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Trees need help

Denice Pisciotti NLJ Reporter

Part of the scenery at the Weston County Fairgrounds is the large variety of beautiful trees that offer shade during summer months, many of which were planted by community

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New water

Alexis Shultz NLJ Reporter

"It's going to be a long process," professed Bob Hartley, city engineer for Newcastle, in a city council meeting held on Nov. 17, explaining that he hopes to begin work on the city's new water well by the end of next summer. Harley attended a meeting of the

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Who is that bearded man?

Riese Cummings and Owen Cummings visit with Santa at the Weston County Senior Services center Friday evening while their proud papa, Colton Cummings, takes a photo. It wasn't clear whether or not they recognized Santa's fill-in, who happened to be none other than their very own grandpa, John Riesland. See more photos from the event on Page 14. (Photo by Pam Penfield/NLJ)

State school board honors Bonnar

Denice Pisciotti NLJ Reporter

At the Wyoming School Boards his success. Association's annual conference held Nov. 20 in Casper, Bob Bonnar, a 10-year trustee of Weston County School District #1, was named as one of five school board members in the state to receive the 2014 All Wyoming School Board award. He is one of several current board members the News Letter Journal.

in the district who have received the honor in the past few years, a fact he considers to be one of the reasons for for primarily two reasons: his years

members to receive this award really, that speaks for itself. What I said in my brief acceptance speech was, when you are surrounded by people that are that good, you can't help but be successful," Bonnar told

of service, and for his commitment superintendent. "I am the fifth of nine board to children in the school district. LaCroix also stated that Bonnar understands the complexity of educating children, and uses his knowledge at the state level to speak with education committees.

> "I nominated him for service in those areas where he very well repre-

He was nominated by WCSD sents education. It is a tough job, not that we are an active and knowledge-#1 Superintendent Brad LaCroix a lot of financial rewards, and he does able board. We 'get it' is what I kept a good job of it," complimented the hearing from people," he said.

is known for working hard for children and educational issues, which has made the board well received at gatherings of both the Association of Superintendents and the school board

association, stated Bonnar. "I think it is widely acknowledged

As a WCSD #1 trustee, his role Throughout the state, WCSD #1 is staying abreast of education issues that Wyoming lawmakers are looking at, which is an area he is good at. As the publisher and editor of the News Letter Journal and with other organizations, Bonnar has an active

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Hope for a normal life

Story & Photo By Denice Pisciotti **NLJ** Reporter

In November of 2010, Stephanie Walden spoke to the News Letter Journal about her experience with polycystic kidney disease and being put on the transplant list for a donor kidney, along with her hopes and dreams of good health in the future. Six weeks ago, however, her kidneys were removed because they were so large they were jeopardizing her health. The search is still on for a donor kidney, with a friend, Kim Kern, currently waiting to see if she is a match.

"They thought it would be better for me because I had a huge hernia, it was pressing on my lungs and I couldn't eat very well," she said last week. "I feel a lot better with them out! I can breathe better.'

Every month, Walden would visit Dr. Lewis Raymond, her nephrologist in Rapid City, S.D., who referred her to Dr. John Rabets, a urologist in Cleveland, Ohio, because that facility has the largest urology department.

On Oct. 14, he removed both of her kidneys because, between the two of them they weighed 12 pounds, and were pressing on other organs. In a photograph taken after they were removed, Rabets held both of her kidneys in his arms, each resembling the size of a newborn baby.

"When I saw it, I said to the doctor, "You look like a proud papa holding twins!" Walden told the NLJ in a telephone interview last week. "Probably once a week I look at the picture and think, 'oh my goodness, those were in me?'

After consulting with three doctors in the area, she discovered they were not comfortable with the risk of her bleeding to death. Rabets had performed the operation before many times, in one case removing kidneys weighing 85 pounds.

Now she is grateful she can bend over and tie her shoe without having to lift her leg up and bend her knee. Before the surgery, she was often asked if she was pregnant because her kidneys were so large it was

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Be the tortoise

Alexis Shultz NLJ Reporter

When it comes to winter driving, slow and steady keeps you safer — and oftentimes out of the ditch or worse yet, having a collision with another vehicle.

"It's a lot like that," professed Kelly Stith, owner of Black Hills Auto Salvage, explaining that traveling on icy roads is a lot like the story of "The Tortoise and The Hare."

Stith used the analogy of the race between the quick and agile hare, and the slow but continuous tortoise who wins the race, to describe the best way to stay out of trouble during wintry weather.

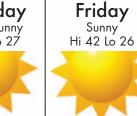
'Slow and steady is the best when roads are icy," reported Stith, explaining that, like the tortoise, a vehicle that goes at a slow and steady pace is going to reach their destination in a safer manner than those who drive quick,

"Speed is the foremost thing. No one slows down until they've been in the ditch," stated Stith, adding that so far this season weather has not attributed to a large number of collisions, as yet. He added that, usually, there are more collisions due to distracted drivers.

The Wyoming Department of Transportation issued a press release on Nov. 25 warning drivers of dangerous driving conditions created

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News Letter Journal

Our View

Hey big saver...

Public officials in Wyoming are always quick to label themselves "fiscally conservative," but we believe that the term "hoarder" more appropriately defines the fiscal posture of the Wyoming State Legislature in recent years.

Worse yet, we fear that the legislature has become so comfortable with their self-imposed "fiscally conservative" label that they have begun using it as an excuse to avoid making hard decisions when it comes to spending the public money they are entrusted with. In other words, the legislature has opted to say "no" to everybody and proclaim that they are bravely holding a conservative line to ensure a secure financial future for the state, when they are actually avoiding tough decisions regarding where the state's considerable wealth should be spent to ensure the greatest benefit (present and future) for Wyoming residents.

We were thrilled to hear Governor Matt Mead admit that "we have more than adequate resources to fund government operations, invest in infrastructure and excellence at the University of Wyoming and community colleges; and provide additional resources to local government," when he revealed his \$156 million supplemental budget recommenda-

We would argue that his budget request could be doubled given the fact that the state's rainy day account has grown from \$1 billion four years ago to \$2 billion now— and that is in addition to nearly \$7 billion in the state's Permanent Mineral Trust Fund, \$3 billion in the School Permanent Land Fund and nearly \$6 billion in liquid savings accounts that state government can access and spend if a real need arises.

Given the fact that Wyoming boasts nearly \$20 billion in savings, we suggest that the supplemental budget should be closer to the \$325 million in excess revenue collected by the state in Fiscal Year 2014. We question why the governor is asking for only half that much, especially considering the fact that less than 20 percent of his supplemental budget is slated for use by city and county governments— many of which aren't doing as well financially as the state is.

We also regret that the governor did not suggest that the state's excess reserves present us with an opportunity to take a stand against the federal overreach that we are constantly lamenting in the western United States. That excess money could be used to improve health care and make it more affordable for Wyoming residents independent of the Affordable Care Act. It could be used to fully fund early childhood education, or to free the state's school districts from the dietary restrictions imposed on them when they accept funds from the federal school lunch program. It could also be used to build the types of landfills the Department of Environmental Quality has mandated for all of Wyoming.

The possibilities are really quite endless, and state leaders don't have to forego Wyoming's financial security to pursue them. They just have to have the imagination, vision and courage to risk their politicial security and stop playing it safe every time they talk about the state's budge

Letters to the Editor

The feds have a duty to make corrections

Dear Editor.

In response to Jean Harshbarger, "The federal government is too present in our lives," November 27, 2014, page two:

Wikipedia suggests that 'Steven Goddard' is the pseudonym of one Tony Heller. Mr. Heller, a.k.a. Steven Goddard, is a self described environmentalist and claims many degrees in various fields. His web site "Real Science" is likely misnamed.

In any case, he attacks the climate findings of James E. Hansen, retired Director of the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies. Mr. Hansen came to NASA in 1967, became Director in 1981 and retired this year. I choose to believe him. One can believe any skeptic one chooses.

Our states and local school boards had/have control of education. On a national basis, the results were less than stellar. As compared to other developed countries we were, at best,

To improve our standing in the world something has to change. One candidate for change has to be not letting the Texas State Board of Education dictate the content of textbooks. (By the way, Moses was not one of the Founding Fathers.) Whether the government made the right changes or not remains

Private enterprise in our capitalist system does a superb job of accumulating the means of production. Better and more efficient production generally leads to profit for the owners which is the whole point of being in business. However, 'business' does not exist in a vacuum; it is a part of, takes from and has responsibilities to our whole society. These responsibilities are often but not universally ignored. Frequently they are ridiculed.

While few texts mention the 10th Amendment when discussing the Civil War it was never-the-less "in the mix." The 'States

Rights' to do 'whatever was not prohibited' apparently included owning slaves and therefore was central to the 1,100,000 casualty, 620,000 lives disagreement. The Tenth Amendment ought not be used as justification for bad behavior.

-Jerry Baird

There are places for people who hate capitalism

Dear Editor,

Letters

to

Editor

Reader's

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Before there's too many sparks, 'bout our local devotee of Marx, I'd like to offer a lasting solution. Since I dislike feuding and schism, more than

Jerry hates capitalism, I'll even make the first five dollar contribution.

This idea has few flaws, so please chip in to this good cause, and help save the waste of more good ink. Let's make it snappy, and send Jerry to where he'll be happy, surrounded by others who

The offer's really nice, a one way ticket to the Worker's Paradise, just 50 miles north of the city of Seoul. There he could retire, and preach to the choir, and the rest of us could be saved from his bull.

-Jim Darlington

Looking good and feeling good about it

Dear Editor,

Thank you to the City of Newcastle for the Main Street and 4-Way Christmas decorations and lights. I appreciate the time it takes you to do these types of extras for our city. They are bright and cheerful and light up the night, not only for the local residents but for those traveling through as well.

Also, thank you to all the businesses and individuals who participate in the various holiday outdoor decorations and lights. It creates an inviting, welcoming atmosphere in Newcastle.

-Linda Hunt

Deadline for Letters is noon on Friday

Rapper's fame shows how far we've fallen

There's a scene in Penelope Spheeris' 1988 documentary, "The Decline of Western Civilization Part II: The Metal Years," that has become iconic for seeming to encapsulate the decadence of the 1980s music scene. In it Chris Holmes, then guitarist for the controversial rock band W.A.S.P. — the group was a prime target of the Tipper Gore-led Parent Music Resource Center — is interviewed while floating fully clothed in a swimming pool on an inflatable lounge chair.

Throughout the course of the interview's depressing few minutes a drunken and slurring Holmes berates his mother, who sits stoically poolside, for not having encouraged his boyhood interest in "rock guitar," speaks of his sexual escapades, and declares himself "a piece of crap" and "a full-blown alcoholic." In a moment of

apparent vulnerability, he even admits to Spheeris that he wishes he were less of a star, telling her, "I don't dig being the person I am." Before the scene eventually ends with Holmes submerging himself in the pool, the obviously troubled musician at one point pours, for no apparent reason, an entire bottle of vodka over his own head.

At the time thoughtful observers were somewhat disquieted by all this. It was a shade too dark. Holmes looked less coolly decadent than simply pathetic. The world of rock n' roll, with its obligatory trashing of hotel rooms

and seemingly endless parade of fatal overdoses. had by the end of the 1980s already long lapsed into self-parody, and some sensed that the descent of popular music — and perhaps cultural decline more generally — had just about reached its nadir. After all, how much further down could one pos-

Well, what the intervening years have unfortunately demonstrated is that the answer to that question is actually much, much further, for without objective standards with which to restrain it, human depravity simply knows no bounds. A few decades on, Holmes' drunken talk of groupies and touring seems positively harmless, quaint even.

If you're shaking your head because you don't believe that we exist in a state of degenerative cultural free-fall, then take as a more recent example one of the latest sub-genres of rap music to gain popularity. It's a phenomenon come crawling out of Chicago, unsurprisingly, that's aptly called "drill music" for its lyrical fixation with murder-related themes. Chief Keef is the moniker of its bestknown exponent, and though merely a teenager,

Keef has already been convicted of crimes related to the manufacture and distribution of heroin and threatening police officers with a loaded firearm. This is not to mention that he's been publicly accused by a grieving mother of ordering the murder of her son.

At one time in this country's history Keef would have been just another run-of-the-mill criminal, but in today's world he's a rap star, and as with lots of other unsavory people and things that you'd probably rather not know about, there's a multipart documentary available about him online. It's called "Chiraq," as in a conflation of Chicago and Iraq, which apparently is what the locals are now calling Chicago's South Side.

Although he's been legitimized and at times fawned over by such well-known arbiters of

culture as "The Village Voice" and "The New York Times," Keef, oddly enough, doesn't seem to be a likely exemplar of much of anything. His music, to use the term loosely, seems derivative of the thousands of other gangster rappers to have come before him, though it's noticeably starker and more primitive in terms of both its structure and lyrical content. What's more, Keef seems to lack the presence, charisma, or whatever it is that typically distinguishes a star. He can often be seen mumbling unintelligibly or giving curt, one-word answers to inter-

view questions while absentmindedly fingering a blunt and staring off into the middle

Todd Bennington

Quo Vadis

Countless internet forum threads have been dedicated to earnest speculation that Keef is not just stoned, but suffers from some form of mental retardation or perhaps an autism spectrum disorder. This conclusion is supported by the fact he keeps violating the conditions of his probation and posting the incriminating evidence to his Twitter account.

None of this, however, has prevented Keef from making a substantial amount of money he carries a wad of cash on his person equivalent to what most of us earn over a period of several months — or kept otherwise seemingly self-respecting women from throwing themselves at him when he appears in public. Neither does the fact Keef essentially ignores the filmmakers throughout the aforementioned documentary prevent the program's host, a scrawny, bespectacled hipster type, from gushing about how brilliantly gritty and authentic it all is; the world of mindboggling stupid gang rivalries that Keef inhabits is

the necessary backdrop against which great art is made — or so we're supposed to believe.

If this all sounds farcical to you, that's because it is, and Chief Keef provides just one example in a world in which popular culture, and in turn popular opinion, are increasingly defined by that which is most base. Though there's a long tradition of cultural pessimism, and it's expected that each successive generation will be decried by the one preceding it, the present state of things is alienating for anyone with a modicum of aesthetic or moral sense. You have to question the trajectory of a society that seems, in terms of both popular and

high art, to never look up, only down. Now, we can't expect to return any time soon to legal or social strictures under which healthy creative output might thrive, and in retrospect it seems that Tipper Gore's PMRC was primarily meant as a career vehicle, as was her now former husband Al Gore's supposed concern about global warming. Still, in light of present trends, it's interesting to consider the assertion made by classicist E. Christian Kopff that virtually all of Hollywood's best films, with only a handful of exceptions, were produced in the period of censorship that lasted from 1934 to the late 1960s.

"You can't legislate morality," we're told by the proponents of the so-called open society, where the only thing not to be tolerated is intolerance. But from smoking to gun ownership, to thousands of mind-numbing trivialities, these same people have plenty of things that they find it both possible and appropriate to legislate.

What it comes down to is this: How much longer are we going to tolerate the current public morality, or lack thereof? As it becomes more and more difficult to get ahead or even survive in this post-American nation by "playing by the rules," are we going to continue to want to subsidize an entertainment industry of perverts and drug addicts who produce music, films, and television programs that relentlessly mock the family, parenthood, tradition, the sacred, and just about everything else that has been considered decent and normative for the better part of our history?

Are we going to continue to want to pay for cable or satellite television so that the smug media bosses who helped make the disastrous Obama presidency possible can travel by private jet, or let our children download albums produced by convicted felons whose jewelry is worth more than many honest people earn in a lifetime?

More than you might think, what the future will look like hinges on how we, as a society, ultimately choose to answer these questions.





















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Be kind to your barista!

Jessalynn Centifanto

Summer Solace

ecently, there have been a number of articles and videos circulating in the online world that tell of barista's assaults on the common coffee junky, which has caused fear and trepidation among even the most loyal coffee patrons.

There have been suggestions that baristas deliberately give people decaf when they want caffeine, and vice versa, or that they deliberately spell customers' names wrong — and any number of defiant acts. As a barista myself, let me put your mind at ease: these are mostly intended to be humorous anecdotes to make light of the frustrations of baristas, and do not actually represent reality the majority of the time. However, let me illuminate the realities of what does happen at your local coffee shop.

Let me set a scene for you. On any given day you can walk into almost any corporate-run coffee shop and have what you may consider not the most ideal, but at least standard, barista-customer interaction. You may or may not think too much about it unless said barista is grossly rude and go about your day like most Americans, sipping your Joe with satisfaction. But have you ever wondered what that barista may be thinking or what they may have encountered that day? Most likely not, but I would like to suggest that even the slightest consideration to this will have a drastic effect on your morning coffee runs.

Before I tell you how, let me give you a peek into this barista's day. Most baristas are students and often have second jobs in addition to being a barista, as they make minimum wage or very little above. So, they are over-tired and stressed. And, on any given day, they are probably overworked because they are understaffed (even according to corporate numbers). Because of these factors, baristas often are sick but unlike many people are unable to call-in, because they need the money and most likely can't find a replacement even if they could afford it.

As a barista I once contacted more than 10 people and posted to online message boards trying to get a replace-

ment over 24 hours in advance, and couldn't get a replacement even though I had the flu and was vomiting. So I had to come into work anyway. So, it's pretty safe to say your barista is pretty burnt out upon arrival to work solely based on income bracket, if not many other personal things.

After coming into work they are immediately greeted with the non-stop rotation of customers, which will continue for the next eight or nine hours of their shift. During their shift the barista will be required to be working on a minimum of three custommade drinks at a time and getting orders out in drivethrough within a minute of the order being placed — as well as other routine cleaning and maintaining tasks they have to accomplish by the end of their shift between customers.

Among the customers they will most likely encounter, the majority will verbally assault them and degrade them for things that are most likely not their fault, out of their control, or just because they know the barista can't say anything. Baristas are required under customer service policies to "always say 'yes," even if that means catering to ridiculous requests like re-making someone's drink seven times (I have personally had this happen numerous times) because they claim you are not doing it right, or call you too stupid or ignorant to do your job (even as a veteran, certified barista and certified barista trainer and manager) or insult you in any number of ways.

On a regular basis people require the barista to compensate for their own mistakes or ignorance and demand refunds, free drinks, and drinks being re-made based on something the customer did wrong or forgot to order, not based on the barista doing their job wrong. This may not seem like a big deal, but when that barista is making hundreds of drinks an hour, having to remake them not only slows the entire line, throws off beverage sequencing and routine, but also gets extremely frustrating to have rude and insulting customers demand to have the barista compensate for their mistakes. If you order the wrong thing, that is your own fault and responsibility.

An example of the people your barista will encounter in their day includes people like the woman who refused

to pay her bill, and then when the barista paid for it, called the barista a "racist b****" and accused her of thinking she was too poor to pay for her own bill — the same one she refused to pay. The woman would then continue to accuse the barista of throwing spoons at her, screaming and demanding that she get fired. And, as a barista, good customer service requires the barista to apologize, but the customer, of course, will never be confronted but rather catered to. This is just one of many experiences I have had personally with customers, and though many think it is the minority of interactions, it seems it is becoming more and more the majority of my experiences in this business.

If you want to be treated with respect, respect the people that are sincerely working hard to do a good job and give you good service, and don't abuse it. Don't talk on the phone the whole transaction, don't blow smoke in their face, or ask for extra things after you've already placed your order (use the system in place, it's there for a reason) and don't try to hassle them for free stuff.

What you don't see are the many baristas that go home and cry at night, or the ones in the back room losing it because of all of the abuse. So if your barista seems a little less friendly, a little raw on the edges or a little frazzled and short, maybe take a minute to think about what they've gone through in their day and be the one in a million that actually ask how they are doing or just smile and not be one more person to abuse them. The smallest gesture of kindness, even just a smile, a kind look, and not hassling your barista at every turn of the interaction will go a long way — and you might notice your baristas actually smiling and looking forward to you coming in and going out of their way to help you, because they can trust you're not just another jerk trying to scam their way into free stuff.

There is a saying among baristas that, "bitter baristas make better coffee," which means that if you've been a barista long enough to make good coffee, you've probably been abused enough to be bitter. The truth is, most baristas are kind-hearted, hardworking people that are just waiting for you to prove that wrong. Take it from a barista.

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Please join us for our Annual Customer Appreciation Day. Good fortune comes from having good customers like you. Thank you for your business throughout the year. Join us for snacks beverages, and a small token of our appreciation.

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Agriculture, State and Public Lands and Water Resources Committee on Nov. 8 to begin the process, the Wyoming Select Water Committee was also in attendance. He explained that this provided a great opportunity to receive recommendation for funding from both parties at once.

Originally, Hartley was applying for grants and loans for the well, with the well being priced at \$968,000. The Water Development Commission recommended the cost of the well be raised to \$1,450,000, with application for grants and loans in the amount of \$1,776,350.

"They suggested we go to a level two," reported Hartley, explaining that originally the well was at a level three, which means the city would have been responsible for the well from beginning to end. With the well being a level

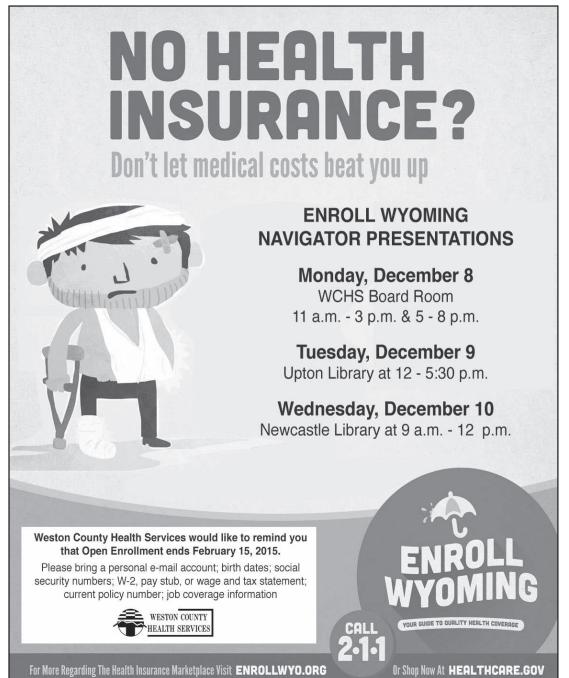
two, the Water Development Commission would be responsible for the well until it is completely developed. For example, if it ends up being a dry well, it's all on them, stated Hartley. This is the reasoning for the initial price change for the well.

"[I'd] rather have too much rather than not enough," professed Hartley, explaining that the roughly extra \$300,000 is for just that. According to Hartley, they wanted to put the additional money in the grants and loans just in case it is needed to do anything extra to develop the well.

"The end result was, we were recommended for funding for the well as well as funding for other water improvement projects," reported Hartley, adding that the city is now over the first hurtle and now they have to get it to the legislature.

Newcastle Fall Guys REGISTRATION Friday, December 12th 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. **High School Commons Area** Any child, boy or girl. Must be 4 years old. Please Bring a copy of birth certificate. Club fees: AAU or USA - \$50 for 1 child - \$35 for additional children Uniform Deposit: \$70, Checks returned upon return of uniform.

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It is time for the News Letter Journal to select Weston County's Person of the Year for 2014...

And we need our readers to tell us who we should consider.

We invite you to nominate an individual that you believe has made a significant contribution to Weston County and its residents over the course of the past year, and we will publish feature stories on our top 8-12 nominees in the January 1, 2015 issue of the News Letter Journal.

The NLJ staff will select the person we believe has made the most positive impact on the community, and honor them as our Person of the Year.

Submit your nominations by dropping them off at 14 W. Main St. or emailing them to editor@newwslj.com



Obituaries

DORIS DARLEEN OLIVER and cousins. JUNE 16, 1924-NOV. 24, 2014

Doris Darleen Oliver, 90, of Spearfish and formerly of Upton, passed away peacefully on Nov. 24, 2014, at the David M. Dorsett Healthcare Center in Spearfish, S.D. Doris had a long struggle with dementia and was surrounded in her last years by her loving family and the wonderful, caring and loving caregivers at Dorsett.

Doris Darleen Hardisty was born on June 16, 1924, in Alzada, Mont., the daughter of William J. and Violet M. (King) Hardisty. She was raised in Alzada and attended high school in Hulett, where she met her future husband, Arthur M. Oliver. They were married on Jan. 23, 1943, in Broadus, Mont. They settled for a short time near Hulett, and then moved to Upton in 1948. They spent most of their married lives on the ranch east of Upton, and later made their home in Upton. They were married 57 years.

Art passed away on Dec. 2, 2000, and Doris lived with her daughter, Janice Freeman and her husband Mike, until she moved to Spearfish in 2007.

Doris was a devoted wife and mother. She had a lot of pride in her family, especially her husband, children and grandchildren. She was a very good cook and many great meals were enjoyed by many in her home.

Survivors include a son, Bob (Laura) of Spearfish; three daughters, Sharon (Steve) Alexander of Gillette, Janice (Mike) Freeman of Upton and Diana (Robert) Vigil of Upton; 14 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; one greatgreat grandchild; sister, Donna Spiedel of Belle Fourche, S.D.; and numerous nephews, nieces

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Art Oliver; three children, Darleen, Billy and Albert "Skip"; and a sister, Dorothea Fredrickson.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. on Nov. 29, at the Upton United Methodist Church, with Reverend Sharee Johnson officiating. Visitation took place one hour prior to the service. Burial followed at Greenwood Cemetery in Upton.

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

JANETTE FLORENCE (PRELL) SCOTT JUNE 18, 1947-NOV. 26, 2014

Janette

Florence

(Prell) Scott

passed away

on Nov. 26,

2014, in West

Monroe, La.,

after a short

illness. She

was 67 years



Janette Scott

was born in Hot Springs, S.D., on June 18, 1947, but grew up in Wyoming. She graduated from Lusk High School.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George Burton Prell and Elizabeth "Betty' Frances (Luce) Prell Pierson; her brother, Jerry Jay Prell; and one great-grandchild.

She is survived by two daughters, Misty Williams and husband Jason of West Monroe, and Michelle Guzman of California; three sisters, twins Joyce (Mitich) Taylor and Janice Mitich of Tucson, Ariz., and Joni Moore of Douglas; nine grandchildren

and three great-grandchildren in Louisiana and Texas; and a host of extended family and friends.

Janette was a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers and UPSEU Local 1222. She drove several years for Martin Transport, before recently retiring as a driver for PTI Transportation. Her hobbies were raising horses, fishing, hunting, and crafting. She was a member of the Full Gospel Faith and took great comfort from reading her Bible.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6, at Griffin Funeral Home in West Monroe, with Rev. Harry Lilly officiating. Interment will be in the Prell family site in Greenwood Cemetery, Newcastle.

Online memorial pages may be found at www.griffinfuner-

LORETTA FERN SIMS SEPT. 18, 1932-NOV. 19, 2014

Loretta Fern Sims, 82, passed away at her home on Nov. 19, 2014. Services will be held at later date.

Loretta was born on Sept. 18, 1932, in Newcastle, to Forrest R. and Nellie R. McCov. She graduated from Upton High School in 1950.

Loretta worked as a records analyst. On Aug. 24, 1952, she married Lester "Bud" Sims in Rapid City, S.D. She enjoyed family activities, genealogy and reading. Loretta was active in many charitable organiza-

She is survived by her daughters, Debra (Gavin) Donnelly of Casper, Dee (Ray) Sims of Columbia Falls, Mont., and Joy (Stewart) Reed of Cheyenne; sons, Robert (Betsy) Sims and Jeff (Marissa) Sims of Douglas;

and a brother, Jim (Connie) McCoy of Wheatridge, Colo.

Loretta is preceded in death by her parents, husband and her brother, Fred McCoy.

JOSEPH RICHARD WOOD SR. APRIL 1, 1942-NOV. 19, 2014

Joseph Richard Wood, age 72 of Osage, went home to be with Lord our and Savior Jesus Christ on Nov. 19, 2014, after a long and courageous



Joseph Wood Sr.

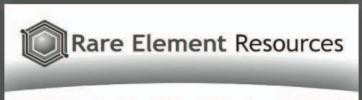
battle with COPD.

Joseph Richard Wood was born April 1, 1942, in Denver, Colo., to Roy and Virginia (Beck) Wood. He grew up in Denver with his parents and four siblings.

At age 14, he began spending his summer months in the Newcastle area with his favorite uncle, Paul Wood. As a young man he joined the military and spent his free time courting his soon-to-be bride, Marjorie Ann Garhart, whom he married on Jan. 10, 1960.

Upon returning from the military, Joseph spent several years working in the oil field for the Baker Company, Jack Campbell and Bill Klodt. In 1965, while working in the oil patch, he suffered a horrific accident leaving him with severe burns on a great deal of his body. A few years after recovering from the burns, he attended diesel mechanic school in Thermopolis. In the late 1970s he became the manager of Lee's Ready Mix

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Weston Manor Mini Bazaar & Pie Sale

Sunday, December 7 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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- ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH: Rev. Norm Brotzman, 216 S. Seneca, 746-2249. Call to Worship 9:30 am; Children's Church during Call to Worship; Faith Rally Sunday 6 pm.
- BAHA'I FAITH: Firesides (Open to All) 1st & 3rd Fridays 7:30 pm at 15 Skyview Dr; 746-3626.
- CAMBRIA COMMUNITY CHURCH: Pastor Chris Walton, 19 Stampede St. 746-2321. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship 10:30 am; Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm
- CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL: Rev. Sally Boyd, S. Summit & Winthrop Streets, 746-9684.

3rd & 5th Sunday, Morning Prayer 10 a.m.; 2nd & 4th Saturday 4 p.m., Holy Eucharist. haydishall@hotmail.com

- CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH: Pastor John Hopper, 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9 am.
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- COUNTRY CHURCH: Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley, 746-9712, Worship 10 am.
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH: Pastor Gary Anderson, 903 S. Summit, 746-2188. Bible Study 9:15 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Teaching Service 6 pm; Wednesday Service 6:30 pm.
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- PrayerService 5 pm, Christian Academy. • FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:
- Pastor Jeff Thoms, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Sunday School 8:45 am; Church Services 10 am; Nursery care
- 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.
- KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES:

5018 US Hwy 16, 746-2319 or 746-4517. Tueday 7 p.m. Congregation Bible Study, Theocratic Ministry School and Service Meeting. Sunday Public Talk 10 am; Watchtower 11 am.

• NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH: Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sunday Worship 10 am; Wednesday Night Prayer.

- NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP: Pastor Wayne Wilson, meets at Black Gold Realty Building,
- 1517 W. Main, 746-5542. Sunday Worship 10 am.
- OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH: 348 Sheridan St. Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm.
- SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST: Pastor Gary Force, 78 Old Hwy 85, 746-3504 or 278-0254, Pastoral Assistant Jason Logan 746-2974. Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11:20 am.
- ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Father Killian Muli, Upton. Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
- VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH: Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366.
- UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Rev. Sharee Johnson, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Worship 9 am; Fellowship 10 a.m.; Adult Study 10:30 a.m.; 1st & 3rd Wed Evenings Prayer and Praise Service 7 pm.

Jesus said to his disciples:

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John 15:1



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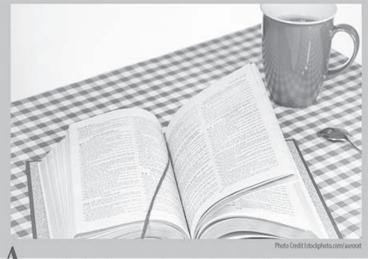
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A cup of coffee is a great way to jump-start the day; yet, why depend on coffee alone to get going? While you're waiting for it to brew, practice the restorative power of morning prayer. It will give you strength and guidance to deal with whatever the day may bring. David relied on God, "Morning by morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; morning by morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation." (Psalm 5.3) Your Heavenly Father will walk beside you through your day if you ask Him to. Each week, visit with Him in His Sanctuary and give praise for His guidance.

Weekly Scripture Reading Mark Mark Psalm Jeremiah Jeremiah Nehemiah 12.35-44 13.1-23 13.24-37 10.1-16 Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society ©2014, Keister-Williams Newspaper Services, P.O. Box 8187, Charlottesville, VA 22906, www.kwnews.com









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and then in 1998 he transferred to Croell Redi-Mix. A few of his proudest moments as a tremendous worker were being known as a concrete man, batching AND completing the 'airport job' for Lee's Ready Mix, which involved hundreds upon hundreds of yards of concrete per day, and helping to successfully set up and establish Croell Redi-Mix in Newcastle. He proudly retired from Croell Redi-Mix in 2006.

Joseph is survived by his brother, Lee Wood of Denver; his sisters, Bobbie (Eddie) Minkler of Pahrump, Nev., and Fleta (Chuck) Zamora of Arvada, Colo.; his children, Debra Kennedy Wood of Worland, Dale Wood of Osage, Joseph Wood Jr. of Osage, Candy Wood of Osage, and Mike (Lisa) Wood of Cody; 20 grandchildren; and 30 greatgrandchildren.

Joseph was preceded in death by his wife, Marjorie; his parents, Roy and Virginia Wood; his sister, Zaida Ipsen; grandson, Chance Sears; and granddaughter, Carrie Sullivan.

The funeral service for Joseph was held at 2 p.m. on Nov. 22 in Osage. Burial was at Garhart Cemetery.

Engagement



LAYHER-HIMRICH

The parents of Kourtney Ranae Layher of Glenrock and Adam John Himrich of Casper are proud to announce the upcoming wedding of the couple on Dec. 13.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Jeff and Ranae Layher of Glenrock. She is a graduate of Glenrock High School, and currently attending Casper College, where the two met.

The groom-to-be is a Newcastle High School graduate, currently employed at North Antelope Rochelle Mine outside of Wright. His parents are Troy and Tamera Allen, and the late Matthew Himrich, of Newcastle.

The wedding will take place at the Hilton Garden Inn in Casper. From this date on, Kourtney and Adam will share their lives together living in Wyoming, with a friendship and love that will grow stronger each day.

From the Vault of the Anna Miller Museum:

A team of horses sits outside the old Horton Post Office and Store.



What's Up

LOCATION

Meetings & Events Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Dec. 4	10 a.m.	Chamber Coffee
	10 a.m.	Holiday Open House
	Noon	Chamber Board Meeting
	4 p.m.	VFW Ladies Auxiliary
	7 p.m.	Salt Creek Water District Meeting
	7 p.m.	WC Museum District
	7:30 p.m.	Masons
Dec. 5	8:30 a.m.	Customer Appreciation
	10 a.m.	Open House
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	10 a.m.	Encore Open House
	11 a.m.	Edward Jones Open House
	11 a.m.	Christmas Tea
	6 p.m.	Pinnacle Bank Festival Of Trees
	7 p.m.	Bingo
	7 p.m.	Square Dancing
Dec. 6	9 a.m.	Free shopping for Children
	9 a.m.	Holiday Bazaar
	10 a.m.	Encore Open House
	11 a.m.	Story Time with Santa
	1 p.m.	Christmas Movie
	8 p.m.	Adult Prom
Dec. 7	1 p.m.	Mini Bazaar & Pie Sale
	6 p.m.	Ministerial Assoc. Christmas Program
	2 p.m.	Bingo
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting
Dec. 8	11 a.m.	Wyoming Marketplace Enrollment
	11 a.m.	WC Blood Drive
	1 p.m.	AARP
	5 p.m.	Wyoming Marketplace Enrollment
Dec. 9	Noon	Dirt Daubers
	1 p.m.	Artful Gals
	6:30 p.m.	WC Fair Board Meeting

7 p.m.

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Dec. 10

7:30 p.m.

6:30 a.m.

Frontier Home Ranch Hardware The Wedding Closet Fountain Inn WC Senior Services District Office Anna Miller Museum Masonic Lodge First State Bank Modern Cleaners & Laundry Serendipity Boutique Toe-tally Groomin' Tanz Treasured Florals and Gifts 2013 W. Main Street Christ The King Lutheran Church WC Senior Services VFW Hall Newcastle Elementary School First United Methodist Church WC Fairgrounds Treasured Florals and Gifts The Wedding Closet Dogie Theatre Perkin's Tavern WC Manor First United Methodist Church Corpus Christi Church Corpus Christi Church WC Health Services Board Room WC Senior Services WC Senior Services WC Health Services Board Room 1621 Gray Blvd Senior Housing WC Fair Office Armory Masonic Lodge WC Health Services Dana Tysdal's house USDA Building WC Sportsman Club Public Health Building

Dec. 5: & Anniversaries Mackenzie Butts **Dec. 7:** Annica Dixon, Jenna Dixon, Molly McColley **Dec. 8:** Shawna Praeuner, Duane Ottema, David Kachelhoffer Dec. 9: Paul Piana

> **Getting** married? Have a baby? Do you have an event coming up? Send your notices to news @newslj.com

Customer Appreciation Day Friday, December 5 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Eastern Star

12:30 p.m. Flowering Fingers Garden Club

Lady's Firearm Safety

Stop in and meet our new cosmetologist, Karlie Sanders. She is available for weekend appointments!

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Wellness Wednesday Blood Draw

WC Natural Resource District

Mallo Camp Board Meeting



The Weston County Library Board of Trustees has moved their regularly scheduled meeting of Friday, December 26, 2014 to Friday, December 19, 2014.

Celebrating Retirement

Donald Hansen Sandra Walford **Lenard Seeley Jerry Shepperson**

Friday, December 12 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. **Weston County Courthouse**

1 W. Main, Newcastle, WY



The Parade Route will begin on 7th St. and move west on Mt. Rushmore ending in Way Park on 4th St. for the Memorial Tree Lighting Ceremony and parade award presentations.

Santa's Village Gift & Craft Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Custer High School Santa & Mrs. Claus from 1 to 3 p.m. Raffle Drawings at 4 p.m.

Proceeds benefit the Custer YMCA Child Development Center

For more information go to www.custersd.com





Pool Tournament

Saturday, December 6 bring a childs Christmas gift

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Holiday Movie

First State Bank of Newcastle and Weston County Title

Saturday, December 6 1:00 p.m. The Dogie Theater

Tickets for kids to see Disney's Big Hero 6 available at these local merchants

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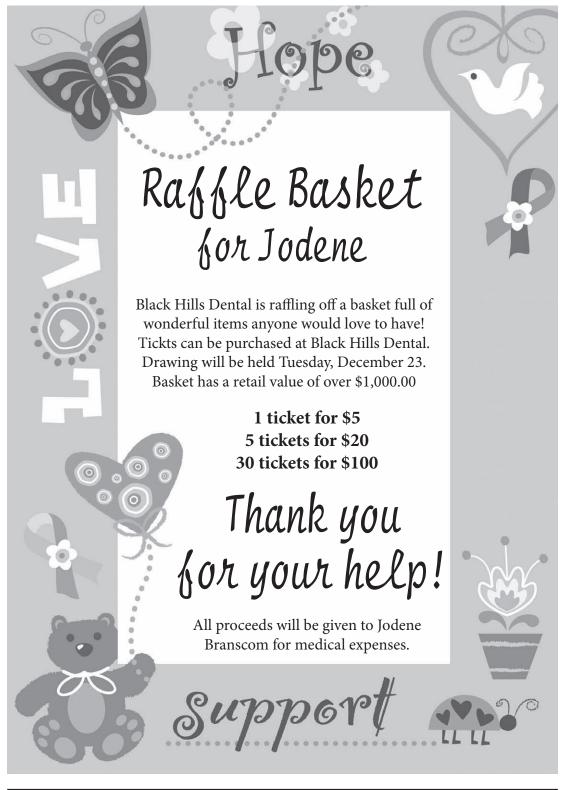
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Ticket does not guarantee seat availability. Adults who wish to attend the movie are asked to bring a donation for the BREAD Office to the theater.



NEWCASTLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Newcastle Elementary School Good Citizen Awards for November

3rd Grade - Sidney Garcia



Good Citizens

The good citizen for the third grade this month is a perfect example of what one should be. This student displays all of the qualities of a good citizen every single day. This student is consistently on task making sure her work is up to the highest of standards, never having sloppy hand writing and never missing a period or capital letter. She is eager to learn and when she has finished a task is looking for the next thing to do, asking politely what I should do now. This student strives to get the best possible grades on every single task. Now I have had parents ask me what else their student could do in order to receive the good citizen award, they get good grades. Well this student is a perfect example of the, what else question. She is willing and even eager to work with all students, not just her friends. Her homework, time every day. She comes in with a smile on her face and is ready to greet everyone on a daily basis. While other students will stand around at the end of the day waiting the last few minutes for the bell to ring this student can be found picking trash up from the floor, or tiding up her desk. She is not scared to answer questions that may be asked even if she is unsure that her answer is correct. She is one of the most polite young ladies that I have had the opportunity to teach and is this way with adults and peers alike. These are some of those, what else, reasons as how to achieve a good citizen award, and this student goes above and beyond them every day that is why I am zens GOOD CITIZENS Good Citi; proud to give the good citizen award from Mr. Marty's third grade class to Sidney Garcia.

4th Grade - Caleb Hossfeld



It is with great pleasure I could select the fourth grade Good Citizen for November. The citizenship award is being given to a student that exhibits many qualities of an outstanding individual of both our class and school. This young man demonstrates a dedication to his responsibilities by: working to his highest potential every day, actively participating in class discussions, completing all assignments on time, and doing what is expected without any anticipation of reward or honor. He is precise in his work, he is a good listener, and he doesn't hesitate to ask questions to better understand the concepts of a lesson. Furthermore, he demonstrates respect towards the students around him by: offering support to students when needed, praising his peers' success, and being consciously aware of differing viewpoints. As a first rate citizen, he demonstrates these qualities often and without prompting. His knowledge, effort, and respect for others will take him far in life! We are fortunate to have him in our classroom this year, and I am excited to work with him the rest of the year! Congratulations to Caleb Hossfeld!

5th Grade - Aidan Gorman



Usually when teachers have to be gone from school, they get very stressed. Questions fly through their minds: Were my plans clear enough? Did I get everything prepared and laid out? What if this happens? What if that happens? But mostly we worry that our students will behave themselves while we are gone. Sometimes it can be very suspenseful to read the notes that the substitute teachers have left for us.

This was the case on the morning after my first absence. I raced to school that morning, hoping the room was still intact. When I got there, I sped through the hall thinking to myself, "I hope it went okay vesterday.

As I entered the room I was relieved to find everything clean and in order. However, looks can be deceiving, so I slowly walked over to my desk, suddenly dreading what I would find. I could see the note lying on top of a pile of papers. My heart began to flutter as I stepped closer and closer. Finally I reached down with shaking hands to grab hold of the document. I swallowed hard as I brought the paper up and began reading: "Mr. Soriano...what a special class you have this year. Good listeners, hard, quiet workers, and especially good helpers for a substitute...I really enjoyed

my time with your class.. The corners of my mouth began to creep upward and my heart filled with pride as I read the kind words about our class. I was so happy to have such a dependable class.

Needless to say, it was difficult to find only one Good Citizen out of this room of exceptional individuals; there are many good listeners, many well-behaved children, and even some very hard workers. But we needed one student to represent us as Good Citizen - one student to represent all of the values we hold so dear in our school. Luckily, one young man stood out among the others.

First of all, he is respectful. He never talks back or gives me any attitude. He never complains about work, but rather looks forward to new learning. He is kind to his classmates and when he is in the wrong, he's the first to apologize. He is also responsible. He doesn't make excuses, he doesn't point fingers. He takes ownership in his actions and in his work. He never has missing assignments and when he's absent, his work is turned in immediately. Finally, he is trustworthy. If there is one person I can count on, this is the man. Whether it's helping a fellow student with a problem or filling out our lunch count, this young man gets the job done without ever

He represents hard-work, efficiency, and above all, good citizenship. Congratulations Aidan Gorman!

This ad brought to you by the News Letter Journal

Making tech advances

Alexis Shultz NLJ Reporter

"This company seems to be right on the cutting edge for this stuff," professed Charita Brunner, Newcastle's city clerk and treasurer at a Newcastle City Council meeting on Nov. 17. Brunner was referring to a press release, released on Nov. 4, from Rare Element Resources that explains the company's successfully complete benchscale testing on enhancements to its existing patent-pending thorium extraction technology.

Rare Element Resources Ltd. is a mineral resource company focusing on development and exploration of rareearth deposits, specifically those with significant distribution of critical rare earths. Rare earth elements are a set of 17 chemical elements in the periodic table, and they make the high-tech world we live in today possible, according to the company's website. These elements are used for everything from miniaturization of electronics to the enabling of green energy and medical technologies. The elements have become irreplaceable to a world of technology.

According to the press release, this technology now allows for the selective precipitation of 100 percent of the thorium as well as removing 85 percent of the cerium, the lowest value rare earth element.

"I did some research after I got those and it's pretty exciting," reported Brunner, explaining that from the research she did, the thorium is kind of a problem element, one that is difficult to separate from the other elements.

"This advancement significantly reduces the concentrate mass of material subject to further separation, thereby trenching program," stated

reeducating costs, and results in an upgraded product that is nearly 40 percent by weight critical rare earths and 99.999 percent pure rare earth oxide," stated the press release.

There is a second stage in which a two-contact solvent extraction process is used to separate the contained rare earths into heavy rare earths and light rare earths, which simplifies the separation process and further reduces costs, according to the company.

"Our decision to capture additional value for our shareholders by investigating elemental separation has led to significant improvement in our thorium removal process that now allows us to also remove the majority of the cerium in a single contact solvent extraction step. By removing this lower value rare earth, we can reduce the mass that goes through separation, significantly reducing costs," reported Jaye Pickarts, chief operating officer for Rare Element Resources, in the press release.

"We then use solvent extraction to achieve high separation factors for heavy and light rare earths. This represents a significant first step and will give us a great amount of flexibility, as we continue to investigate the next steps of separation and how to capture more value by generating the products our customers' need," he continued.

On Nov. 3, according to the release, Rare Element Resources filed an application for a Provisional U.S. Patent on this technology. The company is continuing its work with potential customers to identify the most attractive and sale-able end products for

"They also completed their

Brunner, explaining that, as they get through these steps, the closer they are to putting in an much-talked-about plant in Upton.

According to the Rare Element Resource release of Nov. 6, the company completed a trenching program at the Bear Lodge Critical Rare Earth Project located in northeast Wyoming. This trenching program confirmed geology, structure, and grade of the near-surface, high-grade zone and the Bull Hill deposit. Along with confirming these things, studies are underway to confirm detailed mineralogy.

This area is the anticipated site of initial mining as contemplated in the recently released Preliminary Feasibility Study.

"The results of the trenching and bulk sample program were positive on multiple levels," said Pickarts. Approximately 1,000 tons of mineralized material were taken from the trench in this process. "This work allowed us to collect valuable date that will be incorporated into detailed engineering. Most importantly, we excavated a large mineralized sample that we plan to use in a demonstration plant to confirm on a larger scale our process flow sheet, including recently announced separation technology."

In the release, Pickarts indicated RER's plans for the future are on track as anticipated.

"Pending financing and the successful complexion of additional bench-scale testing of the company's recently announced separation technology, the company plans to construct in 2015, and then operate a larger-scaled, continuous-run demonstration plant to confirm its process flow sheet from physical upgrade to separated rare earth oxide products," he stated.

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volunteers. However, the Weston County Fair Board has noted that some of the trees are in poor health, but the upkeep of the trees is expensive. They have been in discussions for several months with two different businesses — Acorn Tree Service and The Tree Doc — regarding their care.

"If we don't take care of the trees, pretty soon we will be out there planting new ones,' Bill Lunney, owner of The Tree Doc, announced to the WCFB at their Nov. 18 board meeting. "I am here to give you a sales pitch, because I would like to get part of the work — but it is not as important to me as taking care of these trees, because if something is not done, we are going to lose a bunch of them. I think you will see that, in the spring, there are going to be quite a few bare branches. My request is for you to find money in your budget for tree care."

Each company has a different approach to caring for the trees, however. Travis Peterson with Acorn Tree Service — who has not attended a meeting of the WCFB — would like to make a plan to see what is needed by creating an inventory of the approximately 82 trees on the grounds. He would then categorize each one, creating a database listing what kind the tree is, how big it is, its value and what is needed. A comprehensive arbor management plan would be created, with priorities for treating the infected trees and fertilizing them as needed — steps to be taken in the next few years. Acorn Tree Service's plan, not including actual treatment to the trees, is estimated at about \$3,000 to \$4,000. "The suggestion is putting us under the same

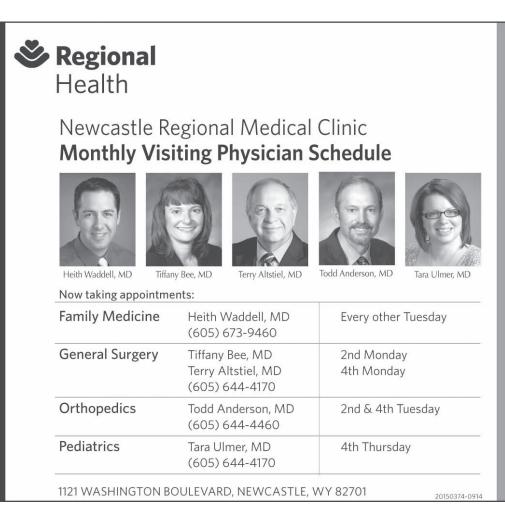
management plan as the City of Newcastle,' informed Tom Streeter, Weston County Fairgrounds manager, indicating he has been the person in contact with Acorn Tree Service.

The Tree Doc gave an estimate of \$7,350 for fertilizing and treating all of the trees. The plan would include treating for disease in the fall, and fertilizing in the spring.

Lunney noted the chemical is expensive and labor intensive to apply.

Both companies agree that several of the trees need immediate care due to heavy infection of oystershell scale. The problem the Fair Board faces, though, is that they cannot choose either company to deal with the trees, because there is no money allotted in the budget. The issue will come before the board once again during their December meeting, scheduled for Tuesday.

"It is going to have to be something that will have to wait. Our budget runs from June to June, just like the rest of the county. Maybe we could get money for tree care then, I don't know," stated WCFB Chairman Curtis Rankin. "My opinion is we need to do a little bit more investigating and see what Acorn Tree Service will do."



Keeping them running Doyousee what I see

Denice Pisciotti NLJ Reporter

Nine miles east of Newcastle, at 5 Ferguson Canyon, is the location for the community's newest auto body shop, Mac's Auto Repair. Following in his father's footsteps, Mac Magnuson finally opened his own mechanic business three months ago.

Since he has been big enough to be under the hood of a vehicle, he has spent as much time fixing a little bit of everything from tractors to snow blowers and everything in between. The challenge of taking something apart and making it work again intrigues the mechanic. If parts cannot be found, he will do his best to rebuild it.

"I've fixed everything in 30 years. I couldn't stop trying to figure out how to fix things after my dad was a mechanic and showed me the tricks of the trade," he admitted.

His father, Terry Magnuson, and his uncle, Larry Magnuson, owned Magnuson's Machine Shop in South Dakota, where he is from. He recalls there was nothing they couldn't do, and he is proud to have learned the trade from family.

of town, he offers to take the vehicle to his shop, repair what needs to be done, then bring it back to the owner. He has a truck and trailer prepared to offer the service when needed.

Throughout the years, he has worked at several different garages in the area and in the oil field as well. In 1993, he started working on diesel machines at Gene Mills Sioux Truck Service for three years, and more recently at Newcastle Motors.

He has the use of two bays to work on vehicles. Charlie Gerke, a friend he grew up with, assists him when the workload is heavy. His family even gets down and dirty his daughter, Jessica Phillips, knows how to take care of her



Mac Magnuson opened Mac's Auto Repair east of Newcastle, where he offers a wide variety of repair work. He says he'd rather see a person repair an older car than junk it to buy a new one. Broken vehicles are 'a challenge' to the Magnuson, who comes from a line of mechanics.

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Knowing the shop is out vehicle, too. Her son, Aydenn Phillips, at the age of 7 has already begun watching his grandfather work on vehicles.

> "He's pretty interested and wants to know, asks a lot of questions. He thinks it's neat to get something running that hasn't been running," Magnuson recalled with a smile.

He has a lot of experience with older vehicles, and willingly admits he needs to learn more about the newer ones. To gain the knowledge he needs to work on them, he plans to take online classes.

Knowing how tough it is to buy a new vehicle, he suggests fixing the older ones, which, he says, can be just as good when needed. He made sure as a new one. One thing he doesn't like seeing is a vehicle sitting, unused, in the trees,

because it doesn't work. To Magnuson, that is a challenge to repair it.

Sometimes finding parts for the older vehicles is tough, but he says he is ready for the task.

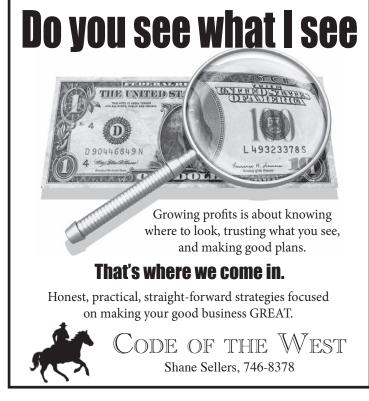
"If I'm able to keep my business local, then I am going to do that. [The community has] been treating me really good, and [that] helps me staying busy," he added.

As for winterizing vehicles, he offered the advice of checking the radiator levels regularly. Sometimes it needs to be drained and redone for the winter months, he added. Keeping up with it could prevent expensive problems. Having a good battery is also extremely important, especially during the colder months, he noted, because if it isn't in good working order

the engine won't turn over during the low temperatures. He also recommends making sure the belts are in good shape and there are no major leaks anywhere.

Since having a running vehicle is important to everyone, Mac's will be offering gift certificates during the holiday season. Magnuson is also running a special until the first of the year: buy your own oil and filter, and he will inspect the car and change the oil for \$10. The same deal is also available for trucks, for a fee of \$20. He plans to get a landline soon, but until then customers can call him on his cellular phone at (307) 941-2517, or leave a message at (307) 629-0029. There is not cell phone service at the shop, but he will return calls as soon as possible.

"I have always wanted to have my own business - it worked out perfect! If it wasn't for Nellie and Willard Hieb offering me this shop three months ago it wouldn't be possible. It has worked out really well!" he proclaimed.



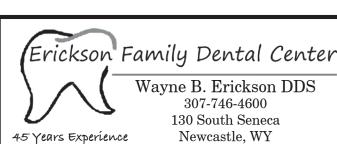












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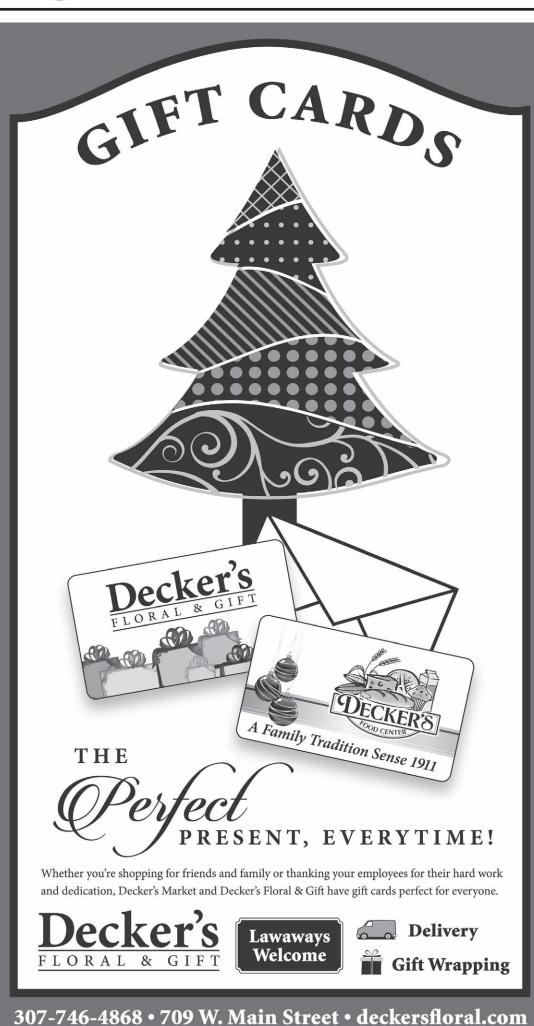
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Be safe with your 'nog

Vicki Hayman

Extension

7 ith the holidays come many traditional dishes to eat or drink. One of those traditions is drinking eggnog.

Eggnog is a drink made of eggs, sugar, milk or cream, spirit (if desired) and topped with nutmeg. It originated in England as a drink for the upper class in the early 17th century. Due to the scarcity of eggs and dairy products, this drink was reserved for those who could afford it. The drink became popular in the Americas in the 18th century due to the high availability of eggs, milk and rum.

Notes While you can buy eggnog already made in stores, many choose to make homemade nog to celebrate the holidays. Eggs are a standard ingredient in most homemade eggnog recipes, giving the beverage its characteristic frothy texture. The University of Wyoming Extension reminds you that homemade eggnog can hold a potential danger of a food-borne illness if not properly made, because eggs may contain salmonella, a bacterium that causes food-borne illness. While only one in every 20,000 eggs contains salmonella, no one wants to spend their holiday in the hospital.

The concern is that family eggnog recipes might not be considered safe anymore. Go ahead and use the eggnog recipe, but make a few changes so that the tradition can continue safely.

To avoid getting sick from salmonella when consuming homemade goodies, the Egg Safety Center and FDA recommends using a cooked egg base. It turns out that as long as the right precautions are taken, raw eggs can be used safely in liquid form. The key is to heat raw eggs to 160°F in order to kill all bacteria. Eggs harden when their proteins coagulate, so in order for them to stay runny, their proteins must remain separate. This can be achieved by diluting the egg with a sub-

stance like milk or sugar. To make a cooked egg base:

1. Combine eggs and half the milk as indicated in the recipe. (Other ingredients, such as sugar may be added at this step.)

2. Cook the mixture gently to an internal temperature of 160°F, stirring constantly. The cooking will destroy salmonella, if present. 3. After cooking, chill the mixture before adding the rest of the milk and other ingredients.

Some people think that adding alcohol to the recipe will make the eggnog safe. Alcohol will not kill the salmonella — only heat can

Another way to make your eggnog is to use pasteurized eggs. Pasteurized eggs are eggs in shells that have been heat treated to kill salmonella if it is present. These eggs may cost a

bit more, but the flavor and texture are generally the same as regular, unpasteurized eggs. If you use pasteurized eggs then you will not

have to go through the cooking process above. For those who don't feel the need to use fresh eggs, but still want to make safe food, use liquid, frozen, or dried egg products, which are required by law to be pasteurized. Another alternative is to find a recipe without eggs.

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Regardless of how you make your eggnog, keep it cold so that you and your family and friends can enjoy a safe holiday tradition.

Not surprisingly, this foodsafety method is effective beyond

its use in custards and holiday pies. It can be used year-round when making ice cream, Caesar salad dressing, or any other food containing raw eggs. The necessary step is adding the recipe's liquid or sugar ingredients (at least ¼ cup for every egg) to the raw eggs and heating the mixture to 160°F before adding it to cooked or solid ingredients.

Therefore, by following these safe handling and proper cooking practices, you can enjoy delicious, creamy homemade eggnog without worrying about making anyone sick! Cooked Eggnog

Combine and set aside:

• 1 cup milk

• 1 cup heavy cream

Whisk in a medium bowl just until blended:

• 12 egg yolks

• 1 1/3 cups sugar

- 1 teaspoon freshly grated or ground nutmeg Heat in a large saucepan over medium-low heat:

• 2 cups heavy cream

While whisking, slowly add part of the hot milk and cream mixture to the egg yolks. Then slowly pour the cream and egg mixture back into the saucepan, stirring constantly, until the mixture reaches a temperature of 160°F. Do not overheat or the mixture will curdle.

Remove from heat and immediately stir in an additional cup of milk and another cup of heavy cream. Pour through a fine mesh strainer into a storage container. Chill thoroughly, uncovered.

Once chilled, stir in 2 cups of brandy, Cognac, dark rum, or bourbon. For a nonalcoholic alternative, 2 tablespoons vanilla or 1½ cups strong coffee can replace the spirits. Cover and refrigerate for at least three hours, or up to three days.

Serve sprinkled with freshly grated nutmeg. Makes 16 servings.

(Sources: American Egg Board, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, FDA, www.foodsafety.gov)

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by the onset of winter weather conditions. WYDOT explained in the release that drivers need to adjust their driving habits to fit road conditions.

WYDOT offers the follow tips to all drivers:

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- Increase following distance to allow more time to
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don't slam on the brakes WYDOT notes that bridges

are the first to freeze and become slippery when temperatures drop, so drivers need to use caution when approaching all bridges. Also, drivers should be mindful of machinery attempting to clear snow and spread dirt.

"WYDOT is asking motorists to be watchful for our snow plows and slow down when they see the flashing lights," said Ronda Holwell, public involvement specialist for District 4, adding that the plows are clearing the roads to make it safer for all.

WYDOT crews will be

plowing the snow during and after snowstorms, as well as sanding slick areas and attempting to keep the highways in Wyoming open to the traveling public.

Patience is a necessity for motorists this time of year, Holwell reminded in the release. Remember to stay with the flow of traffic, even if traffic is only going 40 mph. This will make is safer for the public as well as WYDOT plows, Holwell added.

Holwell, adding to Stith's advice, urges drivers to "slow down, slow down, slow down!"

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Parade of lights

The annual Lighted Parade, sponsored by Black Hills Power, was held Friday evening on Newcastle's Main Street, ending at Weston County Senior Services center, where folks gathered for hot chili and kids could visit with Santa, who was escorted to the senior center by the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department. The theme of this year's Lighted Parade was 125 Years Of Energy. Winners of the parade are as follows: Youth Category, Borderline Bandits, whose float represented every source of energy Weston County produces; Non Profit Category, Cambria Bowhunters, (pictured) with a life-size reindeer (winnings donated to Toys for Tots); and Profit Category, Wyoming Refining Company, represented by their signature white storage tanks (winnings donated to the Ministerial Association). The Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce, that organizes the event, thanks Tom and Susanne Voss for judging the floats. (Photo by Denice Pisciotti/NLJ)

'Tis the season for giving life

Alexis Shultz NLJ Reporter

"I've given 11 gallons so far," professed Ellen Butts, site coordinator for the United Blood Services blood draw in Newcastle, adding that her reason for donating blood is personal. Butts explained that she was afraid of needles as a child, but when her brother was diagnosed with a disease that required him to receive blood, she started donating.

"It's all about saving lives," reported Butts, and with Christmas being the season for giving, there is no better way to give something to someone in need. Butts stated that for many of the people who that blood means the difference between

gallons of blood, and those who donate have the opportunity to receive e-mails of the stories about the lives they've saved by donating.

Butts explained that the blood donated in Newcastle does stay local, but is sent to Rapid City, S.D., to the United Blood Services location where it is tested and prepared for distribution within the Wyoming/South Dakota area. She has no personal knowledge of anyone from Newcastle being saved by blood donated, but does recall two cases in which Rapid City called needing specific blood types.

"You've heard it dozens of times. We don't take enough time for ourselves, to be able to relax and enjoy some quiet schedules — and now holiday shopping life or death. Many of these people need and preparation. United Blood Services allow her to keep up with the job.

offers a way to kick back for an hour and give someone the best gift of all, by donating blood. While you are donating life-saving blood, you can review your shopping list, plan a holiday meal, or just plain relax!" stated Angle Pillet, donor recruitment director for UBS in Rapid City.

To give this gift, Butts said Newcastle will be hosting a blood draw on Monday, Dec. 8, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Weston County Senior Services center. Anyone with questions or for appointments is encouraged to call Butts at (307) 746-4251.

She also expressed her need for someone

"It's all about saving lives," proclaimed

receive donated blood from these drives, time. It's difficult, with school and work to help as site coordinator, or take the position over due to an illness that doesn't

Learning lessons through song

Denice Pisciotti NLJ Reporter

To enhance their singing skills, six Newcastle High School students attended the Festival of Voices at the University of Wyoming from Nov. 13-15. Seniors Alex Henkle and Lavne Crisman. along with juniors Cooper Karp, Dawson Norton, Jenna Holmes, Ashlyn Dollison and Carissa Deming, attended the event with NHS Choir Director Jan Ellis.

"Well, this time of year was really nice. Usually it is in February — it was between sports, so it was the first time Cooper and Dawson could actually attend. It was a very good experience! They were very excited to do this and be able to attend," acknowledged Ellis. "Carissa and Jenna were the only ones who attended last year, so this was a new experience for most of them."

Not only do the students have the opportunity to learn at the Festival of Voices, but it has been adapted to be a leadership conference. They have the choice to learn vocal performance, or choral leadership.

Students who choose the first area meet with diction coaches, learn better singing techniques with different the master class this year. She

the UW choir group, "Opera in the Gym."

In the second choice, students study with the choral jazz group, learning how to run sectionals, direct, and how to be leaders in their choir in the absence of a choir director.

"The other thing that is really cool, they learn music right along with the two genderbased groups at UW: Bel Canto, the women's choir, and the Statesman, the men's choir. So that is an added benefit. They get [to hear a] more mature sound and they step up to the more mature sound, and they learn their music from them,' Ellis explained.

For the few days the high school students are visiting the university, Ellis stated, they experience what college life is like, such as eating on campus and attending classes in the music wing, except they stay in a hotel instead of the dorms.

If they have worked on a festival type song, the students also have the opportunity to take a 20-minute lesson with one of the professors. The top four are chosen to do a master class, which is held in front of everyone on stage so everyone can benefit.

"Carissa was selected for

that she has been working on. She said it was very worthwhile and fun to do," added the proud instructor.

Karp told the News Letter Journal he learned a lot during the experience - not necessarily new information, but lessons that gave him a more elaborate understanding of the things Ellis had been teaching during the four years he has been in choir. He was happy he had the opportunity to attend.

"I learned a couple new things that went in-depth about the teaching aspect of choir that all future music educators will want to know, such as all the business concepts of being a director and qualities of a good director," he explained.

Dollison does not like to leave the comforts of home, however she was glad she went because she had a great time and enjoyed the experience. Both juniors attended the Choral Leadership classes.

"I think everyone who is in high school choir that has a high interest in making themselves better, or going into something chorally in college, should go. [What they] taught was really fun, because we got to see an international a cappella group, and they worked with the group, giving us

body poses, and work with performed a piece in Italian lessons on how we could make a cappella sounds," Dollison recalled.

> She appreciated the experience and said she would recommend other choir members to go, if given the opportunity. At first, Dollison said, she was intimidated being around the college students, but they made everyone welcome and soon they were all caught up on the same level.

> "I also feel that it strengthened my voice and gave me a better outlook on what choir is really about. I learned how to better my voice and the production and articulation of it. They also did classes for being a better leader within our own choirs, and I found that very beneficial as well. Overall, I thought it was a very exciting and fun experience as a very involved choir student," added Dollison.

Karp also said he would recommend the experience for anyone in choir or who enjoys

"It was very beneficial because it has rekindled a flame in my vocal cords for singing, and maybe even got me to think about maybe being a music educator when I'm older. This is my favorite choir event I have ever attended," he admitted.



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Reading treat

The pre-schoolers at Weston County Children's Center received an early Thanksgiving treat last Tuesday afternoon when Jessica Troftgruben's sixth grade English class delighted the children with original creative fiction stories they had written this past fall. Troftgruben stated she wanted her students to have a real-world experience in sharing their stories with an actual audience. The sixth-graders brought animal puppets related to their stories to share with the pre-schoolers as they read their original works. Above, Westin LaPierre, Kayne Hinshaw and Conrad Prell share a story with James Brown. (Photo by Pam Penfield/NLJ)

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relationship with the legislature, which aids him in that department.

Being a good team means utilizing everyone's strong points, he explained. When it comes to school boards, John Riesland has been a large part of the Wyoming School Boards Association, knowledgeable about board trainings and board governance, which he uses to train other school boards - making him the man with answers. Tom Wright has a vast and valuable grasp of history, and, as the board treasurer, when it comes spending money Wright is the one Bonnar looks to for answers. Bill Lambert's leadership as chairman of the board throughout the last 10 years has been exemplary, opined Bonnar. Ronnie Mills is the expertise on transportation and is full of compassion. Tina Chick offers a voice for early childhood education and development.

"The reason our board has been recognized so frequently is because we do play to each other's strengths. We recognize the strengths other people bring to the board. We are not territorial, we bring that to the board. We are a strong unit because we bring the ability to respect the strengths and utilize them," Bonnar offered.

New board members Joe Corley, Dana Gordon, Dean Johnson and Melissa Stalder will begin their terms this month, making the incoming board the largest percentage of trustees who still have children attending school in the district since 2004.

"I am excited about the new people coming on [the school board], and what they are going to bring," he said, adding that, not for a second should anyone think that those without current students in the Newcastle schools don't bring something to the table. The board of WCSD #1 doesn't just represent parents of schoolage children, he took care to note, they have a responsibility to all the taxpayers in Weston County.

"Educating our children should ultimately make our community better. Most of us who get on a school board do it because we are passionate about children, but at the same time we have a responsibility to our community. We don't just have a responsibility to those children and their parents, we have a responsibility to represent our entire district — because those are the people who support us with their tax dollars by attending functions or



Pam Penfield/NL

Bob Bonnar, with his wife, Stephanie, at the Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce annual banquet, was named last week to the 2014 All Wyoming School Board, an honor shared by many of his colleagues on the Weston County School District #1 Board

events. We represent all of them," Bonnar acknowledged.

As a former student of the district, he feels it is more rewarding to give back to WCSD #1, where he graduated from Newcastle High School. He fondly recalls Wright being the chairman of the board in 1986 who handed Bonnar his diploma.

Currently he plans to keep serving as long as he thinks he is bringing something to the table and helping the students and district succeed. He added that he will also continue to serve on the board as long as his family can handle the burden.

Through the Wyoming School Board Association, he says, he has learned a vast amount from the keynote speakers they bring in each year for the convention, applying that knowledge to the school board and as a business man as well.

In his ambition to be a life-long learner, he values what he has learned during the last decade on the school board — namely communication and how to get things done as one board.

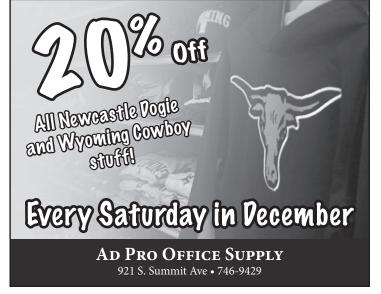
"If you stop learning, you better get off the school board," he admitted. During the weekend, Mills and Lambert received the Wyoming School Board Association Hall of Fame, which is a reflection on how many trainings they have attended throughout the years.

"Not a lot of people reach the mark they have. It will be two to four years before I reach that mark, even with as active as I am," he added.

Tyler Bartlett was also recognized the same day as Bonnar, as 2014 Teacher of the Year. LaCroix was Superintendent of the Year last year. Angie Back was named Paraprofessional of the year and Scott Shoop was honored as Principal of the Year in prior years.

"This is the best school district in Wyoming, and if there is an honor or anything that I am most excited about, it is that my award is just one more award to show how truly awesome it is to live here and to be a part of this school district, and to have kids attending these schools. Yep, we have our problems and we have things we need to get better at just like everybody else, but there is no place I'd rather be. And I am sure we will get better," Bonnar concluded.





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noticeable by looking at her.

"It squished everything, that is why I didn't eat very much. Before, I ate a banana and a sandwich — that was it for the day. Now I can eat a bowl of cereal, a sandwich at lunch and eat dinner and be okay," she acknowledged.

When her kidneys were removed, the physicians stitched her on the inside with dissolvable stitches. Her scar is visible from her sternum to her pubic bone, and glue was used, not staples. A week after surgery she was able to head back home.

The last three years Walden's body has been able to function without healthy kidneys through dialysis. It removes the waste, salt and extra water to prevent them from building up in the body, keeping a safe level of certain chemicals in the body, such as potassium, sodium and bicarbonate, which helps control blood pressure, according to the National Kidney Foundation website.

Prior to the removal of her kidneys, every day for three years Walden did dialysis in her home with a dialysis machine attached to her for eight hours at night or during the day, changing the fluid every three to four hours.

Since the removal of her kidneys six weeks ago, Walden has been going to Rapid City three times a week for hemodialysis. Now she has to watch the fluid she puts into her body because she no longer has the ability to urinate. All the fluid she intakes goes into her muscles, she explained, which is why she must go to hemodialysis to remove the fluid.

'We are getting ready to have the catheter put back in [to be able to do home dialysis], because it is just too expensive to have to run to Rapid three days a week. I'm in dialysis for three and a half hours, so whoever takes me has to find something to do during that time. Doing it at home every day is better anyway, because then I am not as limited on what I can eat and drink, because then the fluid is not sitting in my muscles, it is getting extracted every night," she explained.

Watching what she eats has been a part of her life since Walden learned at the age of 10 she had the same disease as her grandfather and father, both of whom had to be on dialysis. PKD

It squished everything, that is why I didn't eat that much ... I am grateful to be alive!"

- Stephanie Walden

is inherited, but she is thankful that currently both of her children, Samantha and Bobby Walden, do not have the ailment.

Her siblings, however, have had their share of experiences with the disease, although none have been the same. At the age of 20, her brother Billy Gray lost a kidney because it died. Her older sister, Melanie Gray, has had a couple of cysts removed, and her younger sister, Misty Chatt, has high blood pressure.

"We are all really close," Walden shared. One benefit of having the surgery in Cleveland was that her family in Pennsylvania was not far away.

She is still on the transplant list and hoping for a kidney and a 'normal' life, with her friend in the process of seeing if one of her kidneys might be a match for Walden. Even one kidney would mean no more dialysis.

"I will get to live a normal life. There are a lot of doctor appointments in the beginning. The only downfall is you are on a lot of anti-rejection medicines. Those can cause issues," Walden added.

The procedure would take place in Sioux Falls, S.D., or Denver, Colo. Within a couple weeks, they will know if Kern's kidney will work for Walden. If it's not compatible, Walden will continue to wait for a cadaver kidney — from someone who has passed away — which is a phone call that can happen at any time, she reported.

Kern had to make the initial call to donate, then wait for a call back from a psychologist and be cleared from them before she was able to get the blood work completed. So now they are just waiting to hear the results.

Life continues with three weekly trips to Rapid City for medical treatment, but without it, Walden knows, she would not be here.

"I am grateful to be alive!" she proclaimed.





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"Mrs. Ellis gave 100 percent to everyone she ever worked with. Newcastle is very lucky to have a teacher that is making music alive and well in Wyoming."

- Kristina Mireles, 2012 NHS graduate

Denice Pisciotti NLJ Reporter

For 32 years, Weston County School District #1 has had the privilege of utilizing the services of Janelle Ellis to direct and instruct Newcastle Middle School and Newcastle High School students. Because of her dedication, many of those students have been named to honor choirs throughout the country. The tables turned last month, though, with Ellis being given an honor of distinction.

Ellis was awarded 2014 Weiss Outstanding Wyoming Choral Music Educator for the state of Wyoming, at the University of Wyoming, by Dr. Nicole Lamartine on behalf of the University of Wyoming Choral Foundation. Surprising her at the ceremony were two of Ellis' former students, Kristina Mireles and Elias Hutchinson, who had the privilege of attending and speaking on her behalf.

"It was incredibly humbling! When the kids talked I had tears in my eyes and Dr. Lamartine said she had tears in her eyes, too. They were very sweet. In this perspective, I hadn't ever had them talk after being away for a few years [about] what it means for them now - it was totally from their heart," Ellis recalled.

The first to speak, Hutchinson, said that choir wasn't a choice for him at first, since his mother made him attend, but he stayed in the class because of Ellis. He continued to say his choir instructor was like a mother — yelling, but loving you just the same. He recalled the extra time she would spend helping students prepare for special choir auditions, even if it meant getting up early in the morning because that is often the only time a student has to rehearse.

"I remember in middle school, she always gave us the talk that music is so important, but you don't realize that until you get to college. I was in Statesmen for two years, just sitting here listening to the Collegiate [Choir], it's amazing what you feel when you hear it, and I attribute all of that to Mrs. Ellis," Hutchinson stated during the ceremony.

Mireles, who also has continued studying music at the university, spoke next, talking about two important things she learned from her former instructor: first, never hide gum from the director because they always know, and secondly, your hard work is for everyone.

"Mrs. Ellis always taught me that when you give your best, you give it to everyone, not just the people who are the best - for everyone. Mrs. Ellis worked the hardest not just for the best people in our choir, but for the people who didn't like choir very much - and even for the people who didn't want to be in choir but had to take it because their moms made them," Mireles told the auditorium filled with people. "Mrs. Ellis worked the hardest for every one of us. She was there early and stayed late. Mrs. Ellis believes that her best is for everyone. She changed my life in so many positive ways. So, thank you very much, Mrs. Ellis, for giving me your best and giving all of us your best!"

Raised in South Dakota, Ellis graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Vocal Music from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D. She taught choirs in Martin, S.D., Sundance and Gillette before moving to Newcastle to teach.

In addition to working with the school choirs, she also serves as a clinician for area choirs, adjudicates festivals, helps out with the music at Corpus Christi Catholic Church and assists the Newcastle Concert Association, of which she is one of the founders.

Her students participate in clinics and festivals, sing the National Anthem at every local school activity and many regional and state sports events, as well as participating in All-State Choir, ACDA and NAfME Northwest Choirs, and ACDA National Choirs.

Ellis has been awarded the Northeast District Music Educator



Tracy Ragland, principal of Newcastle High School, recognizes Janelle Ellis during the school's Excellence Awards last week. Ellis has been named the 2014 Weiss Outstanding Wyoming Choral Music Educator.

More music on tap for the holidays

Christmas concerts

Since this is the season for spreading cheer, let us brighten your holiday spirit with music, express the choir directors of Newcastle's middle and high schools. The public is invited to the annual Middle School Christmas Concert to be held at 7 p.m. on Dec. 8, at Crouch Auditorium. The middle school bands will delight with many well-known carols of the season, while the second half of the program will feature the choirs. Each choir will add to the festivities with a wide variety of holiday selections.

Make plans to return to Crouch Auditorium the next night, Tuesday, Dec. 9, to hear the wonderful Christmas music prepared by the high school students. Their concert will begin at

Starting off the evening

will be the vocal ensembles — New Horizons, Gemtonz and Troubadours — warming up the audience with their energetic sounds. Following their selections, you will hear the gorgeous blend of the Concert Choir.

After intermission, the Concert Band will entertain with their exciting versions of old favorite carols. The vocal groups are led by Janelle Ellis, accompanied by Kristin Wilkes, and the band is directed by Ryan Whipple.

"Both concerts are free and open to the public so we hope you will join us to listen to the accomplishments of these wonderful musicians," Whipple

Kids will be caroling

Remember days of old, when Christmas carolers would kick off the holiday season? Well, the

Treble Tones Children's Choir will be going caroling on Dec. 19 to bring Christmas cheer to the community.

They will start by making a loop through the school, then will load the busses and head to Weston County Manor to carol for the residents and staff. After that, the choir will head to the Weston County Children's Center, at approximately 9:30 a.m. The choir will be wearing their black uniforms with orange scarves and ties for this event.

In addition, on Thursday, Dec. 11, Newcastle Elementary School grades three through five will hold their winter concert at 7 p.m. at the Crouch Auditorium. The following Monday, Dec. 15, grades kindergarten through second grade will have their opportunity to sing for the community at 7 p.m., also at the Crouch Auditorium.

of the Year twice, and has also been the Wyoming recipient of the Outstanding Music Educator through the National Federation of High School Music Associations. For the past three years, she has served as the Wyoming Choral vice president in charge of the all-state choir, listening to hundreds of auditions every year.

For Ellis, the best part of the honor is what it will give her students, giving them the opportunity to

sing with outstanding musicians. "What it does afford my choir next year will [be the opportunity to] go to Laramie during the Festival of Voices and sing with the Collegiate Choral one number when I direct them. I am kinda of nervous about that. This is an audition choir. I mean, they are top notch, they are just impeccable, just phenomenal! I don't know if I get to take the whole choir, but I will definitely take the ones who put forth the effort to learn the piece I get to select," Ellis told the News Letter Journal after receiving the award.

EWC seeking ed students in Crook and Weston counties

Eastern Wyoming College is looking to gather a cohort of students from Crook and Weston counties who would be interested a degree together are more likely to persist in earning the first two years, or an Associate of Arts degree, in elementary education. EWC offers the full program through

distance education.

"We have found that students working on and complete the degree together," shared Dee Ludwig, EWC vice president for learning. "The program faculty have developed a rotation of courses that articulate well with our coordinator in their community, as follows:

receiving colleges.'

EWC is now registering students for the spring 2015 semester. Students interested in this degree program or others offered through Eastern Wyoming College should contact the outreach

- Hulett, Jennifer Jolley, (307) 467-5477
- Moorcroft, Melissa Buckmiller, (307) 756-9800
- Newcastle, Kim Conzelman, (307) 746-3603
- Sundance, Brittany Lenz, (307) 282-0769 • Upton, Brandy Donner, (307) 468-2495.

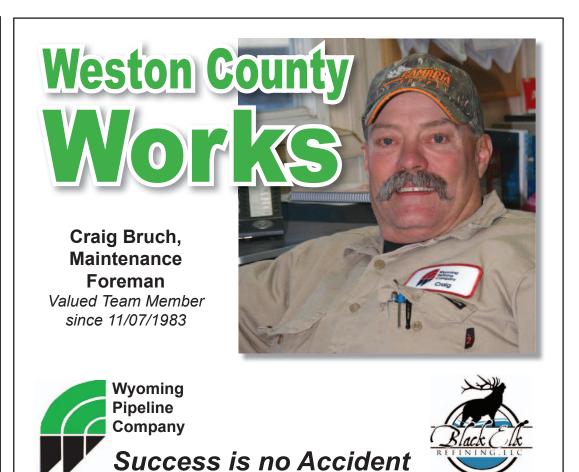


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12/11	VJ	Belle Fourche Triangular	Α	4PM
Meet		Dogies		
12/6	Boy	s & Girls Basketball		6 p.m.
Boys	Bas	ketball		
12/12	VJ	E/W Challenge @Buffalo	Α	Noon
Girls	Bas	ketball		
12/12	VJ	E/W Challenge @Cody	Α	Noon
12/13	VJ	E/W Challenge @Cody	Α	Noon
Boys	Swi	mming		
12/13	V	Gillette Pentathalon	Α	9AM

The Score

NMS Girls 8th Grade A Team Nov. 22, 2014 Newcastle 19, Wheatland 22 Overtime Newcastle Loss, Douglas Won

NMS Girls 8th Grade A Team Nov. 24, 2014 Newcastle 9, Moorcroft 17

NMS Girls 7th Grade A Team Nov. 24, 2014 Newcastle 15, Moorcroft 25

Giving thanks

n this season of giving thanks, it is only fitting that I take the popportunity to do so. However, rather than expressing my undying gratitude for the best kids, family and friends that one could ever ask for — I have the absolute best, hands-down — I'm going to give thanks for the things that I tend to take for granted. Because I am a history teacher, I'm going to relate all of them, directly or indirectly, to the Second Industrial Revolution.

I am thankful for Thomas Edison who worked tirelessly to figure out that carbonized bamboo would work for a filament for the



Sonja Karp **Karpe Dogie**

light bulb, and the guys at Menlo Park who developed a system for the delivery and distribution of electricity.

I take that for granted most of the time, but then I think about everything in my life that requires electricity to work. I can't imagine what I would do without my refrigerator, air conditioner, hot water heater, washer and dryer, dishwasher, television, satellite, computer, cell phone, lights, and the list goes on.

I am thankful for Edwin Drake, who thought of using a steam engine to drill for oil. Developing the means for extracting large amounts of crude oil led to the refining process which now allows me to heat my home and drive my car.

I am thankful for compulsory education and child labor laws. The Progressives battled huge corporations and a reluctant government to ensure that children attended school. Without their efforts, my life would be unimaginably different.

I am thankful for Samuel Morse and Alexander Graham Bell, who invented the telegraph and the telephone. Advances in communication have allowed me

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Come out and meet the Dogies!

Sonja Karp

NLJ Sports Reporter

The squeak of shoes on the floor, the thump of a ball hitting the floor, the swish of the net as a ball goes through the hoop all mean that basketball season is upon us at last.

The Newcastle High School's Dogie and Lady Dogie basketball teams are hard at work getting ready for their first contest of the 2014-2015 season.

Dogie fans will have an opportunity to get an early glimpse of what the ladies' and men's teams have to offer, as the annual Meet the Dogies public scrimmage is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 6, beginning at 5 p.m.

Allen Von Eye and Tyler Bartlett each return to the head coach position of the Dogies and Lady Dogies, respectively.

According to Von Eye, the 2014-2015 Newcastle Dogies have a good mixture of experience and youth. They return two full-time starters in Dillon Ehlers and Colton Sweet along with Taylor Allen, who began starting at the end of his sophomore season. These three players will provide an experienced backcourt.

This squad also returns Triston Roberson, who played key minutes throughout the season last year and will act as a very versatile player.

An extra year of maturity should have Cooper Karp, Alec Walker, Chandler Burd, Dawson Norton, Vincent Oedekoven and Paul Lambert all ready to play a significant role on this year's team, especially as interior defenders.



NLJ File Photo

Break into your happy dance — it's time to Meet the Dogies, this Saturday at the Dogie Dome. Meet the players who will be representing Newcastle High School on the basketball court, starting at 5 p.m.

Von Eye anticipates that this year's squad should bring a sense of excitement to the floor as they push the ball and play full court pressure defense.

Bartlett is excited to get started with the season, and he's looking forward to working in the young up-and-coming players with the returning Varsity letter winners.

The team is not at full strength this year after the injury to Hannah Cass, but he's confident that the team

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Sonja Karp/NLJ

NHS Football Coach Matt Conzelman recognizes his players during the Excellence Awards ceremony last week at the high school.

Boys of fall recognized

Sonja Karp **NLJ Sports Reporter**

on to take home the state title.

The Boys of fall have left the field, but they certainly gave their fans many great memories this season. The team was one win away from the championship game, but ran into a juggernaut of a team in the Mountain View Rams, who would go

The members of the 2014 Dogie football team brought home several individual honors at the end of the season.

Seniors Dillon Ehlers, Johnny Walker, Bradon Rushton, Mason Pisciotti, Nick Bock, Colton Sweet, Trayton Farnsworth and junior Ricky Larson were named to the 2A East All-Conference team.

Sweet and Bock were named to the second team All-State team, and Ehlers, Walker, Rushton and Pisciotti earned first team All-State honors.

Ehlers was the top performing Dogie offensively and defensively over the course of the 10-game season. He was second in the state and first on the team in rushing, accumulating 1,275 yards, second on the team in receiving, with 211 yards, seventh in the state in passing, with 679 yards, second in the state and first on the team in all purpose offense, racking up 2,312 total yards, 10th in the state in kick returns, third in the state in scoring, running in 19 touchdowns for 116 points, and 35 in the state and first on the team in defensive points, putting up 113 with 26 tackle assists, 28 solo tackles, five tackles for loss, three sacks and one blocked kick.

"Ehlers showed a strong commitment to the football program both in-season and off-

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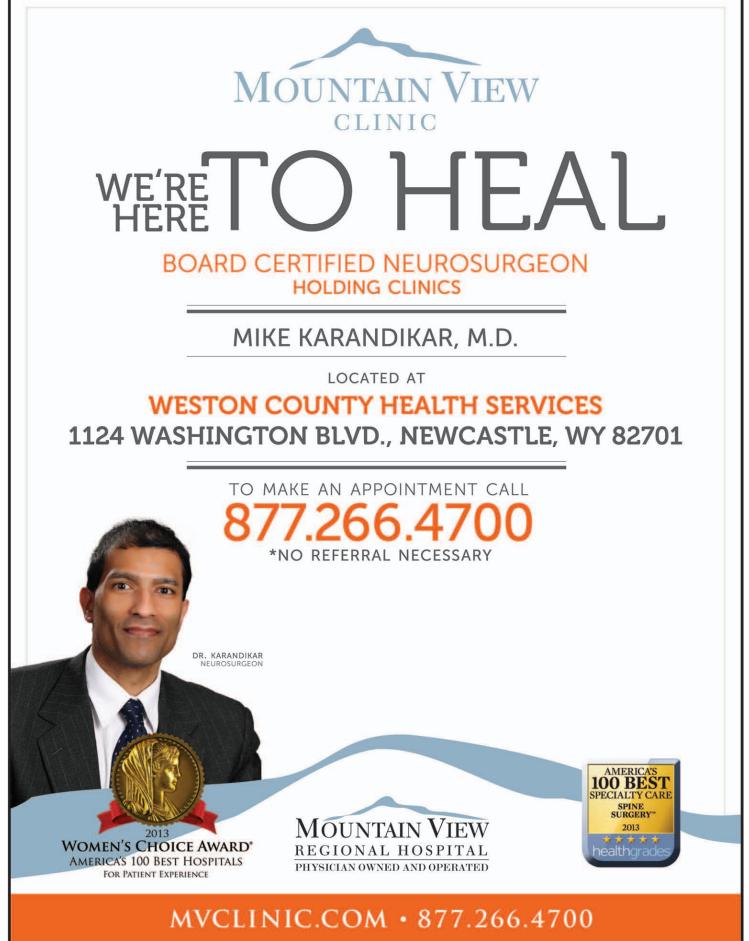


Visiting





Youngsters were both delighted and frightened when visiting Santa Claus, who welcomed them at Weston County Senior Services center Friday evening, following the annual Lighted Parade in downtown Newcastle. Macy Steiber, above, tells Santa a secret, but Asic Dawson, upper left, was comforted by Robin Larson, as he seemed unsure of the prospect of sitting on the bearded man's lap. At left, a cheerful Madison Leighton, dressed for the season, shares a friendly chat. (Photos by Denice Pisciotti and Pam Penfield/NLJ)



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to carry a smart phone with which I have access to the world.

I am thankful for the Wright brothers, who were the first to publicly prove that heavier-than-air machines could fly. They, and others like them, have made it possible for me to see the eastern and western coasts of the United States, Germany, Italy, Hawaii, Las Vegas and many other places that I would never have had the opportunity to experience were it not for flight.

I am thankful for the women's suffrage movement. Brave women risked everything to fight for the right to vote, which eventually evolved into equal rights for women. Without them, I would not have had all the wonderful opportunities that I have today. I would not have the job that I love, the years of education that has given me such joy, the independence to raise my children on my own, the ability to travel to the places that I have, and the freedom to be the person that I am without fear of persecution.

I am thankful for the highspeed printing press and creation of paper that is strong enough to withstand it. Without

those things, I would not have the opportunity to be writing, and you would not have the ability to be reading this right now. On a broader scope, none of us would have access to the news that goes on in the world around us.

I am thankful for the muckrakers who exposed the corruption in business and government during the latter half of the 19th century and the earlier part of the 20th century. One of the results of their writing is the food and drug administration, who ensures that the food we eat is safe for consumption.

We are also protected from political machines who controlled government at every level, because muckrakers and Progressives made sure that our voices were heard at the polls.

Truly, the list of my gratitude for the people who changed life as we know it during the Second Industrial Revolution could go on for a very long time. Suffice it to say that I am eternally grateful for all that they did back then, and for all of those who continued the fight to today. I truly appreciate the life that their foresight and their efforts allows me to enjoy.







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has talented and hardworking players who can get autographs. step up and lead the team.

Bartlett anticipates that the 3A East and the Northeast in particular will be tough and competitive as usual, and he's looking forward to the challenge.

"It's always fun to kick things off with Meet the Dogies," Bartlett smiled. "There's no better place to play in Wyoming than the Dogie Dome, and our kids are excited to get their first taste of that exciting atmosphere. We're looking forward to seeing everyone Saturday night to cheer our teams on."

The evening will begin with the ladies' Varsity scrimmage followed by the men's Varsity scrimmage. After both teams play, there will be the three point shooting contest and the team shooting competition.

The night will wrap up with an opportunity for all kids to meet their favorite players and

Meet the Dogies will also provide a chance to donate to the local food drive this holiday season, as Von Eye and Bartlett each request that fans bring in non-perishable food items for donation.

Both teams start their seasons on the road with tournaments in Buffalo and Cody the first weekend, and then the Stateline Shootout in Sundance and Belle Fourche the second weekend. The teams will not have a home competition until Jan. 6, however.

The schedule this season is one that is very accommodating for fans who want to watch both the Lady Dogies and the Dogies play, as nearly every contest is a double-header.

While that means that there won't be as many nights where at least one of the teams plays at home, it offers fans the opportunity to see both teams in action more often than in the past.

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season. He was a major playmaker for us offensively and defensively this season. His 'never say die' attitude showed in every game, as he led our team and produced huge rushing yards. He is a good role model and leader for the NHS football program," said head coach Matt Conzelman. "With the drive and commitment he has shown, I am confident he will be successful in whatever he pursues and I wish him the best."

Rushton put up some great numbers as well this season. He tops the list of peak performances in all of 2A, rushing for 252 yards in a single game. He was fourth in the state and second on the team in rushing, gaining 1,040 yards, fourth on the team in receiving with 73 yards, second on the team in all purpose offense, accumulating 1,222 yards, and second on the team in scoring, with 11 touchdowns for 66 points. Defensively, Rushton added 73 points with 22 tackle assists, 24 solo tackles and one tackle

"Rushton has been one of is a prime example of what offseason weightlifting and speed training can produce. The coaching staff is so impressed with how he matured and excelled in his role as a football be the best that they can be," smiled Conzelman.

Sweet was fourth in the state and first on the team in punt returns, running back nine punts and gaining 101 yards, third on the team in rushing with 353 yards, third on the team in receiving, with 205 vards, first on the team in kick returns, with 15 for a total of 261 yards, third on the team in all purpose offense, with 920 total yards, and fourth on the team in scoring, with five touchdowns for 32 points. Sweet put up 97 defensive points with 18 tackle assists, 35 solo tackles, two pass breakups and one fumble recovery.

"Sweet was a very strong asset for the team this season. As a player, he never came off the field offensively, defensively or on special teams. As a coach, I enjoyed coaching him over the last four years and watching him grow into a respectable young man. A leader by example, he showed

Walker has been our main leader on the line this season. He has shown drive and effort both on and off the field. He turned into an exceptional football player and a fine young man who all of the high school students look up to."

- Football Coach Matt Conzelman

the underclassmen how Dogie field. He turned into an excepfootball needs to be played. I thank him for all of the memories that he created for his fellow players, coaches and fans," commented Conzelman.

Farnsworth was sixth in the state and first on the team in receiving, grabbing 16 passes for 486 total yards, fourth on the team in all purpose offense, with 496 total yards, and fifth on the team in scoring, with four touchdowns totaling 26 points. Defensively, he contributed 91 points with 13 tackle assists, 27 solo tackles, seven pass breakups, one fumble recovery and one interception.

"Farnsworth really stepped up to the challenge, as I knew our most dedicated athletes. He he would, and became the player I knew he could be. He had a great season as a wide receiver and defensive back. He had some great catches offensively and some huge tackles on defense. I wish him luck in player this season. He was a all of his future endeavors and positive influence for the team, send a big thanks for all that he always challenging them to has done for Dogie football," Conzelman grinned.

Bock racked up 72 defensive points for the Dogies with 23 tackle assists, 15 solo tackles, three tackles for loss, two sacks and two pass breakups.

"Bock had a great off-season at camps and in the weight room. He has been one of the toughest athletes this year who fought through a knee injury. I always knew he would turn into a great football player, and he did. He played a huge role offensively at pulling guard and defensively at defensive end, and did a great job at both. I thank him for all of his hard work, determination and commitment to Dogie football," bragged Conzelman.

Walker added 39.5 defensive points with 14 tackle assists, six solo tackles, and 4.5 tackles for loss.

"Walker has been our main leader on the line this season. He has shown drive and effort both on and off the tional football player and a fine young man who all of the high school students look up to. With his determination and drive, he will be successful in life and I wish him the best," Conzelman predicted.

Pisciotti scored 20 defensive points with nine tackle assists, one solo tackle, two tackles for loss and one sack.

"Pisciotti has been a great leader for our offensive and defensive line. He was one of the biggest lineman in the state of Wyoming and contributed to a lot of our rushing yards. His positive attitude has influenced our players to work hard. I have enjoyed seeing him grow into a fine young man these past 4 years," stated Conzelman.

Larson, the sole junior earning post season honors was seventh on the team in rushing with 25 yards, fifth on the team in receiving with 41 yards, fifth on the team in kick returns, eighth on the team in all purpose offense with 68 total yards, seventh on the team in scoring with two touchdowns for 12 points, and second on the team in defense, adding 112 defensive points by bringing down the most opponents with 36 tackle assists, 34 solo tackles, two tackles for loss and one pass breakup.

"Larson made some huge plays for us offensively and defensively this season. When I think about him, the first thing I think about is this quote: 'It's not the size of the dog in the fight, but the fight inside the dog.' He was a fighter when the opponent was bigger or faster, and he didn't care. He just made the play. I am excited to have him back as a player next year," concluded Conzelman.

It certainly was a season to remember, and one to build on for the future of the Dogie football program. The seniors will be missed, but the coaches are optimistic about the talents of the upcoming Dogie players.

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Unofficial County Commission Minutes

NOVEMBER 18, 2014

The regular meeting of the Weston County Commissioners convened at 9:04 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Shepperson presiding. Present for the meeting were Commissioners: Jerry Shepperson, Randy Rossman, Marty Ertman and County Clerk, Mamie C. Krank. Not present were Commissioners: Lenard D. Seeley and Tracy Hunt.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
Commissioner Rossman gave the Invocation

and Commissioner Ertman led the delegation in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Liquor License

A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to approve a second dispensing room permit to the Flying V for December 12, 2014, to host a Christmas party. **Carried**.

Consensus Resolution

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to approve a Resolution to allow the transfer of funds in the amount of \$4,845.78 from the 2011 Consensus MRG-11185/Upton Sewer Project to the BFY2015-16 CWC-15128/Upton Water Line Project. **Carried**.

Budget Amendment - Mondell Airport

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to set a Budget Amendment Hearing for December 2, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. for the Mondell Airport Runway Rehabilitation/Lighting Project in the amount of \$4,222,222.00. Carried.

WEBT Eligibility

A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to authorize Vice-Chairman Shepperson's signature on a WY Educators Benefit Trust (WEBT) amendment/eligibility change for the definition of spouse for County health insurance coverage. Carried.

Commissioner Tracy Hunt joined the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Cancellation of Taxes

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to accept and sign a cancellation of taxes numbered 1107 in the amount of \$2,548.82 issued to F&J Oil LLC. **Carried.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to accept and sign a cancellation of taxes numbered 1108 in the amount of \$642.38 issued to F&J Oil LLC. **Carried.**

AWOS State Grant-In-Aid

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to authorize Vice-Chairman Shepperson's signature on three copies of a Certificate of State Grant-In-Aid Agreement for the Mondell Airport AWOS program. **Carried**.

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 4, 2014, as published. **Carried**.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to approve the minutes of an executive session held October 21, 2014. **Carried**.

A motion was made by Commissioner
Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to
approve the minutes of an executive session held
November 4, 2014. **Carried**.

Office Space

Fran Lehman, GIS Coordinator and Scott Rager, Homeland Security Coordinator, met with the Commissioners and discussed office space in the Courthouse basement. Discussion ensued regarding moving Mrs. Lehman to the Homeland Security Office with Mr. Rager and possibly remodeling the GIS Office space for County Attorney Elect William Curley. Mr. Rager will call contractors to obtain estimates for the office space remodel.

The meeting recessed at 10:18 a.m. and reconvened at 10:25 a.m. with all present.

Utility Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) has given SourceGas Distribution LLC (SGD or the Company) authority to pass on to its Pass-On Rate [Regulated Rate] customers in the Gillette Division a retail gas rate decrease of \$0.0366 per therm, effective on and after December 1, 2014. This approval is subject to notice, protest, investigation, opportunity for hearing, change, refund and such other orders as the Commission may deem appropriate.

The proposed pass-on rate decrease is attributable to a projected wholesale gas cost decrease of \$0.0072 per therm and a decrease of \$0.0294 per therm in the CBA surcharge.

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Commission Rule §§ 249 and 250 allow a utility to pass on to its customers known or prospective wholesale commodity cost increases or decreases on a dollar-for-dollar basis and subject to public notice, opportunity for hearing and refund.

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

Anyone desiring to file an intervention petition, request for a public hearing, statement, public comment or protest in this matter must file in writing with the Commission on or before December 30, 2014. The petition shall set forth the grounds for the proposed intervention or request for hearing and the position and interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

If you want to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing that you will attend, or want to make a statement, a protest or a public comment, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 711. Please mention Docket No. 30022-239-GP-14 in your communications. Dated: December 1, 2014.

(Publish December 4 and 11, 2014)

County Road Easement Form

Fran Lehman, GIS Coordinator, met with the Commissioners and discussed revising the county road easement form language. The Commissioners would like the third sentence of paragraph three removed, and a change to the last sentence of paragraph three which would make the grantor responsible only for damage caused by the grantor. The Board discussed many pending road issues and Mrs. Lehman presented updates and revisions completed on various county roads. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m. with all present.

Buffalo Creek Road

Andy Packard, Orica; Tom Barritt, Tiger Transfer; Mark Lindstrom, Town of Upton; and Don Sharkey, Upton Mayor, met with the Commissioners and discussed maintenance on the Buffalo Creek Road inside the Upton Logistics Center. Vice-Chairman Shepperson explained that easements are still needed prior to the use of grant funds for maintenance on the road. A portion of the Buffalo Creek Road has been annexed into Upton city limits. The group reviewed road maps, and decided that the Weston County Attorney and Town of Upton Attorney should resolve the annexation issues. No action was taken.

Rare Element Resources

Mike Finn, RER, met with the Commissioners and discussed concerns regarding the USFS Northern Long-Eared Bat management strategies. A meeting with the Forest Services will be held on December 2, 2014, in Sundance at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Finn encouraged the Board Members to attend. No action was taken.

Sheriff's Department Bryan Colvard, Sheriff, met with the Commissioners and reviewed the monthly accounts receivable and fees for his department. Sheriff Colvard related that several inmates had large medical bills and some may need to be paid from another account, as his budget is depleted. The Commissioners discussed the need for office space and the Emergency Operations Center remodel. Circuit Court, Homeland Security and the County Attorney could be housed in the Law Enforcement Center once the project is complete. Sheriff Colvard stated that he would contact the Patrick Amend, Architect for the project, to request action for costs on the remodel. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 12:02 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with all present.

Contract Engineer-CMAQ

Jerry Hunt, Contract Engineer, met with the Commissioners and discussed the 2011-2012
Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ). Mr. Hunt discussed an email received from Taylor Rossetti, WYDOT, requesting a copy of the bid packet and addressing the notice to proceed for the project. If the notice to proceed has not been issued by WYDOT, the project may need to be re-bid. Commissioner Ertman stated she would

contact Mr. Rossetti. <u>Courthouse Basement</u>

The Commissioners briefed Mr. Hunt on the possible remodel of the Courthouse basement to accommodate the County Attorney Elect. The group decided to go downstairs and look at the space.

Public Notice

NOTICE AND ADVERTISEMENT PURSUANT TO W.S. § 16-6-116 (LexisNexis 2014)

To all persons, firms or corporations who have any claims for work done for or any materials furnished to: Howard White Construction, P.O. Box 373, 901 3rd Avenue, Upton, WY 82730

Public Works Project: Kitty Moats Project for Osage Improvement and Service District

-project located in Osage, Wyoming.
Notice is hereby given that the <u>Osage</u>
Improvement and <u>Service District</u>, a Wyoming
special improvement district, has accepted the
work as substantially completed according
to the plans, terms, specifications, contingencies and rules set forth between the <u>Osage</u>
Improvement and <u>Service District</u> and <u>Howard</u>
White <u>Construction</u> in their contract for the Kitty

Moats Project.
On the 7th day of January. 2015 being the forty-first day after the first publication of this Notice, the Osage Improvement and Service District will pay to Howard White Construction, the full amount due under said contact; and in the event that your claim is not properly filed with the Osage Improvement and Service District prior to that date, the same shall be forever waived.

This notice is given by the pursuant to W.S. § 16-6-116 (LexisNexis 2014), which provides:

§ 16-6-116. Final settlement with and payment to contractor; required notices.

When any public work is let by contract the commission, board or person under whose direction or supervision the work is being carried on and conducted and upon whose approval intermediate and final estimates are paid for the construction of the work, forty (40) days before the final estimate is paid, shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation, published nearest the point at which the work is being carried on, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, and also to post in three (3) conspicuous places on the work, a notice setting forth in substance, that the commission, board or person has accepted the work as completed according to the plans and specifications and rules set forth in the contract between the commission, board or person and the contractor, and that the contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore. The notice shall also set forth thatupon the 41st day (and the notice shall specify the exact date) after the first publication of the notice the commission, board or person under whose direction or supervision the work has been carried on will pay to the contractor the full amount due under the contract. This section does not relieve the contractor and the sureties on his bond from any claims for work or labor done or materials or supplies furnished in the execution of the

Dated the 27th of November, 2014

Osage Improvement and Service District Osage, Wyoming Joseph R. Wood, Jr., Chairperson Osage Improvement and Service District

(Publish: December 4, 11 and 18, 2014)

The meeting recessed at 1:48 p.m. and reconvened at 2:07 p.m. with all present except Commissioner Hunt.

Commissioner Hunt joined the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

Budget Amendment – County Road Fund/ WYDOT Gravel Crushing Project

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to set a Budget Amendment Hearing for December 16, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. to consider transferring \$350,000.00 from the County Road Fund (CRF) to the CRF WYDOT Gravel Crushing Project for FY2015. **Carried**.

The meeting recessed at 2:18 p.m. and reconvened at 2:25 p.m. with all present.

District Court

Sandra Walford, District Court Clerk, met with the Commissioners and discussed a security assessment for Circuit Court and District Court. Mrs. Walford presented the security report to the Board. Mrs. Walford requested the Commissioners consider granting an employee appreciation day on the day after Christmas, which falls on a Friday this year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, to allow an employee appreciation day on December 26, 2014. The motion died for lack of a second.

County Attorney

William Curley, County Attorney Elect, met with the Commissioners and introduced Lynda Black as a potential Deputy County Attorney once he takes office, and Pam Brackett who will become the County Attorney Secretary. The Commissioners discussed possible office space in the Courthouse basement. Mr. Curley discussed two potential rentals. The Board brought up the possibility of Circuit Court moving to the Courthouse basement leaving space close to the Public Defender's current office. Mr. Curley stated that it would be advantageous to have the County Attorney and Public Defender located in the same building.

Deputy County Attorney

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to authorize an additional position for Deputy County Attorney for Fiscal Year 2015, and authorize the current Deputy County Attorney salary for the additional position. Discussion ensued, carried.

The meeting recessed at 3:02 p.m. and reconvened at 3:06 p.m. with all present except Commissioner Hunt.

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 30, 2012, was executed and delivered by Kara Newbolt ("Mortgagor(s)") to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., as security for the Note of the same date, and said Mortgage was recorded on November 30, 2012, at Reception No. 740006 in Book 341 at Page 500 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: Quicken Loans Inc. Assignment dated: October 22, 2014 Assignment recorded: November 3, 2014 Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 755726 in Book 355 at Page 549

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 \$56,787.51 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$54,455.25 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$1,359.41, plus other costs in the amount of \$972.85, plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of sale;

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

NOW, THEREFORE Quicken Loans Inc., as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Weston County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on December 16, 2014 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 25 N. Sumner, Newcastle, Wyoming, Weston County, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 2, BLOCK 17, FIRST ENLARGEMENT TO NEIMAN ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF UPTON, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING.

with an address of 1104 4th Ave, Upton, Wyoming 82730.

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

Quicken Loan Inc. By: Weinstein, Pinson & Riley, P.S. 123 West 1St Street, Ste. 433 Casper, WY 82601-2482 (206) 438-1034

(Publish November 20, 27, December 4 and 11, 2014)

The meeting recessed at 3:08 p.m. and reconvened at 3:12 p.m. with all present.

Byrand Streeter, Mondell Airport Manager, and John Patik, Mondell Airport Board Member, met with the Commissioners and discussed an amendment to the original airport runway contract and a contract for the new airport runway and lighting project. A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to approve and authorize Vice-Chairman Shepperson's signature on a Master Agreement for Engineering Services for the Mondell Airport. Carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to approve a contract between Weston County and Century Co., Contractor, for the Project Manual 2014 Runway Overlay at Mondell Airport. Carried.

The meeting recessed at 3:29 p.m. and reconvened at 3:38 p.m. with all present.

Road & Bridge Department

Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Foreman, and Joni Kachelhoffer, WYDOT, met with the Commissioners and discussed the WYDOT Gravel Crushing Project. Mrs. Kachelhoffer stated that crushing was complete for the county gravel project and estimated 53,008 tons of material. Mr. Williams discussed the purchase of a WYDOT dump truck at a cost of \$12,000.00, the Board agreed the Mr. Williams should purchase the equipment. Mr. Williams discussed various county roads and cattle quard issues. A motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to pay a bill from Farnsworth Services in the amount of \$1,004.56 for damage to personal property during the Oil Creek Fire. Carried.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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

(Publish December 4, 2014)



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Foreclosure Notice

FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

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

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

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to fore-close 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 \$142,474.34 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$137,120.05 plus Interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$3,162.96 plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of sale:

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

NOW, THEREFORE Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Weston, WY County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on 12/16/2014 at the Weston County Sheriff's Office located at 25 North Sumner Ave, Newcastle, Wyoming, Weston, WY County for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

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

With an address of : 1034 Wood Street Newcastle, WY 82701.

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

Date: 11/14/2014
Brian G. Sayer
Klatt, Odekirk, Augustine,
Sayer, Treinen & Rastede, P.C.
925 E. 4th St.
Waterloo. lowa 50703

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ACROSS

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action 17. ATM extra 18. Reduce,

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15. It made Harry Potter's invis-

16. Common Thanksgiving Day

19. *Captured drug lord 21. Zoo section 23. Go wrong 24. Hat part

25. Old age, archaic

30. African equines

43. Auditory

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55. Grazing area

hologram guest

70. Takes it easy

73. Arrogant one

5. Barn scissors

7. Tiger's peg

discord"

in 2014

26. Kobe, e.g.

27. Sad song

29. Off-color

31. The Phantom _

32. a.k.a. honey badger

34. *2014 Olympic site

33. White liturgical neckwear

Mouse's nemesis

36. Been in bed

8. Take an oath

6. Facts and figures

11. "Piece of cake!"

20. Cattle control, pl.

22. "That is to say"

67. Got up

post

DOWN

1. 27 is the

2. Russia's

Computer

\$1285.73

28. Musical compositions for

35. *Suspect in PA police

ambush was denied this

37. Kosher establishment

44. MC Hammer's "2

39. Davy Crockett's last stand

40. Popular Creole vegetable

46. Last two words of certain shoe company's famous slogan 47. "Rambling Wreck From

48. *Beyonce and Jay Z per-

50. Antonym of #14 Across

53. Leave them behind for

57. *Animated Oscar-winner

60. *Billboard Music Awards

65. Schiller's "___ to Joy"

64. Indian restaurant condiment

68. Remove, as in a Pinterest

69. A cool ___, as in money

71. They're famous for being

Mountains

72. Snake-like reef dweller

3. Reduced Instruction Set

4. Wood-shaping device

9. Bloodsucking hopper

10. Displeasure on one's face

15. *Russia/Ukraine "apple of

24. Suffering from gastric dis-

25. "It caused a scare globally

12. Obtain or create, barely

formed in them together in '14

52. "Big Island" flower necklace

Miss hot chocolate

recycle



Environmental Notice

STATE OF WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL **QUALITY/DIVISION OF AIR QUALITY**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Chapter 6, Section 2(m) of the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations provides that prior to a final determination on an application to construct a new source, opportunity be given for public comment and/or public hearing on the information submitted by the owner or operator and on the analysis underlying the proposed approval or disapproval. The regulation further requires that such information be made available in at least one location in the affected air quality control region, and that the public be allowed a period of thirty (30) days in which to submit comments. A public hearing will be conducted only if in the opinion of the administrator sufficient interest is generated or if an aggrieved party so

Notice is hereby given that the State of Wyoming, Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality, proposes to approve a request by the following applicant to construct a new source in Weston County, Wyoming.

Timberline Services Inc. PO Box 867 Sundance, WY 82729

The applicant has requested permission to establish the Four Corners Pit, which will include limestone crushing, screening, blasting, exposed acreage, stockpiling and haul activity, located in the S½SW¼ of Section 1 and N½NW¼ of Section 12, T47N, R61W, approximately 0.4 miles south of Four Corners, in Weston County, Wyoming. The applicant estimates a maximum annual production rate of 190,000 tons. No hot mix asphalt plants or concrete batch plants are planned for this site.

A copy of the permit application and the agency's analysis is available for public inspection at the Weston County Clerk's Office, Newcastle, Wyoming. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, special assistance or alternate formats will be made available upon request for individuals with disabilities.

Written comments may be directed to Steven A. Dietrich, Administrator, Division of Air Quality, Department of Environmental Quality, 122 W. 25th St., Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002 or by fax (307) 777-5616. Please reference AP-16841 in your comment. Comments submitted by email will not be included in the public record. All comments received by 5:00 p.m., Monday, January 5, 2015 will be considered in the final determination on this application.

(Publish December 4, 2014)

Deadline for Legals is noon on Friday

WCSD #1 Fed. Warrants

WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 FEDERAL FUND WARRANTS OVER \$500 NOVEMBER 2014

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WCSD #1-TRANSPORTATION	\$766.92
Golden West	\$13,270.00
VISA	\$575.99
VISA	\$2,004.80
VISA	\$949.91
VISA	\$2,973.29
WCSD#1 GENERAL FUND	\$16,209.34
WCSD#1 GENERAL FUND	\$13,320.64
WCSD#1 GENERAL FUND	\$575.67
Checking Account Total:	\$57,522.12
Grand Total:	\$57,522.12

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LIEN SALE ON PROPERTIES IN OSAGE

The liens on these properties listed in Osage are being offered for sale by the Osage Improvement and Service District and the Osage Water District. The purchaser will be buying the lien only owed to the districts for past due sewer assessments and delinquent water bills.

LOTS 19 & 20, BLOCK 12, NEFSY ADDITION, OSAGE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING ETAL

Hartshorn Virginia A Etal

LOTS 14, 15, 16 & 17, BLOCK 9, NEFSY ADDITION, OSAGE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING

Judy Lashmett

LOT 15 & A TRACT, BLOCK 15, NEFSY ADDITION** (A TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED AS: LOTS 13 & 14 OF BLOCK 15, STARTING AT 1/4 SECTION CORNER OF SECTION 9, T46N, R63W; THENCE RUN 21° 07' E 3282FT ALONG N & S CENTER LINE OF SECTION 9, T46N, R63W TO INTERSECTION OF N & S CENTER LINE OF SECTION 9 WITH EXTENDED NORTH BOUNDARY OF METZ ST OF NEFSY ADDITION; THENCE N 74° E FOR 225.6 FT TO SW CORNER OF BLOCK 18 NEFSY; THENCE N 74° E FOR 110 FT; THENCE S 16° E FOR 60 FT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; WHICH IS THE NW CORNER OF LoT 13, BLOCK 15 OF NEFSY; THENCE S 14° 38' E FOR A DISTANCE OF 50 FT; THENCE N 74° E FOR A DISTANCE OF 100 FT; THENCE N 14° 38' W FOR A DISTANCE OF 50 FT: THENCE S 74° W FOR DISTANCE OF 100 FT

Romona Conger and Lee Schiefer Attn: Judy Welch \$1646.98

A TRACT OF LAND IN THE N2NE OF SECTION 16, T46N, R63W, OF THE 6TH P.M. **DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**

TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.)

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 16 FROM WHICH THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16 BEARS N 88° 17' E FOR 114.3 FT, SAID POINT ALSO BEING A POINT ON THE CENTERLINE OF U S HWY 16 (STATE OF WYO R.O.W. #1382); THENCE S 61° 29' E ALONG SAID CENTERLINE FOR 1983.8 FT, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH THE OSAGE ACCESS ROAD: THENCE N 35° 47' E ALONG THE OSAGE ACCESS ROAD FOR 398.2 FT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF AN 8 DEGREES 00' CIRCULAR CURVE TO THE LEFT, THE RADIUS OF WHICH IS 716.1975 FT; THENCE ALONG SAID CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 51° 49° A DISTANCE OF 647.7 FT TO THE POINT OF ENDING OF SAID CURVE; THENCE N 73° 58' E FOR 25 FT MORE OR LESS TO A POINT ON THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE S 88° 17' W ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION A DISTANCE OF 2107.32 FT, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SAID TRACT CONTAINS 24.61 ACRES, MORE OR LESS** LESS 0.115 ACRES TO OSAGE WATER DISTRICT IN PHOTO BOOK 237 PAGE 534. TOTAL REMAINING 24.4950 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Susan Loebs (Sagebrush Bar and Lounge) \$1152.81

LOTS 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17, BLOCK 7 NEFSY ADDITION, OSAGE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING

Brenda L Clyde Study \$1172.81

Send all inquiries to OISD, Box 44, Osage,

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Fun and Games

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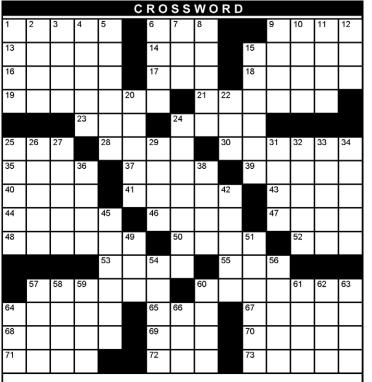
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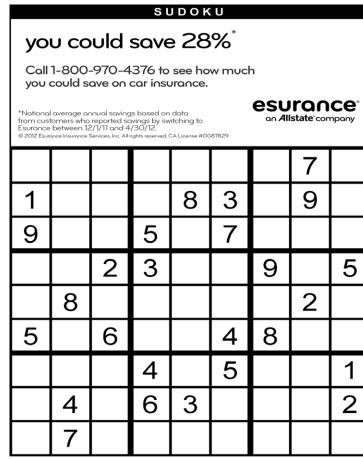


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TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Meeting on Tues. at 4 p.m. at First United Methodist Church upstairs. Contact Joyce Brown 746-3696.

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BILLING AGENT

The Osage Water District is taking sealed bids for the position of Billing Agent to start on January 1, 2015. The Agent will need to read meters and record on a monthly basis and send bills to the water customers on a monthly basis, receive payments and make deposits ONCE A WEEK. Will make a report every month to the District that includes water usage, usage income, late payments, delinquencies, broken meters, and problems with meter reading, answering questions, concerns, and other items of interest to the District. Please send qualifications and fee to be paid per meter read. Bids must be sealed and delivered to the: Osage Water District, Box 83 Osage, WY 827253 by December 22, 2014.

The bids will be opened on December 22, 2014 at the regular business meeting.



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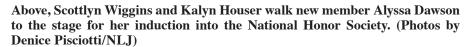
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Accomplishment

Ayres continues success

Jess Ayres, a Newcastle senior at Hastings College in very first time at the collegiate Nebraska, placed fourth in Extemporaneous Speaking, and fifth in Impromptu Speaking, at the 2014 Broncolope Swing, co-hosted by Hastings College and University of Nebraska-Kearney, Nov. 15-16.

The team saw great success Concordia College-Moorhead. on its home turf, finishing first on Sunday and picking up two new qualifications for the national tournament in April. They also won the top three focuses on student academic positions in individual event and extracurricular achievesweepstakes on the second day ment. Visit Hastings.edu for of competition, and witnessed more information.

several first-year students advance to final rounds for the level.

The team will finish out the first semester of competition on Dec. 6-7, at the Outer Limits Swing in Kearney, Neb., co-hosted by University of Nebraska-Kearney and

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DECEMBER 4

Frontier Home, Ranch & Hardware Chamber Coffee 10 a.m. - noon Wedding Closet Open House

10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

DECEMBER 5

Block Party First State Bank Customer Appreciation 8: 30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Modern Cleaners Open House

> 10 a.m. Wedding Closet Open House 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Serendipity Nails by Sherry & Boutique Open House 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Toe-Tally Groom n' Tanz

Customer Appreciation 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Treasured Florals & Gifts Open House Encore 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Christmas Tea 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Christ the King Lutheran Church **Edward Jones Open House** 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Pinnacle Bank's Festival

of Trees 6 p.m. Senior Center

DECEMBER 6 Kids Free Shopping

8: 30 a.m. - 4 p.m. First United Methodist Church Holiday Bazaar 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. WC Fairgrounds Treasured Florals & Gifts Open House Encore 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Storytime with Santa & **Coloring Contest** 11 a.m. Wedding Closet Holiday Movie 1 p.m. Dogie Theater Adult Prom 8 p.m. Perkins Tavern

DECEMBER 7

Mini Bazaar and Pie Sale 1 - 4 p.m. Weston County Manor Ministerial Association Christmas Program 6 p.m. First United Methodist Church

