal notice advertising said sale will be published for four (4) consecutive weeks, at least once a week in the NEWS LETTER JOURNAL commencing on November 14, 2013. The foreclosure sale will take place on Tuesday, December 17, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at the WESTON County Courthouse located at 1 West Main Street, Newcastle, Wyoming.

The premises described in the Mortgage are as follows:

LOT 7, BLOCK 7 OF FAGAN'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF UPTON, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING.

More commonly known as: 732 Grant Street, Upton, Wyoming 82730

In the event that a representative from a local title company is not present at the Sale, the Sale will be postponed until a later date.

THE ABOVE-REFERENCED MORTGAGOR(S) defaulted on the terms of the Note and Mortgage, and as of the date of this Notice, the undersigned claims an outstanding balance of \$175,696.88. Interest continues to accrue on the unpaid balance.

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

DATED: November 12, 2013

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR SAXON ASSET SECURITIES TRUST 2007-4, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-4

By: JAMES H. WOODALL
 LAW OFFICES OF JAMES H. WOODALL, PLLC.
 10808 RIVER FRONT PARKWAY, SUITE 175
 SOUTH JORDAN, UTAH 84095
 (801) 254-9450

(Publish November 14, 21, 28 and December 5, 2013)

Meeting Notice

BUFFALO CREEK TRAFFIC STUDY SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

The Buffalo Creek Traffic Study Selection Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2013, at the Tiger Transfer Office located at: 121 Merino Street, Upton, WY 82730 (Located inside the Upton Industrial Center)
 Weston County in conjunction with Wyoming Department of Transportation will review and select a consultant for the project from applicants who submitted letters of interest for the project by the allotted deadline of November 20, 2013. This meeting is open to the public.

(Publish November 28, 2013)

Fun and Games

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- Village V.I.P.
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- Building material
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- Wading bird
- Sign up again
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City Council Minutes

**NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2013**

Mayor Greg James called the regular meeting of Monday November 18, 2013 to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were: Archie Callander, Iva Carter, Linda Hunt, Roger Hesper, and Todd Quigley. Absent: None. Also present Department Heads: City Attorney Jim Peck, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Mills, Police Chief Jim Owens and Engineer Hartley as well as several guests.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor James amended the agenda to add water crane and deleted the executive session. Todd Quigley moved and Iva Carter seconded to approve the agenda as amended for November 18, 2013. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Roger Hesper moved and Linda Hunt seconded to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 4, 2013. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOMINATIONS FOR RECOGNITION: Linda Hunt nominated Flowers and Things, Frontier Ranch, Home and Hardware, and Serendipity for opening the Christmas season in Newcastle. Archie Callander nominated Strawberry Patch for their new business. Mayor James nominated Newcastle Hardware for the new loading dock, and also nominated Dan Klein from the WY Department of Transportation for the new quiet zone.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION: None
CITIZEN'S BUSINESS – IN WRITING: 1. Mayor James read a Twenty-Four Hour Catering Permit request from Maha Laxmi Krupa, Inc. dba as Fountain Inn to cater the Weston County Health Services Christmas party at the Weston County Senior Services Center from 12 noon on Friday November 22, 2013 through 12 noon on Saturday, November 23, 2013. The City received a letter from Weston County Board of Commissioners stating that Maha Laxmi Krupa Inc. is an active county licensee and the Board of Commissioners gave their written approval for the catering permit request within the City limits. Maha Laxmi Krupa has already paid the City's \$20 catering permit fee. Linda Hunt moved and Roger Hesper seconded to approve the catering permit as requested. **MOTION CARRIED.** 2. Mayor James then read a request for approval

of a 2013 electrical license for Mining Electrical Services, Josh Liggett, Master Electrician; John Zimmerschied, Journeyman Electrician; and Chris Owens, Apprentice Electrician. All fees have been paid and a copy of the State License has been provided with proof of insurance and bond on file. Roger Hesper moved and Iva Carter seconded to approve the electrical license as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS – VERBAL - None;
MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS: - 1. Mayor James read the Local Government Liability Pool Official Ballot for the board membership. Roger Hesper moved and Linda Hunt seconded to cast the City's votes for the At Large Position for Jim Wilson and the County Commission position for Jim Hudleson. **MOTION CARRIED.** The water crane operation was discussed. Linda Hunt moved to increase the rates from fifty cents for approximately 250 gallons to \$3.00 and for approximately 500 gallons from \$1.00 to \$6.00 effective December 1, 2013; to rescind the closure date, and re-evaluate the crane operation after one year on December 1, 2014. Hesper seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:
City Engineer Hartley: 1. Maintenance crews have been graveling at the landfill getting ready for winter. 2. Equipment is being serviced getting ready for winter. 3. Vac truck had to be taken to Rapid City for clutch repair. 4. Christmas decorations are being set. 5. Train quiet zone is in affect. 6. discussed the land trade between Manewal Bradley Oil Co and the City, which the consensus from the Council was to move forward; advertising will take place and a public hearing will be held December 16, 2013 at 7:30PM

Police Chief Jim Owens - 1. reported vandalism has been up since Halloween 2. One passing a school bus citation has been issued. 3. to date seventy-six cats have been impounded. 4. requested barricades for the parade on Friday November 29, 2013. 5. The new officers are working out very well, but they might not be able to get in to the academy until April 2014.

Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Mills – 1. reported on the Municipal Court report for October 2013. 2. She reviewed the State sales tax collections that have actually declined overall statewide. On a positive note though the last two months have greatly increased the City's

gasoline tax collections. 3. She noted that the publication cost for the recent ordinance publications had cost the City \$1551.00. She recommended creating a "publication cost" line item into the FY 2014-15 budget for the enterprise accounts to rightly reflect those costs. Currently the only line item in the budget for publication costs for ordinances has been from the General Fund. 4. She stated that at their last meeting the State Joint Appropriation Committee has recommended a 1.5% increase in the State Wyoming Retirement Main pension fund to be phased in over the next 3 years. There has already been implementation of a 1% increase to that fund phased in during 2013 and 2014. 5. she reminded Council members about the opportunity for the Wyoming Community Gas community grants. 6. She reminded Council of the Governor's Conference on Impaired Driving on December 4, 2013; 7. she has been monitoring the possibility of any impact funds from the "ongoing" Two Elk Power Plant, but so far Weston County Treasurer Overman says there have been no collections at the County level.

City Attorney Jim Peck - 1. reported on the land trade with Manewal Bradley Oil Company. 2. reported on the jury demands for dog at large, and stated the judge wants the City attorney to prepare a written argument. 3. there might be a problem this winter with meeting quorum on the Planning and Zoning board as one member goes south for the winter.

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

Linda Hunt moved and Archie Callander seconded to pay claims dated November 18, 2013. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Archie Callander moved and Todd Quigley seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM.

Claims: Advanced Drug Testing, drug test, \$26.00; BH power, electricity, \$1235.06; Bobcat Service, 1988 Kenworth dump truck, \$22,000.00; Cambria Supply, supplies, \$1556.60; Charita Brunner, reimb, office supplies, \$29.92; City of Newcastle, deposits applied, \$300.00; Collins Communication, offsite data storage, \$45.00; Culligan, water, \$37.50; Dana Kepner, supplies, \$2382.65; Deckers, grocery, \$64.66; Desert Mountain, ice slicer, \$15,117.81; Energy Labs, water testing, \$60.00; First State Bank, water bond interest/principal, 2013 re-purchase, \$49,220.00; Fisher Sand & Gravel, crushed gabian, \$2018.51; Frontier Ranch, Home and Hardware, supplies, \$309.87; Gall Inc., stinger/charger, \$352.00; Gateway Auto, supplies, \$432.53; Hansen Equipment, ignition module, \$47.46; Kirby Built, 2 benches/2 garbage can covers, \$3832.69; Matthew Bender, WY Court Rules, \$42.44; MG Oil, trans fluid, \$862.48; Mid-American Research Chemical, organic sewer aid, \$290.80; Municipal Code Corp, annual muni code publishing online, \$700.00; Neve's Uniforms, uniforms, etc., \$573.14; Newcastle Hardware, supplies, \$1298.93; Newcastle Motors,

air ride BKRM, \$360.93; Newcastle Police Dept., postage, fuel, \$36.29; Newcastle Vol. Fire Dept., \$435.35; News Letter Journal, publishing/supplies, \$4172.41; Norco, supplies, \$22.63; Northwest Pipe, saddle/coupling, \$83.06; Office of State Lands and Investments, principal/interest, water tank and water line loans, \$10,620.29; Office Shop Leasing, copier lease, \$16.81; Oil City Supply, liquid fill, \$30.13; One Call of WY, October locates, \$33.00; Pam Locke, reinforce vests, \$50.00; Petty Cash, postage, \$4.14; Rapid Delivery, delivery charges, \$57.60; Respond First Aid, supplies, \$267.38; RT Communications, telephone, \$1689.67; Shopko, supplies, \$155.92; Terri Meyer, hall cleaning, \$360.50; Valli Info Systems, maintenance/credit cards, \$150.00; WCS Telecom, l/d charges, \$152.85; WEBT, life insurance, \$105.50; Wesco Gas, propane/landfill, \$1125.13; Weston County Health Services, 3 drug screens, \$105.00; Weston Co. Road & Bridge, Oct. fuel, \$14,543.24; Weston Co. Treasurer, tax handling, Oct. airport billing, \$485.22; Weston Co. Clerk, youth services, \$1090.29; Weston Co. Public Health, flu shots, \$160.00; Weston Co. Humane, food fee, \$24.00; Weston Co. True Value, supplies, \$83.80; WYDOT-Financial, bal on Proj B114098, \$11.02; WY Automotive, supplies, \$1779.82; WY Labor Law Posters, posters, \$77.25; **WATER DEPOSIT REFUND:** Jackie Parks, \$100.00; Justin Burke, \$55.32; Ricky Miller, \$100.00;

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

(Publish November 28, 2013)

Bid Notice

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City Of Newcastle, Wyoming ("City") will accept sealed bids for the purchase of the following real property owned by the City:
Legal Description:

A tract of land being a portion of Outlot A, sometimes referred to as Tract A-8 of the Original Town of Newcastle, and a portion of the vacated South Seneca Avenue in the City of Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming. A complete legal description is available upon request from the City Administrative Office located at 10 West Warwick, Newcastle, Wyoming.

Street Address:
415 S. Seneca Avenue
Newcastle, Wyoming

The minimum bid amount is \$5,500.00. The real property will be sold to the highest bidder bidding more than the minimum bid. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked as "Bid for 415 S. Seneca" (or similar language) to the City Administrative Office located at 10 West Warwick Street, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701 no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 4, 2013. The bids will be publicly opened and the highest bidder announced by the City at 7:15 p.m. on November 4, 2013 in the City Council Chambers on the second floor of the City Administrative Office. The highest bidder will have five (5) business days to pay the bid amount in full by certified funds (cashiers' check), and if the successful bidder fails to do so, the highest bidder shall forfeit any and all right to purchase the real property, and the City may accept the next highest bid, and the same payment procedure shall apply. Title to the real property shall be conveyed by quitclaim deed, and the real property shall be conveyed "as is and where is", without warranty, and subject to any and all easements, right-of-ways, covenants, restrictions, reservations or other encumbrances of record and/or sight, but free and clear of any mortgages or liens. Title insurance will not be provided by the City. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids in the sole discretion of the City Governing Body. DATED this 7th day of October, 2013.

City of Newcastle
By: Charita Brunner, City Clerk/Treasurer

(Publish November 28, December 5 and 12, 2013)

Bid Notice

**INVITATION TO BID
MAINTENANCE ON AQUATIC CENTER**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Weston County School District # 1, Newcastle, Wyoming, will receive at the Office of the Superintendent, 116 Casper Avenue, Newcastle, Wyoming, up to but no later than, 10:00 a.m. on December 4, 2013,

sealed bids to repair/reline the plumbing for the aquatic center.

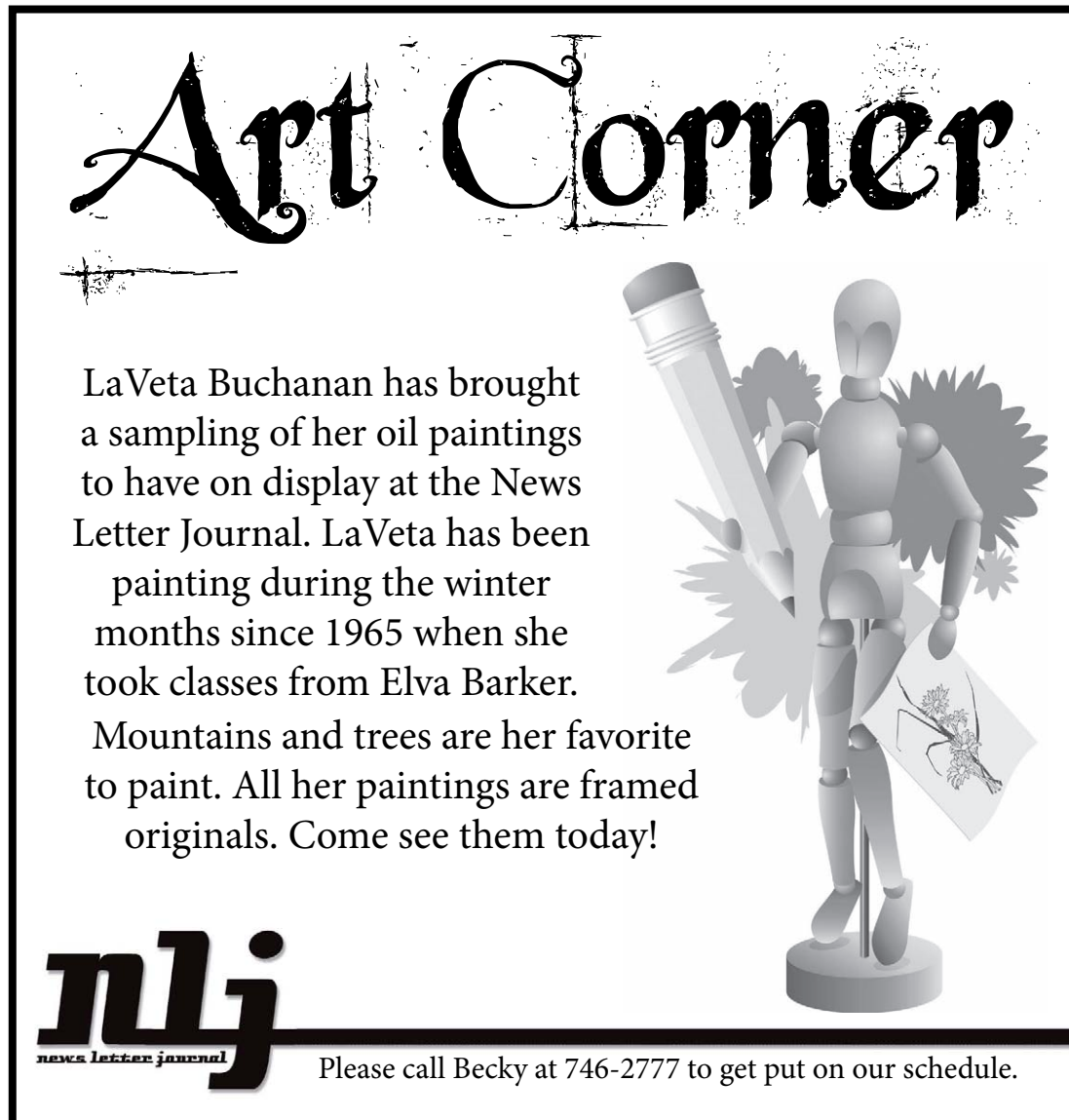
Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud in the Board Room of said District (116 Casper Avenue, Newcastle, Wyoming) beginning at 10:00 a.m. on December 4, 2013.

Information and specifications are available at the district maintenance office or may be obtained by calling 746-4613 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays.

The Board of Trustees of School District # 1 reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Weston County School District # 1
Newcastle, Wyoming

(Publish November 21 and 28, 2013)



Art Corner

LaVeta Buchanan has brought a sampling of her oil paintings to have on display at the News Letter Journal. LaVeta has been painting during the winter months since 1965 when she took classes from Elva Barker. Mountains and trees are her favorite to paint. All her paintings are framed originals. Come see them today!

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County Commission Minutes

NOVEMBER 21, 2013

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, Randy Rossman, Marty Ertman, Tracy Hunt and County Clerk, Mamie C. Krank. Not present: Commissioner Jerry Shepperson.

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

Approve Minutes
A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 5, 2013, as published. **Carried.**

Weston County Event Center
Commissioner Rossman advised the Board that the drainage issues at the Weston County Event Center had been addressed by the Road & Bridge crew. Road & Bridge also constructed a berm on the outside of the fenced area to divert water away from the building. No action was taken.

Budget Amendment LEPC
A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, to set a Budget Amendment Hearing for December 3, 2013, at 10:15 a.m. to consider increasing the general fund portion of the Fiscal Year 2014 budget because of unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$2,109.17 for the Homeland Security Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Grant. **Carried.**

Rebate of Taxes
A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to accept two (2) Rebates of Taxes issued to Rockwell Petroleum. Rebate numbered 1076 in the amount of \$2.07 and 1077 in the amount of \$3,498.34. **Carried.**

Cancellation of Taxes
A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to accept a Cancellation of Taxes numbered 1078 to POC-1, LLC in the amount of \$1,639.63. **Carried.**

Commissioner Shepperson joined the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Liquor License Permit
A motion was made by Commissioner

Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, to approve and authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on a secondary dispensing room permit for Cambria Inn/Flying V to cater a Christmas party on December 6 and December 7, 2013. **Carried.**

Prairie Dogs
Chairman Seeley briefed the Commission on a meeting of the Select Committee on Federal Natural Resource Management he attended in Cheyenne on November 20, 2013. Chairman Seeley was encouraged by the meeting discussion. No action was taken.

The Commissioners completed a Public Comment Form requesting the Weston County Board of Commissioners be included in all plans or changes regarding prairie dogs on the Thunder Basin National Grasslands (TBNG) as required by Federal Land Policy Act (FLPA) and National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA). No action was taken.

Black Hills Power New Transmission Line
Chairman Seeley read aloud a letter from Black Hills Power regarding a new 230kv transmission line to be constructed from Teckla, Wyoming through Osage, Wyoming and on to Rapid City, South Dakota. Chairman Seeley declared a conflict of interest as the power line will go through his property and stated that he would refrain from further discussion. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:44 a.m. and reconvened at 9:52 a.m. with all present.

Mallo Camp Lighting
Commissioner Ertman stated that the Mallo Camp Lodge needs the light fixtures replaced before they can pass their next inspection. The Commissioners agreed that the Mallo Camp Board should contact an engineer to complete the repairs. No action was taken.

Budget Amendment - Airport Runway
The hour being 10:05 a.m. Chairman Seeley opened a Budget Amendment Hearing to consider increasing the general fund portion of the Fiscal Year 2014 budget by \$123,334.00 for the Airport Runway Project. The Federal portion would increase by \$111,000.00, the State portion would increase by \$7,400.00 and the local portion of the project would increase by \$4,934.00; to be divided equally between the City of Newcastle and Weston County. Chairman Seeley called for public comment, hearing none; the public comment portion of the hearing was

closed at 10:07 a.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$123,334.00 for the Airport Runway Project. **Carried.** The Budget Amendment Hearing was closed at 10:08 a.m.

Board Appointments
The hour being 10:13 a.m. Chairman Seeley opened a Board Appointment Hearing.
Weed & Pest Control Board:
A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, to appoint Clay Branscom to an unexpired four-year term on the Weed & Pest Control Board. Discussion ensued, **carried.**

The meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:38 a.m. with all present.

Local Emergency Planning Committee
Doug Jorrey, Homeland Security Coordinator and Becky Hadlock, Deputy Coordinator, met with the Commissioners and discussed the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Grant. Mr. Jorrey distributed literature to the Board members. Mr. Jorrey explained that the LEPC was created in 1986 by the Emergency Planning & Community Right to Know Act to respond to chemical accidents and report on possible chemical hazards within communities. Current members of the LEPC include local elected officials, law enforcement, homeland security, firefighters, emergency medical, public health, environmental, hospital, transportation, media, community groups and owners/operators of facilities required to report. Discussion ensued; Mr. Jorrey and Mrs. Hadlock were thanked for the information. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 1:31 p.m. with all present, except

Commissioner Hunt.
County Administrator Position
The Commissioners discussed the county administrator position and possible salary ranges.

Commissioner Hunt joined the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

The Commissioners reviewed a draft job description for the county position. The Commissioners discussed exempt versus non-exempt employee status with Bill Miller, Local Government Liability Pool (LGLP), via conference call. Mr. Miller suggested an "exempt employee" job description include a specialized schooling requirement. Mr. Miller will send sample job descriptions for the Board's review. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 2:18 p.m. and reconvened at 2:31 p.m. with all present.

Road & Bridge Department
Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Foreman, met with the Commissioners and discussed equipment. Mr. Williams discussed the completed grading at the Weston County Event Center. Big Plum Creek Road and a situation where a landowner was interfering with the Forest Service removing equipment from the area was discussed. The Commissioners discussed the Cheyenne River Road and a survey completed by Tri-Star Surveying. No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

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

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County Commission Minutes

NOVEMBER 19, 2013

The special meeting of the Weston County Commissioners convened at 1:30 p.m. with Chairman Seeley presiding. Present for the meeting were Commissioners: Lenard D. Seeley, Jerry Shepperson, Randy Rossman, Marty Ertman and County Clerk, Mamie C. Krank. Commissioner Tracy Hunt was not present. The purpose of the Special Meeting was Coordination with the United States Forest Service (USFS).

USFS Coordination
Tom Whitford, USFS and Tim Byer, USFS Biologist, met with the Commissioners to discuss the 2013 Thunder Basin National Grassland Prairie Dog Amendment Plan.

Commissioner Tracy Hunt joined the meeting at 1:31 p.m.

Mr. Byer discussed the National Forest Management Act (NFMA) which allows for the management of "desired species" by the USFS. Commissioner Shepperson rebutted claims by Mr. Byer that prairie dogs were beneficial to grasslands and provided for greater regeneration. Mr. Byer quoted the Environmental Protection Act (EPA) and explained that prairie dogs are not endangered, however; they play a large role in providing habitat for black footed ferret introduction. Mr. Byer explained that while the United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USF&W) will control ferret introduction, it is the role of the USFS to provide the habitat for the ferrets. Commissioner Ertman requested documentation showing that black footed ferrets were ever located in the Thunder Basin National Grasslands (TBNG). Mr. Byer agreed to provide the documentation. Mr. Byer stated that even without the introduction of ferrets, there were other species including the Mountain Plover, Burrowing Owl, Swift Fox and Ferruginous Hawk that would benefit from prairie dog management. Chairman Seeley questioned why humans are not being considered as part of the habitat diversity in the plan amendment; adding that cattle grazing and prairie dog shooting are a part of the habitat diversity. Mr. Whitford stated that this would be considered during the analysis period. Commissioner Hunt asked what the USFS contingency plan was in the event that the quarter-mile buffer zone to keep prairie dogs away from private property does not work. Mr. Whitford stated that he does not know of a contingency plan. Commissioner Shepperson requested the funding distribution for donated funds of approxi-

mately \$30,000.00. Chairman Seeley asked if the plan amendment would enhance the human experience on TBNG. Mr. Whitford stated that he believed it would be enhanced. Jim Darlington, private citizen, questioned categories 3 and 4 which are not mentioned in the new amendment. Mr. Whitman stated that these areas would be re-treated. Bob Harshbarger, Resident Expert, discussed a letter mailed to Mr. Jiron, Regional Forester, in February 2013 by the Weston County Commission requesting funding distribution. Mr. Harshbarger stated that this letter had gone unanswered to date. Jean Harshbarger, Resident Expert, expressed concerns that the NGO's had such varying and opposing views from the local citizenry regarding prairie dogs.

Senator Ogden Driskill and Representative Hans Hunt were in attendance and recognized by Chairman Seeley. Senator Driskill addressed funding issues needed to control prairie dog populations. Mr. Whitford stated that funding is being cut and this is a concern. Senator Driskill expressed concerns for citizens to continue to have multiple-use on the TBNG due to the USFS intervention.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on a letter regarding the Black Footed Ferret Draft Recovery Plan to the United States Fish & Wildlife Service. **Carried.**

Mr. Whitford discussed "cooperating agency status" with the Weston County Board of Commissioners and urged them to participate.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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

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Blotter

November 17, 2013
Hazard reported. Civil standby requested. Civil standby requested. Report of a dog at large. Assist other agency. Report of dog at large, impounded. Report of a dog at large. Assist other agency. Theft reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Parking complaint. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

November 18
Traffic stop, Citation issued. Parking complaint. Abandoned vehicle reported. Four VIN inspections. Barking dog complaint. Civil problem reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Fire alarm reported. Traffic complaint. Gas drive off reported. 911 hang up. Motorist assist. Injured deer reported. Assault reported.

November 19
Dead animal reported. Parking complaint. Two VIN inspections. Minor accident reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued. 911 hang up. Hazard reported. Abandoned vehicle tagged. Suspicious activity reported. 911 hang up. Traffic complaint. Missing child reported. Injured deer reported.

November 20
Open door discovered. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Three VIN inspections. Suspicious activity reported. Mail fraud reported. Report of a dog at large, Impounded. Warrant

arrest. Suspicious activity reported. Warrant arrest. Suspicious activity reported. Intoxicated female reported, one arrest.

November 21
Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued. 911 hang up. Parking complaint. Minor accident reported. Parking complaint. Extra patrol requested. Arrest Warrant issued. VIN inspection. Possible restraining order violation reported. Cat impounded. Injured deer reported. Animal registration violation. Citation issued. Arrest Warrant issued. Suicide threatened. Motorist assist. Hazard reported.

November 22
Injured deer reported. Traffic hazard reported. Motorist assist. Motorist assist. Two VIN inspections. Vandalism reported. Suspicious activity reported. Civil standby requested. Report of a dog at large. Report of a dog at large. Traffic stop, verbal warning issued.

November 23
Harassment reported. Traffic stop, Warrant arrest. Funeral escort. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Abandoned vehicle reported. Minor vehicle accident reported. Injured dog



Hearing Notice

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Thence N 08°19'03" W for a distance of 201.51 feet to an 1 1/2" aluminum capped rebar;
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A public hearing regarding the proposed land trade will be held on December 16, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located on the second floor of the City Administration Building located at 10 West Warwick Street, Newcastle, Wyoming.

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