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Attorney general asked to investigate Citizen complaint about county attorney behind commissioner request

By Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

The Weston County commissioners have agreed to ask the Wyoming attorney general and the governor's office to investigate the need for a special prosecutor in a case involving an adult charged with sexual assault of a minor.

Because of the commissioners' action at their meeting on November 21, the judge later

that day postponed taking action on a plea agreement reached by the Weston County attorney and the defense attorney in the case.

Newcastle resident Jessica Graham raised her concerns about the case with the commissioners at their Nov. 21 meeting. In a prepared statement, Graham told the commissioners that she was concerned that County Attorney William Curley showed "a lack of attention, knowledge and professionalism

in the case."

Graham, a long-time child advocate who has operated a dance studio in Newcastle for the past ten years and currently sits on the Weston County Fair Board, claimed that Curley "felt uncomfortable going forward" with a case she claims he had handled "very poorly."

"I'm begging for your help. The attorney general's office tells me all that is needed in this case (and what we've been

requesting from Mr. Curley since March) is a special prosecutor. I have asked countless state agencies and individuals to intervene in this matter and have continually been told that you, the Weston County commissioners, are the only officials authorized to take action to right this tremendous wrong," said Graham, who has filled the role of self-appointed advocate for the victim's family since the alleged crime was initially

reported.

"As a citizen of Weston County, I am asking that you please demonstrate a willingness to exercise your ability to provide checks and balances when elected power is being abused. If you fail to do so, I fear the victim and the family will never receive justice—and more importantly, never have the opportunity to begin healing from this horrible experience."

Commissioner Tracy Hunt

asked who directed Graham to the commissioners with her request. Graham said that Gov. Matt Mead's office told her to make the request of the commissioners. She said she was told that the commissioners could request a special prosecutor or ask for an investigation into the need for one.

Several members of the public, including Bob Bonnar, Commissioner Tracy Hunt

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Stearns joins NLJ's author lineup

By Bri Brasher
NLJ Reporter

Rhonda Stearns, a fourth generation Wyomingite, boasts quite an impressive resumé in a career she never imagined for herself. Stearns is a published author, journalist and poet, and is still working in the field after she started writing for a rodeo magazine back in 1977.

Stearns and fellow Wyoming authors, Bill Sniffin, Kara Sweet, and Mike Jording, will all be joining the News Letter Journal's author meet and greet on Friday, Dec. 1, at 2 p.m., complete with wine and appetizers.

"I see it in retrospect as a wonderful plan that has all come together in such a beautiful way. I could have never imagined that all of these writing opportunities would come my way and the lifestyle I've had connected with it through the people I've met. Everything that's come about through the writing has been my destiny," Stearns gratefully articulated of her journey to and with writing.

Stearns told the *News Letter*

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— Rhonda Stearns

Journal that she is excited to visit with the people of Newcastle to share her life's work and plans for future publications. Just shortly after her appearance at the meet and greet, Stearns will travel to Las Vegas for the National Finals Rodeo. She will be recognized as one of 40 outstanding women in rodeo and the horse world by the Mary Jordan World of Rodeo Reunion.

Stearns' involvement in rodeo is what ultimately led her to writing and the subjects she pursues. She competed professionally on the rodeo circuit after



Rhonda Stearns has been loving, training, riding, and competing with horses her entire life. Stearns is shown above as a young tyke on her horse Tony, and she is pictured below in a more recent photo riding a horse named Sage. (Submitted photo)

working her way up through the junior, high school, and amateur divisions in all of the women's events except rough stock. She was also a contract member of the PRCA, and played the organ for professional rodeos all across the United States, but she stumbled into writing about the sport by accident.

Stearns told the NLJ that Rodeo Sports News, the official publication for the PRCA, for which Stearns and her friend Larry Jordan were both members, did not acknowledge nor give credit to contract members who provided content for the publication.

Jordan and Stearns found this troubling, so when Jordan started a publication called The

World of Rodeo out of Billings, Mont., Stearns wrote him a letter trying to convince him to avoid making the same mistake as his competitor in not giving credit to PRCA contract members.

Her letter must have been well written because Jordan then contacted her to not only grant her wish, but also to ask her to write a column for contract members in the World of Rodeo.

Stearns shared that she had never seen herself as a writer, but she answered Jordan's call. She wrote the column under some duress, as it was the first thing she had ever written, and it went to press immediately. The column must have gone over well because Stearns' writing career really took off from there.

Stearns says her home-schooling program laid a great foundation in writing, and she built her career with only one college journalism class.

"When people ask me to do something, I really try and do it well," Stearns humbly shared of her success in writing.

She started to take an interest

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Exception Upton overturns low performance ranking, challenges SBE statute

By Jen Kocher
For NLJ

Student participation is the one area outside of an educator's control, argued Upton Superintendent Dr. Summer Stephens as she presented her appeal to the Wyoming State Board of Education (SBE) in a teleconference Nov. 10. Stephens requested that Weston County School District #7 be granted an exemption from the Participation Rate, raising their School Performance rating up to "meets expectations" from "partially meets expectations." After initially denying the request, SBE granted the exception in a 7-4 re-vote.

Upton High School's rating was initially lowered because the school failed to meet the 95 percent participation rate on the statewide assessment, which is required as part of Wyoming's state accountability model. In a class of 20 seniors, two students failed to show up for the ACT test, which drove the school's rating down to 90 percent. One student stayed home while the other showed up late, which ACT testing rules automatically disqualifies.

During the appeal, Stephens argued that due to their low class size, the district was at a statistical disadvantage because, had they been a class of 21 missing two students, they would have made the 95 percent ranking. Stephens asked SBE to take into account their small school size, as one student equaled five percent in this instance. She further presented evidence to the SBE to demonstrate that missing the participation rate was atypical for the district, as they had 100 percent participation in 11th grade for the ACT in 2014-15 and 2015-16. She also argued that their scores in other areas are equally on the rise.

Such anomalies are not telling an accurate story, Stephens pointed out, which affects perception within the community and district.

"The public perception is that our school is failing. We want to tell the right story," Stephens said. "In a small community, the right story matters."

After initially denying Weston County

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Newcastle City Council talks deposit increases

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

The Newcastle City Council opted to approve one of the two recommended deposit increases at its meeting on Nov. 20.

City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James proposed a deposit increase for both new customers and landfill-only customers. The council approved the increase for landfill-only users while declining to increase the deposit for new

customers for city utility services.

"There is a recommendation from our office (the city office) to raise the deposit fee for new customers from \$100 to \$150. This is for individuals establishing utility services," James told the council.

He explained that the rationale behind the recommendation, saying that delinquent charges often quickly surpass a customer's \$100 deposit. He added that the increase would not change the ordinance from

three years ago that established a \$200 deposit for individuals who are delinquent twice.

Councilman Don Steveson asked how many individuals are delinquent on a regular basis and whether the frequency merited an increase.

"I think there are only two or three at the moment that are outstanding and we can't collect on," James said. "Typically, there are not very many. On a regular basis, we probably have between 30 and 40 individuals on the delin-

quent list and unfortunately many of those are repeats."

James said that the deposit increase would protect those who pay their bills regularly and that it would then prevent a future rate increase.

"Our view has always been different than private industry. We need to protect the rate-paying base so it doesn't have to cover others' delinquencies," James said.

Steveson said that while he understood the reasoning, he did not feel that penalizing

new customers was the answer.

"Part of me really doesn't want to do this for new customers," Steveson said.

James explained that individuals are refunded their \$150 deposit at the end of the first year if they have had no delinquencies.

"Look at young families moving in. It kind of deters them from renting some place in town. My question for you is, what if you raise it to \$150 and they can't pay it all at once, is there anyway for

those individuals to make payments?" Councilman Roger Hesse asked.

James answered that on an individual basis new customers have been granted approval to pay the deposit in installments instead of all at once.

"I have a hard time with this one. We are raising rates and everything else. Let's try a year and see where we are at. If we still need something,

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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
Sunny
Hi 43, Lo 28



Friday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 46, Lo 26



Saturday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 46, Lo 34



Sunday
Mostly Cloudy
Hi 48, Lo 25



Monday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 35, Lo 20



Tuesday
Sunny
Hi 35, Lo 24

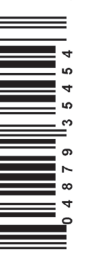


Wednesday
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Hi 36, Lo 24



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Opinion

News Letter Journal

Our View

Check please

This newspaper has long held that the best government is the government closest to the people, and we have consistently advocated for a maximum amount of local control over the decisions that impact the lives of people in Weston County.

But our founders anticipated the fact that there are no absolutes—especially when it came to the concept of self-government—and the multiple levels of checks and balances they put in place to address human failures and other potential shortcomings at any level of government are the cornerstone of the system they created.

We applaud the Weston County Commissioners for listening to the concerns expressed by citizens in our page one story, and having the courage to provide access to those checks and balances for constituents who feel that the system has failed them.

There are those who will argue that the county's decision-making body set a dangerous precedent by asking state officials to consider using their limited authority to intervene in a local matter, but that limited authority exists specifically for those situations when the structure of county government itself fails to provide the necessary checks and balances.

By asking Wyoming's governor and attorney general to simply investigate the need for a special prosecutor, the commissioner wisely withheld judgement and kept their request focused on this one case.

As such, any precedent that has been set by their action is a very narrow one, and the fact that the commissioners were able to allow this conversation to take place entirely in a public meeting makes the record and their intent very clear.

It also should help restore some confidence in a system that the public has shown very little confidence in recently.

Well done.

The hardest part of the job

This morning, as we drove to school, we passed a number of vehicles with their lights flashing on their way to the fire hall. We passed the ambulance and fire trucks lining the side of the highway just before the turn off to the elementary school. We passed the car in the trees, mangled and torn from the several rolls it made before it finally laid to rest.

After I dropped my daughter, Brecklee, off at the school, I stood on the side of the highway, watching and photographing the volunteer firefighters working to remove a person from the wreckage as quickly as possible (see photo on page three).

I watched as members of the police and sheriff's departments directed traffic and the ambulance crews attended to the driver, providing care to the best of their abilities.

These are the moments when being a reporter is hard. To have to stand back and watch, to have your heart in your throat as you wonder whether or not the person is okay. You are there because it's your job. It's your job to inform, to be aware, to photograph, to share the things happening in our community—and sometimes that is the hardest job.

I couldn't help but develop a lump in my throat. I began to shake, to fight back tears as I watched those whom I have worked with so many times take on a role I have only watched them practice. They bustled around,

using tools to remove doors, working as quickly as possible to free the person from the overturned vehicle and to prevent as much pain and injury as possible.

The ambulance crews stood to the side, ready to swoop in at a moment's notice. They were prepared to sweep the injured party off to the ambulance quickly and onto the gurney before speeding off to the hospital.

Time stood still for the 20 minutes I spent in a ditch on the side of the highway, holding my breath, hoping for the best. At this point, I have no idea who was in the vehicle and I have no clue what the person's injuries were, but I felt for him or her. I felt for those who rushed to save the life of someone we may all know.

My heart raced and my hands shook as I got back into my vehicle and drove away, praying that the person I just witnessed being pulled from the wreckage was okay, that no matter who it was would be all right.

These are the moments when the job is hard, when you have to stand back. Unable to affect the outcomes, you try not to make yourself part of the story and know that the outcome may not be the best. In this instance, there is nothing I could have done, no way I could have aided, and no way I could have changed the outcome. But one day there may be that instance when I am called upon to help—and it terrifies me.



Alexis Barker
Worse than her bite

Just another routine Saturday in Wyoming

Nancy and I had been looking forward to attending a University of Wyoming football game this fall and the recent Cowboys-Fresno State game looked ideal.

Several days ahead of time, the forecast was good. I was not paying much attention to weather or roads.

Plus we were taking our three local grandsons to the game. Wolf, Hayden and Finis Johnson are the sons of our daughter Shelli Johnson and her husband Jerry.

Shelli and Jerry were in California celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary by attending a hilarious performance by the comic Brian Regan.

After a fun week of taking care of the boys, we went to bed Friday night planning to get up early and head to Laramie.

At 5:30 a.m., Nancy woke me up. She is prone to migraine headaches but this one was different, she said. Her pain was excruciating. Was she having a stroke? When it comes to health, I generally over-react.

I gave her one of her ordinary migraine Sumatriptan pills, but it seemed to have little effect. We quickly got dressed and I gave the boys the bad news. We probably were not going to the football game as I was taking "mom mom," as they know her, to the emergency room.

When I went back to the bedroom to fetch her, Nancy was making the bed.

"Well, you know, I want the house to look nice," she told me through half-closed eyes.

It was a beautiful morning as we headed up to the hospital.

As I pulled in to the parking lot, she was feeling

better.

"Let's not go in. Maybe that pill really did the trick," she said.

So we sat there for 20 minutes, trying to decide what to do? Since it was early Saturday we could not go to the local clinic, and we were sort of stalled in a twilight zone between "do we or don't we" walk through that door?

Finally, she said she was fine and let's go home. We drove around town a little while just seeing if she really was better. She now seemed completely healed. She said we should go to the game. What a difference 90 minutes—plus a powerful pill—can make.

We went home and I roused the boys. Time was short now and we needed to hurry if we were going to get to Laramie. I thought our trip might take about three and half hours since we would have to stop at Bob Luck's newly remodeled McDonalds for some breakfast on the way.

After that stop, we headed out on highway 287 going southwest toward Laramie. We should make it right at game time.

In fact, the roads were spectacular. I eased the car past the 70 mph mark hoping none of our friendly Wyoming Highway Patrol troopers were up this early.

We got to Jeffrey City and the roads were dry. Beaver Rim behind us had been spotty, and I noticed the outside temperature was 21 degrees. Those small patches of ice on the road could be slippery.

Then the highway between Jeffrey City and Muddy Gap turned to pure ice. The wind was

howling out of the south, and it was pushing my car around. My speed quickly dropped to 30 mph. There were no other vehicles on the road, which seemed odd. Were we the only ones going to the game? Lots of folks should be on this road.

I pulled over at the Split Rock rest area. I walked out on the roadway and the wind almost blew me over. The surface was ice-packed.

My cell phone would not get any service, so I could not determine the conditions of the roads ahead. We were now one-third of the way to Laramie.

My heart said go.

My gut said no.

With a cloud of disappointment dominating the inside of the car, we turned around and headed home. Soon, we were on dry roads and I was kicking myself for being a pansy. It was hard to face the boys. I had let them down because I was a chicken.

After we got home, I checked the state's roads on the WYDOT site and found out those icy roads west of Muddy Gap extended all the way to Rawlins, and Interstate 80 was closed between the Carbon County line and Laramie. It was almost impossible to get to the football game from any direction.

I had made the right decision.

Just another typical fall day in Wyoming.

Bill Sniffin is a retired newspaper publisher who has penned a number of books about Wyoming. He will be appearing for author's receptions at both the Weston County Library and News Letter Journal on December 1. Check out additional columns written by Bill at www.billsniffin.com. and find volumes from his coffee table book series, which have sold over 30,000 copies, at www.wyomingwonders.com.



Bill Sniffin
My Wyoming

Letters to the Editor

Radical right is on a dangerous path

Dear Editor,

There is one good thing about the election of Trump!

It has provoked a movement to organize a "Convention of States."

This is the preliminary step to amend our Constitution. This would be an opportunity to update our Constitution and counter some of Trump's dumbest and most dangerous missteps. They may even be able to counter the regressive plans of the State Policy Network and ALEC.

The "SPN" is a group of 40 or 50 right wing think tanks devoted to schemes and plots to overthrow the government. ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council) is the "action arm" of the right wing. It's a group of lawyers who go from state to state and write legislation for the state legislators to submit.

Both of those groups are in the employ of—and handsomely paid by—the richest oligarchs in the country. I doubt that they have your interests in mind.

The anti-government policy of the radical right wing American government is so wrong in so many different ways it is hard to know where to start.

To keep our economy from becoming a virtual Baghdad Bazaar, we need enforced regulations, not

no regulations at all. It is a constant battle to keep our economy out of the hands of the monopolies where they will exercise their version of the Golden Rule—he who has the gold makes the rules.

Almost needless to say, the rules always favor the monopoly.

Meanwhile, American workers find themselves without a job, at the end of their unemployment benefits and with no prospects for any improvement.

As long as they have a vote, they are the target of the election hustlers. It makes little difference if the unemployed declare themselves to be an "R" or a "D." The election hustler will say whatever the citizen wants to hear!

Never mind the facts, just vote for the story. Ignore repeated warnings. Discount abundant evidence. Attention lemmings, forward march!

—Jerry Baird

Teens should have a class on birth control

Dear Editor,

Now more than ever teens are seeing sex all the time, so they must be educated. Birth control has become a common quandary for teens today.

Teens know about it, and they use it. However, teens should have to take a class provided by public health in order to use it. Knowing what birth control is, how to use it correctly, and the symptoms that come along with taking it will help a person realize that a class must be offered.

Many hear about birth control, but do they actually know what it is? It is any method used to prevent pregnancy, and there are many different methods of birth control. The include condoms, IUD'S—which is just something a doctor implants—and birth control pills. Teens use birth control, but usually know nothing about it. Since there are so many methods of birth control, teens who would attend the class would be more educated about it and would become safer when on any birth control method.

Many people know about birth control, but do they know how to use it the correct way? Many teens use whatever birth control they think is 100 percent, but no birth control is—for sure—100 percent effective, and most methods are more difficult than people think. Teens usually don't know how to correctly use birth control.

It depends on the girl, and what method she decides to use, but the most common one is the pill and

there is a proper way to take the pill. First, one should know to take one pill every day at the same time of day. The pills come in a package, and the one taking the pill should take them from left to right. Then, one just takes one pill each day until they decide to not protect themselves any longer. Once the pills are gone, immediately get a new package and start taking those.

There are many other methods to taking birth control, and if there was a class teens could take, each method could be taught a little more in depth. Knowing how to take any birth control correctly is very important.

This class provided by public health would also include examples of birth control. It would show how it works, and how to use it. The class would also show how a person could get pregnant, and how having a baby works. Overall, if this class would be provided, it would help teens better understand birth control.

Birth control is something all teens find necessary to use to be protected from becoming pregnant, and a class provided by Public Health should be an option for all teens so they have a better understanding of what they are.

—Johnna Dawson

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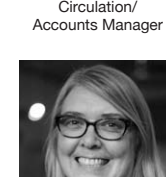
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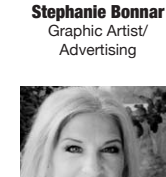
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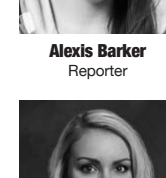
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Fatal accident in Newcastle



According to Lieutenant Tim Boumeester with the Wyoming Highway Patrol, on Monday, Nov. 27 a single car accident occurred at mile marker 250 on U.S. Highway 16 near the Newcastle Elementary School at approximately 8 a.m. The driver of the vehicle, and the only individual involved in the accident, was transported to the hospital but died from injuries sustained in the wreck. The cause and circumstances surrounding the accident are still under investigation. (Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ)

Prosecutor

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publisher and editor of the *News Letter Journal*, provided support for Graham, voicing similar concerns at the meeting.

"I reached out too regarding the issue. I left messages and sent emails. I got a direct response from the attorney general himself, and he told me that if I felt someone was in danger in Weston County to call 911," Bonnar said.

He noted that he became involved in the situation because of Graham's frustration and lack of aid from other agencies. He said that the response he received from officials was not a very welcoming one.

"The attorney general's office has been aware of this for at least three months, possibly longer, and he has clearly shown no interest at this point to get involved," Bonnar said.

Hunt said he was unsure of the legal mechanism the commissioners would use to achieve what was being asked and that he would be more comfortable moving forward if the exact process could be laid out for them. He added that someone has to know exactly what needs to be done to get a special prosecutor on the case.

"It could be as simple as them wanting county government to have skin in the game before the state has skin in the game. It may be just that— so the state isn't standing alone if they take action," Bonnar said.

Bonnar said Graham felt a sense of urgency in making the request because the case was scheduled for court later that day.

Hunt reiterated his desire to know the exact process the commissioners should take and what authority they have to do so. Commissioner Tony Barton raised concerns over not hearing the other side of the story.

Commissioner Marty Ertman moved that the commissioners send a letter to both the attorney general's office and the

“My concern is addressed as long as someone is looking into both sides of this. Maybe there is a good reason for not moving forward. Maybe there isn't.”

— Tony Barton
Weston County
Commissioner

governor's office requesting an investigation into the need for a special prosecutor in the case.

Barton said Ertman's motion alleviated his concerns because an investigation would include examining both sides of the story.

"My concern is addressed as long as someone is looking into both sides of this. Maybe there is a good reason for not moving forward. Maybe there isn't. If it is a workload issue, that is not a good reason. We could ask them to look into it and look at both sides of it," Barton said.

The commissioners also noted that it was unlikely that the commissioners could hear both sides of the story because of the sensitive nature of the case.

Chairman Bill Lambert said that he was comfortable moving forward with the request for investigation. Commissioner Ed Wagoner agreed.

"I am too. We haven't passed any judgment. We have heard what you have stated in pretty bleached form ... We are just moving to another level, and I am okay with that," Ertman said.

The commissioners approved the motion 4-1 to

request an investigation into the need for a special prosecutor. Hunt cast the dissenting vote.

"It is important that we maintain what the system was founded on. There are two sides, and you are innocent until proven guilty, and I think this satisfies that," Barton said.

Following the commissioners action, other citizens were recognized by the chairman and expressed additional concerns with Curley's performance regarding the handling of other prosecutions, particularly those involving children who are being placed back in homes from which they had been removed because of drugs or other dangerous activities.

Later that same afternoon, in a scheduled hearing for the case that had been brought to the commissioner's attention, Sixth District Court Judge Michael Deegan allowed a plea agreement that had been reached between the prosecution and defense to be presented, but delayed action on the agreement until at least December 19.

Deegan cited a desire to respect the action of the executive branch of government as his reason for not allowing the case to move forward.

As stated in court, the agreement reached by the two sides would result in three felony charges of sexual abuse of a minor being dismissed in exchange for a 'no contest' plea to a charge of sexual exploitation of a minor. There was no sentencing recommendation indicated as part of the agreement, which would also include the dropping of any other charges pending against the defendant in Weston County at the time of last week's hearing.

The case in question has been sealed under Judge Deegan's order in an effort to conceal the identity of the minor victim in the alleged crime.

Commission Clips

Notes from the Nov. 21 Weston County Commissioners Meeting

- The commissioners approved the signing of the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant for Weston County Homeland Security. The grant will be used to purchase needed hazmat materials. The grant is for \$9,895.50, with a \$2,473.88 county match for a total of \$12,369.38.
- Homeland Security Director Denise Bradshaw confirmed, after Commissioner Marty Ertman expressed the need for an official plan, that she is developing a fire drill plan for the courthouse.
- Betty Petranek was appointed to the Historic

Preservation Board for a term that runs through January 2020.

- The commissioners approved a step-raise for the Mallo Camp manager. The approved raise totaled \$0.50 an hour, bringing the total salary for the position to \$33,080.12 a year. County Clerk Jill Sellers noted that this salary total is less than the capped amount set by the commissioners in 2014.
- The commissioners Dec. 19 meeting will be held in the Weston County District Courtroom.

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December 2017 Schedule

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| Orthopedics: Dr. McEleaney | December 14 |
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| Echo: | December 5 & 19 |
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| VA Clinic: | December 4 & 18 |
| Usually 1st Monday of month (Except Holidays) | |
| VA Mental Health: (2nd Friday of Month) | December 8 |
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| MRI: (Every Tuesday, except holidays) | December 5, 12, 19 & 26 |
| Patient's Provider must schedule with WCHS Radiology Department | |
| Speech Therapy: (Every Monday & Thursday, except holidays) | 4-6 pm |
| Upton Lab Draws: (1st Wednesday, except holidays)..... | December 6 |
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Obituaries



Corbin Nicolls

Corbin Carlton Nicolls
June 25, 1934-November 26, 2017
Corbin Carlton Nicolls, 83, of Newcastle, Wyo., passed away at his ranch home on Nov. 26, 2017.
Corbin was born in Pringle, S.D., on June 25, 1934, at the family ranch to Lewis and Florance (Sparks) Nicolls. Corbin attended the Pleasant Valley country school, riding horseback six miles to school until the 8th grade.
On Feb. 15, 1953, Corbin and Helen (Hansen) Nicolls were married in Newcastle.

Corbin and Helen were the parents of four children who were all raised on the family ranch. He is survived by his wife, Helen, of 63 years of marriage; his sons, Stanley (Linda) Nicolls of Torrington, Sam (Tracy) Nicolls of Windsor, Colo., Merle Nicolls of Newcastle; a daughter, Karen Dowdy of Newcastle; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.
Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Dec. 2, at the Weston County Senior Center in Newcastle.
A memorial has been established to the Weston County Senior Center. Condolences can be sent to the family at www.blackhills-funeralhome.com.

Community gift bags for foster children

By Bri Brasher

Stephanie Kline partnered with fellow citizen Kristi Lipp and the local Department of Family Services office to fill a need in the Newcastle community. Kline and her husband, David, are foster parents for children in the area, and in their experiences, they recognized a lack of provisions for kids in new placement situations. Both Kline and Lipp explained their efforts to put together community gift bags for foster children to the News Letter Journal.

The community gift bags project is just getting started in its first year. Lipp is a consultant for Thirty-One Gifts, a company that is passionate about serving and supporting women, girls, and families. Their mission is, in part, "to celebrate others for who they are, giving them the support and self-esteem needed to lead purposeful, thriving lives."

Kline said that most children don't have anything when they are placed, often in emergency situations, and if they do have personal items with them, they usually need to be replaced. When they leave foster placement, those kids also don't have anything to put their things in as they either return home or move on to the next

step in the foster care system.

"It's kind of for the foster parents as well because sometimes when children are placed, it's in the evening or on the weekend," Kline said of the gift bags. "Especially in a rural area, you don't always have the things on hand that they need."

For instance, the Klines once fostered a newborn infant that they needed provisions for, as well as a toddler that was big for his age and required larger clothes. Therefore, the goal with the community gift bags is to not only provide a bag, but also overnight items for the child's first night's stay. Items will likely include pajamas, a change of clothes, toothbrush, a hairbrush, and deodorant for teenagers. With the project, Kline hopes that there will be provisions available for children of all ages.

Lipp organized, ordered, and paid for tax and shipping to get the bags from Thirty-One Gifts. Part of the money used to purchase the bags is kicked back to the project the bags are for—in this case, to provide basic necessities for foster children in their new placements. Lipp said that she made a flyer and posted the cause on Facebook.

"I was just amazed by the number of

people who stepped forward. It was probably about three days, and I had 25 of them just boom, boom, boom. As usual, the people in our community just step up when there's a need. A huge thank you to the people that donated," Lipp said gratefully after the outpouring of support.

With the 25 bags from Lipp and others donated from Gillette, Kline is now working on building up a stock of provisions to house at DFS for use when the need arises. Calls can be almost immediate with a need for placement, so each can then be matched with the supplies on hand prior to heading home with their foster parents.

Kline and Lipp are focused on filling the needs many foster kids encounter by starting with physical provisions for new placements. Kline said that working with the foster system is an uphill battle, but she hasn't given up on the tough situation.

"Fostering gives kids stability for a short amount of time, and they can see what a family should be like—what structure is like," articulated Kline.

Residents are encouraged to contact Kline, Lipp, or the local DFS office if they wish to make a donation toward filling the bags.

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Daily Devotional Reading

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| November 30 Psalms 118 | December 4 Mark 13:24-37 |
| December 1 Mark 1:1-8 | December 5 Isaiah 7:1-25 |
| December 2 Mark 1:9-20 | December 6 Isaiah 42:1-17 |
| December 3 Mark 13:1-23 | <i>Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society</i> |

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Bringing holiday cheer to Manor residents

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

Making the holidays special for Manor residents is important to the Manor's employees, some of whom work on holidays and even put in extra work to make it happen.

Food service employees balance their jobs providing holiday meals for residents and families with participating in their own family celebrations. Managers and staff put in lots of planning and preparation to make sure the holidays are as special as possible for residents, according to Mackayleigh Shultz, the certified dietary manager at the Manor.

Shultz said that holiday meals are ordered in advance, and the food is delivered a week before the holiday. She said that food preparation takes place, as much as possible, the day before the holiday so that employees can work regular shifts on the holiday instead of extended hours.

"It isn't more difficult to prepare the meals for the holidays and extra people. It just takes more work and people to prepare the meal," Shultz said.

She noted that an extra

employee is scheduled to work on a holiday such as Thanksgiving to help prepare the meal in anticipation of additional meal guests. Family members who plan to dine with their relatives at the Manor put their names on a sign-up sheet, but extra food is prepared just in case more people show up.

"This year we served about 20 additional people, as well as provided meals to the employees for free," Shultz said.

Cooks at the facility prepared turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, gravy, green bean casserole, relish cups and pumpkin pie.

According to Shultz, residents get together before the holiday to pick what they will eat on Thanksgiving. Choosing from a menu is a treat reserved for holidays.

"We let them pick because we want them to feel like they have a choice. When they are allowed to provide their input, they can be happy about the meal they are eating on the holiday," Shultz said.

"It is important to keep the residents' lives as normal as possible, compared to what everyone else is doing and what they did prior to coming

to the Manor. We want them to have a great holiday, even if they can't be at home with their families," Shultz added.

According to Shultz, members of the activities team at the Manor decorate for the

holidays to provide a festive setting for residents. Activities director Brenna Crawford explained that holiday activities and decorations are important because the Manor is the residents' home.



Karlie Gruwell, member of the activities team at the Manor, decorates the Christmas tree in the dining room. Employees at the facility do a number of things around the holidays to make the residents feel at home.

Manor preps for Christmas

Christmas preparations are already underway at Weston County Health Services and the Manor. Members of the activities team began decorating the week after Thanksgiving. The group has also been planning the residents' family Christmas party, scheduled for Dec. 17 at 1 p.m.

Activities director Brenna Crawford said invitations to the Christmas party are being mailed to families of residents. The party features a meal, Santa Claus and gifts. The dietary department also helps with the party by preparing chili, oyster stew, chicken wraps and dessert.

Hospital Happenings

Notes from the Nov. 17 Weston County Health Services board of trustees meeting
• Chief Financial Officer Lynn Moller reported that the hospital experienced a good mix of patient numbers for October. The facility had 244 in-patient days, an increase from the previous three months. Moller noted that most of the facility's statistics improved with the exception of occupational therapy, which had a

decrease. The income for the month was a positive \$13,904, leaving the facility at a negative net income of \$40,718 for the year.

• A pay application, payment for the expansion and remodel at the facility, for \$78,804.28 for Scull Construction was approved by the board.

• The board approved Christmas bonuses for the 176 employees at WCHS.

The facility gives \$50 in chamber bucks to their employees for a total cost of \$8,800.

• Bob Bonnar, publisher and editor of the News Letter Journal, presented new marketing ideas for the facility. He said he hopes to give the facility flashier advertising, often centered on the phrase, "Tell Your Doctor," to encourage residents to tell healthcare providers they wish to use services offered by WCHS.

WHAT'S UP

November 2017

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

| | TIME | EVENT | LOCATION |
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| Thurs 30 | 7:00 p.m. | AA Meeting | WC Senior Center, Family Room |

December 2017

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| Fri 01 | 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Customer Appreciation Customer Appreciation Customer Appreciation Open House & Authors Reception Festival of Trees Bingo | First State Bank Modern Cleaners Something Healthy/Lonesome Spur News Letter Journal WC Senior Center VFW Hall |
| Sat 02 | 5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. | Lighted Parade 12 Days of Christmas Festivities | Newcastle Main Street Newcastle Main Street |
| Mon 04 | 11:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | United Blood Services Blood Drive American Legion Auxiliary City Council Meeting AA Meeting | WC Senior Center USDA Building Council Chambers WC Senior Center, Family Room |
| Tues 05 | 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. | WC Commissioners Meeting Story Time Newcastle Chamer Meeting WC Friends of Fair Meeting | WC Annex WC Library WC Library WC Fairgrounds |
| Wed 06 | 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. | Newcastle Lion Club Creative Handicraft Group | WC Senior Center WC Senior Center |
| Thurs 07 | 1:30 p.m. 11:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | VFW Auxiliary Meeting WC Health Service Foundation Meeting Salt Creek Water District WC Museum District AA Meeting | WC Senior Center WC Health Service Board Room District Office Anna Miller Museum WC Senior Center, Family Room |
| Fri 08 | 11:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. | Annual Christmas Tea WC Library Meeting Bingo | Corpus Christi Church WC Library VFW Hall |

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

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Caity Overman
Dec 02
Kody Nagle
Dec 03
Melissa Cade
Dec 07
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For the Ages

News Letter Journal

Where Newcastle has always kept its cash

(A Second in the Series)

By Bri Brasher
with Leonard Cash
NLJ Reporter

After its initial construction and occupancy, the next notable report on the Bank of Newcastle building (now known as Cash Box Ceramics) came in July of 1890 when the W. C. Democrat previewed the opening of the Bank of Newcastle to take place the next day, and the article described that bank as “equal to none in Northern Wyoming,” adding that, “Mr. Frank has much reason to feel proud of his splendid building and location.”

The bank officially took up residence in the fine, new building on July 16, 1890 according to the News Letter Journal. A few days later, Dr. Kelly was said to be “comfortably located in the Bank of Newcastle block.”

The style and design of the building is still catching attention to this day, and the owner of what is now Cash Box Ceramics, Leonard Cash, told a story dating back four or five years ago about a visitor that wandered into the building.

“There’s this architect from New York that came to town and drove all the way to the four-way stop before turning back to visit the building. I just happened to be in the store that day, and I showed him all around. He said that he had never seen a building built like it, and all of the finish work done on the outside and rocks underground. He was amazed! He even took pictures before he left,” shared Cash.

Meyer Frank is the man responsible for building the new bank, which went into operation in mid-July of 1890, but he was not satisfied on his projects for long. A July 30 article in the News Letter Journal reported that Meyer was hard at work grading the

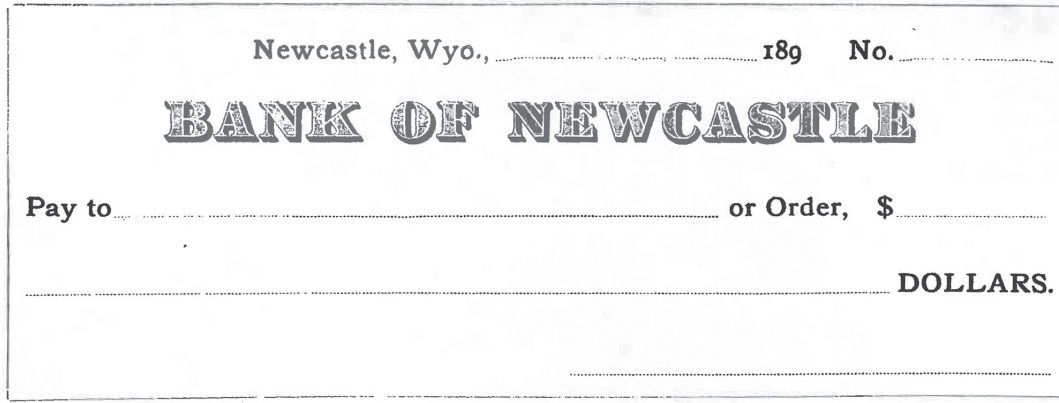
rear end of his lot behind the bank. The grading was in preparation to move the Blackwell building from a lot adjoining the bank to the rear of the bank, where he eventually made office spaces.

Meyer Frank also moved in two other wooden buildings behind the bank, one of which was torn down in 1948 to make way for a two story brick building behind the Cash Box Ceramics Shop. Cash tore down the other two in 2009, as there was nothing left of them at that point. In June of 1890, Mr. Scott, a one-armed veteran from Hill City came to town to open a first class restaurant in the aforementioned Eugene Blackwell building, though the restaurant later moved to several different locations.

Notable residents of the additional office space included Dr. Wells, who had an office in one of the wooden buildings in the 1930’s. The Swan family had a store called “Swans,” a business that was like a five and dime store. Louis Johnson’s barber shop was in one of the wooden buildings behind the bank, while another one housed a place for teenagers to gather.

On July 24, 1890, the Newcastle News reported that Charles Monroe rented an office in the bank from which to run his insurance and land business. Monroe eventually moved to the Masonic Hall that once stood in the now empty lot next to Cash Box Ceramics Shop. An article a few months later stated that the basement of the bank was used as a police station and a newspaper office for the Weston County Democrat office. The upper story was still used by the Judge and Dr. Kelly.

The Newcastle News promoted the bank in September of 1890 in writing, “Open an account with the Bank of Newcastle and get one of those handsome new check books with your name and business



Pictured below, Block 7, Lot 10 on the corner of Main Street and Seneca was home to the Bank of Newcastle years ago. The bank first issued checks (left) in 1890, according to Cash’s records. (Submitted Photos)



lithograph on every check. They are fine and display in good taste of our banker, Meyer Frank.”

On October 17, 1890 reports said that the bank received a safe from Diabold Safe and Lock Company with a double time lock that was warranted to “resist attack of an expert burglar for 36 hours.” The safe cost \$1,000, and Meyer Frank put it in the spacious vault of the bank. Around this time, the Valentine Bakery announced its opening on Seneca Street in a building to the rear of the Bank of Newcastle.

Later that month, the Newcastle News announced its move into the bank’s base-

ment. The Newcastle News was said to be a Republican publication, and The Weston County Democrat was also housed in the basement. Cash said that folks wondered if they would get along while sharing neighboring office spaces. The Newcastle News even wrote in their paper, advertising itself as “the best in this part of the state,” with prices the most liberal they could be. The Justice of the Peace and Sheriff’s office were also accommodated in the basement of the bank.

Cash says the basement is quite large, especially in those times. Businesses must have been used to tight quar-

ters because a November 7, 1890 article in the Newcastle News announced that The Real Estate Exchange was also located in the basement. The same issue also reported that the bank received a seven by ten-foot fireproof vault for the basement. According to Cash, the vault is still there today.

On November 28, the millinery shop owned by Mrs. A. C. Stone moved into the back part of the bank building. Also around this time, the News Letter Journal wrote that Leo Frank made his way to Newcastle for the first time, though his stay was brief.

“Evidently old Leo Frank must have just given his

money to his brother and worked as president of the bank all the way from New York,” said Cash.

Toward the end of the year in 1890, a bill came before Congress to encourage the circulation of national banks. Prior to the bill, private banks could not carry bonds or deposits.

Cash explained that in order to qualify as a national bank, the private banks had to raise the amount of money they carried on loans to \$10,000. Soon after the passing of the bill, the name of the bank changed from the Bank of Newcastle to the First National Bank of Newcastle.

Senior Happenings

WC Senior Services

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| December 1 | |
| Rolls | 9:00 a.m. |
| Bridge Ladies | 1:00 p.m. |
| Festival of Trees | |
| December 3 | |
| Ministerial Christmas | 5:00 p.m. |
| December 4 | |
| Osteo Exercise | 9:00 a.m. |
| United Blood Services | 11:00 a.m. |
| December 5 | |
| Dominoes | 1:00 p.m. |
| December 6 | |
| Senior Day at Shopko | |
| Osteo Exercise | 9:00 a.m. |
| Toe Nail Clinic | 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. |
| Lions Club | Noon |
| Mondell Heights Here for Lunch | |
| Creative Handcrafts After Lunch | |
| Marathon Bridge | 1:00 p.m. |
| December 7 | |
| Trip to Tin Lizzie | |
| Dominoes | 1:00 p.m. |
| VFW Auxiliary Meeting | 1:30 p.m. |

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| December 8 | |
| Rolls | 9:00 a.m. |
| Blood Pressure Check | 9:30 a.m. |
| Bridge Ladies | 1:00 p.m. |
| December 11 | |
| Osteo Exercise | 9:00 a.m. |
| AARP | 1:00 p.m. |
| December 12 | |
| Dementia Support Group Meeting | 10:30 a.m. |
| Dominoes | 1:00 p.m. |
| December 13 | |
| Osteo Exercise | 9:00 a.m. |
| Mondell Heights Here for Lunch | |
| Creative Handcrafts After Lunch | |
| Card Class | 4:00 p.m. |
| December 14 | |
| Dominoes | 1:00 p.m. |
| Manor | |
| December 1 | |
| Greedy | 10:30 a.m. |
| Bingo | 2:00 p.m. |
| Movie | 6:00 p.m. |
| December 2 | |
| Hangman | 11:00 a.m. |

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| Happy Hour | 3:00 p.m. |
| Bingo | 6:00 p.m. |
| December 3 | |
| Trivia | 11:00 a.m. |
| Church | 2:00 p.m. |
| December 4 | |
| Wii | 10:30 a.m. |
| Photos | 2:00 p.m. |
| Bingo | 6:00 p.m. |
| December 5 | |
| Ceramics | 10:30 a.m. |
| Keepsake Krafters | 2:00 p.m. |
| Cards | 6:15 p.m. |
| December 6 | |
| Catholic Study | 10:00 a.m. |
| Crossword | 10:30 a.m. |
| Bingo | 2:00 p.m. |
| Dice | 6:15 p.m. |
| December 7 | |
| Shuffle Board | 10:30 a.m. |
| Al and the Gang | 2:00 p.m. |
| Dominoes | 6:15 p.m. |
| December 8 | |
| Greedy | 10:30 a.m. |
| Bingo | 2:00 p.m. |
| Movie | 6:00 p.m. |

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| December 9 | |
| Guggenheim | 11:00 a.m. |
| Movie | 2:00 p.m. |
| Bingo | 6:00 p.m. |
| December 10 | |
| Laughter Group | 11:00 a.m. |
| Church | 2:00 p.m. |
| December 11 | |
| Wii | 10:30 a.m. |
| Res Store | 3:00 p.m. |
| Bingo | 6:00 p.m. |
| December 12 | |
| Ceramics | 10:30 a.m. |
| Keepsake Krafters | 2:00 p.m. |
| Cards | 6:15 p.m. |
| December 13 | |
| Catholic Study | 10:00 a.m. |
| Chicktionary | 10:30 a.m. |
| Senior Center | 11:30 a.m. |
| Bingo | 2:00 p.m. |
| Dice | 6:15 p.m. |
| December 14 | |
| Elem Choir | 9:00 a.m. |
| Staycation | 10:30 a.m. |
| Manicures | 2:00 p.m. |
| Children’s Bell Choir | 6:15 p.m. |



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A historian for the ages

Recognitions piling up for Kaul

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

Maxine Kaul knows history – especially local history – and for that she was recently recognized by two organizations. The first award was from the Wyoming State Historical Society in October, and the second was from the Wyoming Daughters of the American Revolution, Inyan Kara Chapter. It was presented in November.

The state historical society recognized Kaul, who had been nominated by the society's Weston County chapter, with a first-place award in education projects for her 2016 Wyoming Day Celebration presentation in Upton. The presentation featured three poets who spoke about their lives and shared their poetry.

"Historically, we always do something to honor the women in the area for Wyoming Day," Kaul said. "Last year (chapter) President Mike Jording couldn't think of an idea for the presentation, and I came up with poets and he was enthralled."

Kaul said that the group featured poets Josephine Fulton, Rhonda Stearns and Pat Bock, and she called the event "a delightful afternoon of poems and stories."

"I don't do these things for the recognition," Kaul said. "I am almost embarrassed because I was not the only fish in the pond on this project."

For as long as she can remember, Kaul said, she has been a part of the Weston County Historical Society, a chapter of the state society. She recalled a time when everyone seemed to be interested in the county's history, but noted that deaths and moves have created a smaller historical society, with less involvement and more sporadic meetings.

Kaul's interest in history began with genealogy, and once she became a permanent fixture in Weston County her interests shifted to the history of the county. Kaul recently spent 10 years researching cemeteries and grave sites throughout the county.

The recognition for her work with the county society continues, and Jording said that Kaul was recently nominated for the Mabel Brown Cumulative Contribution Award.

"Maxine Kaul has been involved in researching and documenting the history



of Weston County for many years. She has raised her family in Newcastle, and she has a deep appreciation of the benefits of living here," the nomination letter says. "Because of her participation in Veterans of Foreign Wars, she has been instrumental in capturing the oral histories of many Weston County veterans."

Kaul's work with veterans earned her an award through The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, who are providing Vietnam Veteran lapel pins for veterans as part of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam war to individuals who served between Nov. 1, 1955, and May 15, 1975. The commemoration extends from Memorial Day 2012 through Veterans Day 2025, and was established by presidential proclamation on May 25, 2012.

Kaul does this work as part of the Wyoming Daughters of the American Revolutions, Inyan Kara Chapter, a commemorative partner.

"The Commemoration is providing Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins to Commemorative Partners for dignified public presentations to living U.S. military veterans who served during the Vietnam War period as a lasting memento of the nation's thanks," according to the website, vietnamwar50th.com. "Living United States veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time during the period of Nov. 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location, are eligible to receive one lapel pin."

"They say I gave over 700 Vietnam War commemoration pins," Kaul said. "The DAR started this program to honor the veterans. They came to events to ask for help, and I commented that 'I can do that,' and I started giving out the pins to local veterans."

Kaul was invited to Washington, D.C., to receive the award, but was able to attend.

Weston County Historical Society Awards

Presented by the Wyoming State Historical Society

- *First Place, Education Projects: Maxine Kaul
- *First Place, Young Historian (Grades 3-5): Samuel Scribner
- *Honorable Mention, Young Historian (Grades 3-5): Raisa Dutcher
- *First Place, Junior Activities (Grades 3-5): Delaney Fullerton
- *Second Place, Junior Activities (Grades 3-5): Aidan Butler
- *Third Place, Junior Activities Award (Grades 3-5): Hailey Beaström

The 5 objectives for the Commemoration

- *To thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including those who were held as prisoners of war, or listed as missing in action, for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and honor the families of these veterans.
 - *To highlight the service of the Armed Forces during the war and the contribution of federal agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations that served with, or in support, of the Armed Forces.
 - *To pay tribute to the contribution made on the home front by the people of the United States during that time.
 - *To highlight the advances in technology, science and medicine related to the military research conducted during the war.
 - *To recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the United States during the war.
- Source: www.vietnamwar50th.com commemoration fact sheet

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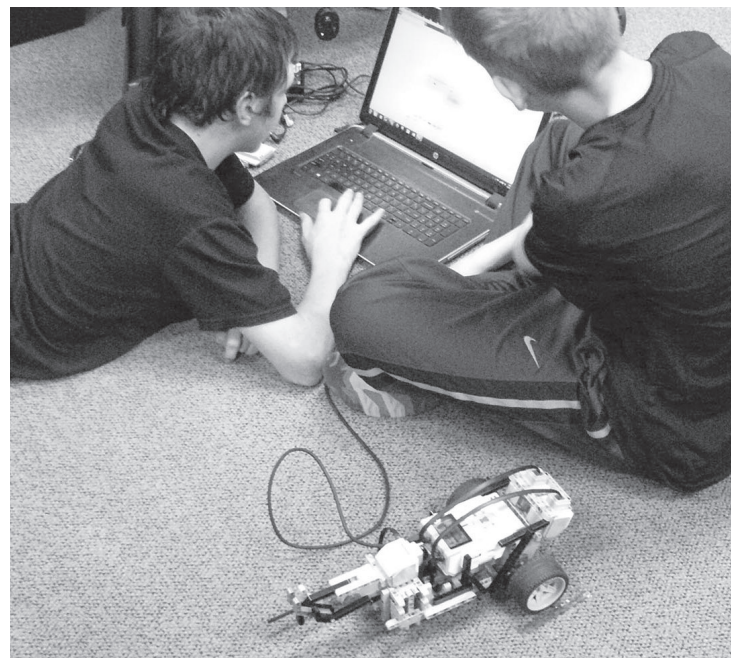
By Nick Runyan
For the News Letter Journal

The Newcastle STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Lego Robotics Club is preparing for their annual competition in Casper on Dec. 1 and 2, and the group's coordinator, LeAnne Watson, is excited to show off the genius of the Newcastle Lego Robotics team.

She explained that members of the club get to build and program their own robots, and for the competition the students complete challenges with the robots they've created. The entire team is required to work on the "board" used for the competition together, and they will be judged in a number of different categories when they go to Casper to compete.

"They get judged on the design of their robot. They get judged on their teamwork, and they have core values that I have them memorize. They also get judged on the challenges they complete for the main challenge, but the most points are for presentation, design of the robot and teamwork," Watson told the News Letter Journal.

The kids have been busy preparing for the tournament,



The Newcastle Lego Robotics team is working on their robots, preparing for competition in Casper where their projects will be judged on teamwork, design and core values. (Photo by Nick Runyan/For NLJ)

and all of them said they are very excited to go. Watson mentioned she has a bunch of new kids joining her "nerd herd" this year, and said the newcomers are very excited to go to Casper and see what the big event is like.

That's not surprising, given the fact that the veterans of the club have made it clear they are excited to go back.

"I've been trying to get the

older crowd to be quiet about all the cool commodities that will be at the tournament," Watson laughed.

She reported that she actually has a full team of ten kids making the trip this year after promoting the activity by including it as part of the Double Aces Summer Rec program last year.

"I think doing the Summer Rec definitely sucked some of

the kids in," Watson said. "I had enough kids to make up two teams this year. I need to find another nerd in town to help."

The increase in numbers has helped, as Watson explained that the challenge presented to the students this year is in the field of hydrodynamics, and the Newcastle kids have been busy coming up with their own "challenges" to help conserve water in the world. For example, they are investigating the conservation benefits of switching to fake grass instead of real grass.

"If a golf course used fake grass on certain areas, they wouldn't have to water it. It is the same for if a city park used some fake grass on playgrounds or even at homes. You wouldn't have to mow or weed eat or whatever with it. So that's what we did with water this year," Watson explained.

She mentioned this year's challenge was very tough, but said she has a wonderful group of kids that are working very hard to get it done.

"I've got some really brilliant kids this year. Some like to build the robots, some like to program the robots, so we've got something for everyone," she said.

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in human interest features, and began to write more frequently. She enjoyed the hobby, and saw stories all around her as she traveled on the rodeo circuit.

Eventually, Stearns was approached by the Tri-State Livestock News out of Belle Fourche, a general livestock weekly with several special editions throughout the year.

Beginning sometime in the 1970s, Stearns began writing a weekly column of horse news, which basically pertained to anything related to horses. She titled the column, "Over the Corral Fence," and she wrote it every week for 21 years. A fall down the stairs and a shattered wrist forced Stearns to pass off her column to a good friend at that point, though looking back she is amazed at the amount of content the column amassed over the years, especially with each entry being about 2,000 words.

"Looking back, I think I could have never written all that! But I guess I did," Stearns laughed.

She continues to write on assignment often for the Tri-State Livestock News, and she writes from home where she can manage all of her other projects, including several books and websites. Stearns' natural talent for writing and affinity for describing unique personalities is evident in her collection of autobiographies.

"Sky Trails: The life of Clyde W. Ice" is now out of print, but there are a few copies in the Newcastle library. Stearns spent seven years gathering material for her friend Clyde's autobiography and again wrote the content under great duress because she was unsure of her ability to write in that capacity. It turns out, she had no need to worry. As a reporter, columnist, and now autobiography writer, Stearns did well.

She also wrote a biography of a woman inducted into the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame in 1977. Stearns was also inducted into the Hall that year.

The pioneer ranch woman she wrote about was from Canada, and she and Stearns bonded to become "soul sisters," according to Stearns. Miz Mac, as the friend was called, had a daughter who asked Stearns to write her mom's autobiography after Miz Mac's passing. Stearns and Miz Mac's daughter together published the autobiography titled, "Prairie Trails of Miz Mac: from Canada to the Cowgirl Hall of Fame."

Stearns said that she did absolutely everything in putting together her first two books including all of the designing, writing, photos, layout, and covers. Next, with the publishing help of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, Stearns wrote Keith W. Avery's biography. Avery was a very prolific and popular high-level artist with lots of colored art on Western Horseman and Quarter Horse Journal Magazine.

"Trails of a Wanderer: The Keith W. Avery



In her youth, Stearns traveled the PRCA rodeo circuit competing and playing the organ. Here, a horse named Leo, watched over Stearns as she played a tune. (Submitted photo)

Story" was also written by Stearns and published by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation in Michigan, Avery's birthplace. The proceeds from the book were donated back to the foundation.

"He said nobody is going to write my biography but you," Stearns recalled.

Since then, Stearns wrote a book on the history of bull riding that has not yet been published due to some publication conflicts. She said the book is ready to go, but she is not sure it will ever be published. Some of the stories are available on cowboypoetry.com, however, along with many of her western poems.

Stearns also intends to write her own biography in the near future, which will involve the history of her and her late husband, Bill's family. She already has the title, "Horses are my Heritage," as Stearns says that horses brought each of her parents and his parents together, and they brought her and her husband together with their lifestyles and work with the animals.

Additionally, Stearns is featured in several other books and printed her own small cowboy poetry book locally called "Mush Creek Musings." She also plans to produce and publish a serious book of her cowboy poetry in 2018.


Stearns runs her personal website, doublesteerranch.com, and still enjoys writing and telling stories. While she may have stumbled onto the career accidentally, Stearns believes that her natural ability to write was given to her by divine intervention.

"God had a plan before I even picked up a pen," Stearns professed.

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Something Healthy for the holidays

By Bri Brasher
NLJ Reporter

Something Healthy, Newcastle's downtown health food store, is hosting a holiday open house on December 1 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday, December 1. Patty Cole, the owner of Something Healthy, is planning a day of door prizes, drawings, and refreshments. Cole shares business space with Jerry Childs of Lonesome Spur Antiques, and vintage Christmas decorations and gifts will be on display for purchase at the open house.

Cole will be serving Zevia, a sugar free and calorie free sparkling water, along with pear cider to complement the holiday season. In turn, Zevia sent Cole two inner tube sleds to give away.

NOW foods is also giving to Something Healthy's holiday open house. The natural health company is big in the health industry, offering quality supplements, nuts, seeds, and essential oils.

"Something Healthy offers organic quality products that you can't find anywhere else in Newcastle," Cole told the News Letter Journal, indicating that she hopes people will take advantage of the open house to take another look at what the store has to offer.

Cole will be serving NOW's superior assortment of nuts, and will also give away NOW T-shirts, hats, and essential oils in a drawing. Little pill boxes were also sent by the company to be used as door prizes at the event.

In addition to NOW foods and Zevia products, Something Healthy also offers other prominent health industry brands such as Food for Life, and Horizon Organics year-round.

Cole has been in business for nearly 17 years, offering



Patty Cole poses with a display at her downtown health foods store, Something Healthy. Cole is hosting a Holiday Open House on Friday, Dec. 1. (Photo by Bri Brasher/NLJ)

organic produce and groceries, quality supplements and beauty care products, and aroma therapy. Her business slogans are "Health is happiness" and "Eating right starts here."

"I started questioning food when working for a local rancher and grass fed beef provider, and then it was a roller coaster from there," Cole shared in reference to her decision to open her own business in the health food industry years ago.

Cole started working for the meat business, once called Wyoming Natural Products in 1998, and she opened the store in 2001. While Wyoming Natural Products was a bit ahead of its time and has since closed, Cole's interest in the industry remains steadfast with Something Healthy. She truly sees the benefit in eating well and being aware of what type of food is put into your body.

"You feel so much better when you eat well," Cole nodded.

Deposits

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then we can do it at that time," Hesse said.

The consensus of the council was to leave the deposit rate for new customers the same and make no changes.

James also presented landfill-only customer deposit increase – from \$100 to \$250 and only for individuals that want to create an account at the landfill.

"This is for someone that doesn't want to pay every time they go through the gate. It is not uncommon to have \$200 to \$500 landfill bills," James said.

James explained that the deposit is either applied to the customer's bill or refunded when the person's account is canceled. He added that

several local companies already have accounts established and that this would apply to only new accounts.

Councilman Steven Ladwig suggested that the council go with a \$200 deposit instead of the \$250, noting that the uncertainty of landfills in the county prevents him from favoring a larger increase.

"I am in favor of this one, I think," Hesse said.

Mayor Deb Piana agreed that she did not have an issue with the \$250 landfill deposit before the council voted to increase the landfill-only customer deposit to \$250. Ladwig voted against the proposal.

City Beats

Notes from the Nov. 20 Newcastle City Council meeting

• The council approved Police Chief Jim Owens request to extend a conditional offer of employment to Derrick Smellie.

The offer includes a \$19.54-an-hour pay rate, which is based on his bachelor's degree in criminal justice. His tentative start date is Jan. 8, 2018.

• An ordinance regulating the presence of people younger than 21 entering, and in,

liquor-licensed buildings or dispensing areas was passed on third reading by the council. The ordinance became effective on third reading.

• The council approved, on first reading, an ordinance increasing city water rates in Newcastle by 5 percent.

• The council also approved an ordinance, on first reading, increasing city garbage rates by 10 percent.

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Making Congress classy

Students from Allen VonEye's American Government class participated in Mock Congressional Hearings at Newcastle High School last Tuesday evening. The Newcastle students were joined by their counterparts from the class taught by Nick Johnson at Upton High School for the second year of the event, which featured student groups comprised of three to six members answering a question about this country's constitution and government, posed by a panel of three judges from the community. The students were given four minutes to deliver a prepared answer, but were then required to survive a six-minute session in which the judges were allowed to ask any question related to the material presented by the group — in much the same way as those who testify at Congressional Hearings are required to answer questions posed to them by members of Congress.

Top of page: Upton's Annika Coberly responds to a question posed by a judge while teammates Kade McMillan, left, and Josie Olson, right, prepare to weigh in; judges Tina Chick, Sonja Karp and Rep. Tyler Lindholm laugh with students at the conclusion of the exercise; Gunnar Wainscott and Connagher Testerman present field a question from the panel. (Photos by Andy McKay/NLJ)

Cheney's rep to hold office hours

According to a press release, Jordan Fischer, Field Representative for Congressman Liz Cheney, is scheduled to hold "Office Hours" in Newcastle on Tuesday, December 5, from 11 a.m. to noon at the Newcastle City Council Chambers at 10 W.

Warwick St. "Area residents are invited to visit with Fischer on an individual basis and share their views, questions or concerns regarding the federal government. These views and comments will then be relayed to

Congressman Cheney," the release stated.

If residents are unable to attend at these times, and would like information or assistance, they are urged to contact Congressman Cheney's Gillette office at (307) 414-1677.

School

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School District #7's request, the SBE board members questioned the merits of the participation rate as part of the School Performance rating. Board members called into question exceptions to the rule, which previously had not been broached and revealed murky gray areas in the rule itself.

"What is the intention of the rule?" board member Nate Breen questioned an SBE attorney. "Is it punitive to the schools or in the student's best interest?"

Other members questioned exceptions to the absentee rule and what constituted an excuse for missing school on testing days, which further called into question the validity of the rule, which is a holdover from the No Child Left Behind Act intended

"We want to tell the right story. In a small community, the right story matters."

— Summer Stephens
WCSD #7
Superintendent

to prevent schools from cheating by excluding low-level students from testing. One board member pointed out the arbitrary nature of students missing a testing day due to illness or other valid excuses for missing school as

to how this impacted overall academic performance, pointing out that unlike graduation rates or test scores that provide valid measurement results, missing a test isn't a means of valid measure.

After motioning for a recount, the board ultimately voted in favor to overturn the decision by a 7-4 vote in the district's favor. Stephens was bolstered by the victory.

"This (participation) is the one element that we have the least control over and I'm very grateful for the board's decision," she said. "Not only is it a victory for Weston, but it's a victory for other schools because they (SBE) are going to take a second look at participation rules."

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Pictured is Caitlin Hesse performing occupational hand therapy

Sports

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Schedule

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| High School Basketball | | | |
| 12/2/17 | Meet the Dogies | H | TBA |
| High School Wrestling | | | |
| 12/7/17 | Custer Wildcats | A | TBA |
| High School Boys Swimming | | | |
| 12/15/17 | Newcastle Triangular | H | TBA |
| Middle School Wrestling | | | |
| 12/2/17 | Rapid City Invite | A | 8AM |
| 12/5/17 | Sage Valley Brawl | A | 3:30PM |
| Middle School Girls Basketball | | | |
| 12/2/17 | 7th 3A Championships @ Newcastle | | |
| 12/2/17 | 8th 3A Championships @ Douglas | | |
| 12/5/17 | "B" team @ Hulett | A | 4PM |
| 12/5/17 | Wright Panthers | A | 4PM |
| 12/7/17 | Lead Goldiggers | A | 4PM |

Scores

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| Middle School Girls Basketball | | | |
| 8A | | | |
| 11/14 | vs Hulett | | 28-8 |
| 11/18 | vs Buffalo | | 7-49 |
| | vs Wheatland | | 6-34 |
| 11/20 | vs Sage Valley B | | 12-38 |
| 7A | | | |
| 11/14 | vs Hulett | | 41-28 |
| 11/18 | vs Douglas | | 42-16 |
| | vs Wheatland | | |
| 11/20 | vs Sage Valley B | | |
| B | | | |
| 11/14 | vs Recluse | | 22-16 |
| 11/18 | vs Wheatland | | 14-16 |
| | vs Buffalo | | 10-14 |
| 11/21 | vs Gillette Rec | | 19-8 |
| | vs Gillette Rec | | 18-14 |



Winter sports get under way

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Stephanie Bonnar Tradelines

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Most of the kids in our town don't really get to play basketball until they are in middle school, but the new Rec basketball program extends that exposure into elementary school. Baseball and soccer are offered to these youngsters, and basketball is another sport that it is good to introduce early.

Practice makes perfect, and starting early simply gives kids that much more experience on the court before they play games that really matter. We can have more consistent high school teams if our kids just have more experience.

This new opportunity offered by Newcastle Community Recreation will give our kids the confidence to continue to play

— See **Ball**, Page 18



By Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

The lull between the fall and the winter sports seasons has come to an end, as the Dogies and Lady Dogies officially began their respective practices on Monday for the second season of high school sports in Wyoming. From the court to the mat to the pool, the NHS teams are now hard at work preparing for their quickly approaching season openers.

Head Dogie basketball coach Allen Von Eye is returning for his 12th year at the helm, and has all but one player returning from last year's team. The practice gym was filled to capacity with ballers brushing up on fundamentals and getting in shape when the squad got together on Monday.

Tyler Bartlett, in his ninth year as head coach of the Lady Dogies, may be looking at a bit of a rebuilding year having graduated four key players from the 2016-17 squad. Numbers may also present a challenge, as there were only 18 players present for the first day of practice.

Lee McCoy returns for year number four as the head wrestling coach. The combined Newcastle/Upton squad has



nearly equal representation from both schools, but coaches stressed that the team is a unified one.

Finally, Doug Scribner is back as the Dogies swim coach, and will be building on last season, given he graduated no one. However, attrition has impacted the team as well, as they lost last season's top swimmer and only six Dogies were in the pool as practice kicked off on Monday.

The first couple of weeks are busy ones as all teams are getting back into the swing of things, and working on getting into sport-specific shape. Coach Bartlett passed on some good advice to his players, sug-

gesting ice baths after practice in order to mitigate the inevitable muscle soreness that hits athletes hard after the first two days of practice.

While there are still two weeks before the seasons officially get underway, Dogie and Lady Dogie fans can get a sneak peek at this year's hoops teams with the annual Meet the Dogies scrimmage this Saturday beginning at 7 p.m.

The Lady Dogies will take the court first for a scrimmage from 7-7:30 p.m., followed by the Dogies from 7:30 to 8 p.m. The evening will end with a three-point shooting competition between the two squads from 8-8:30 p.m.



Clockwise from top: The Dogies gather round as head coach Doug Scribner explains the next drill on Monday. Wyatt Corley gets upside down as he warms up for the first day of practice. Lexus Voelker and Sarah Henkle work on their ball handling skills as they begin their season. Jake Lacey, Cade Ostenson, Aaron Fullerton, Sawyer Roberson and Lyle Whitney get down as they work on defensive shuffle. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)

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A plate of perfect French toast is crispy around the edges, custard-like in the center, and capped off with an amber drizzle of maple syrup! The simple creation of bread, eggs, and milk dates back to medieval times, when the battering process was used to make stale loaves more edible. French toast is known in France as pain perdu, which translates to “lost bread,” because it makes use of old or leftover bread.

Do your French bread slices turn out dry or soggy, burned in some spots and undercooked in others? It isn't that difficult to make French toast with a crisp exterior and creamy interior. Let me show you how.

Bread: Challah, brioche, or other egg bread will give you creamy insides. French bread sliced on the diagonal makes

a nice, chewy version. Tightly crumbed, country-style breads also work. Avoid generic white sandwich bread and rustic breads with large holes and thick crusts.

Using thin sliced bread is just asking for disaster. The bread needs some mass to hold up to a longer soak in the custard, or else it will start to disintegrate before it even gets to the pan. A one-inch thick slice helps keep the bread from becoming too soggy while promoting a creamy interior.

Ideally, the bread should be slightly stale. A drier bread will soak up all the custard. Bread can be left out with the wrapper open the day before cooking. If you find yourself in a pinch, dry your bread slices in a 275°F oven for 10 minutes before soaking them in the custard.

Milk and Eggs: A basic rule of thumb is ¼ cup of milk and one egg per 2-slice serving. If you really want to avoid that scrambled taste, use only the yolks of some of the eggs. The sulfur compounds in the whites give eggs their unique “egg” taste. Always choose whole milk or half-and-half for its richness. When whisking the eggs and milk for the custard, be sure the egg is completely whisked into the liquid and there are no bits of white or yolk – any unwhisked bits of egg will separate and cook up hard.

Let the bread soak for 15-20 minutes in the liquid or until the bread has absorbed it for a custard-like center. Be

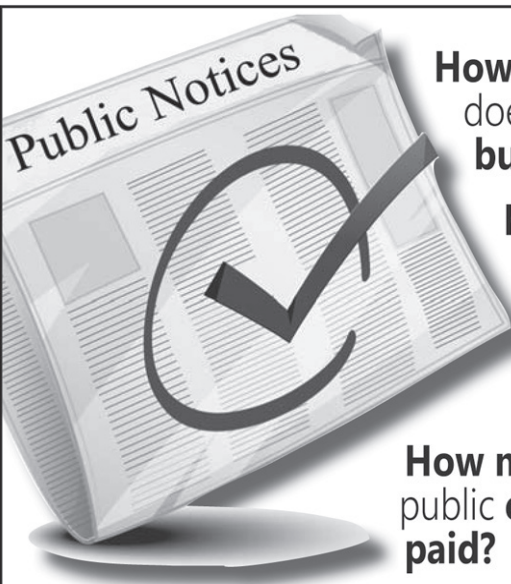
RESTAURANT-STYLE FRENCH TOAST

- Ingredients:
- 6 thick slices of French, challah, or brioche bread
 - 2 eggs
 - 1/2 cup whole milk
 - Pinch of salt
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
 - 1/4 teaspoon allspice
 - Oil
 - 2 Tablespoons butter for frying
 - Toppings: maple syrup, fresh fruit, jam, fruit sauce or puree

1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
 2. Cut 6 (1-inch-thick) diagonal slices from bread, reserving ends for another use.
 3. Measure ingredients needed to cook the French toast.
 4. Whisk eggs, milk, vanilla extract, cinnamon, allspice, and salt together in a large bowl.
 5. Place bread slices in egg mixture and soak, turning to coat, until bread is completely saturated and the custard is absorbed by the bread.
 6. Lightly oil the pan and melt 1 Tablespoon of butter in a frying pan over medium heat.
 7. Working in batches, brown the bread until lightly golden brown. Cook for about 3 minutes, per side. Add additional oil and butter if necessary to the pan.
 8. Transfer the slices of French bread to a rimmed baking sheet.
 9. Bake the French toast in the preheated oven for 12 to 18 minutes until the outside is crisp and slightly puffed.
 10. Serve hot with maple syrup or toppings of your choice.
- (Recipe source: <http://foodwishes.blogspot.com/2007/09/french-toast-fancy-brunch-restaurant.html>)



Vicki Hayman
 Extension
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Newcastle City Council Minutes

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MINUTES MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017

Mayor Debra Piana called the regular meeting of the Newcastle City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Mayor Piana; Council members Don Steveson, Roger Hespe, Steve Ladwig, Kara Sweet, and Todd Quigley. Councilman Michael Alexander was absent. Also present were City Police Chief Jim Owens, City Engineer Mike Moore, and City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James. Mr. Don Hansen was present in City Attorney Jim Peck's absence.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Don Steveson moved, seconded Roger Hespe to approve the agenda for Monday, November 20, 2017 as amended, deleting the report from Jessica Bettorf whom could not attend. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Kara Sweet moved, seconded Steve Ladwig to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on Monday, November 6, 2017 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOMINATIONS FOR RECOGNITION: None
CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION: None
CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—IN WRITING:

1. Tonya Christiansen requested a catering permit for the Festival of Trees/Pinnacle Bank to be held at the Weston County Senior Center for one day only from 9:00 a.m. on Friday December 1, 2017 through 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 2, 2017. Kara Sweet moved, seconded Steve Ladwig to approve this request. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—VERBAL:

1. Greg James read a brief report from Jessica Bettorf. The Pumpkin Splash/Halloween Carnival was as success. Plan to do again next year. The youth rec basketball non-travel program ended November 16th. Was a positive experience for the coaches and players. The youth are encouraged to attend the "Meet the Dogies" night on December 2, 2017.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS: None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

1. City Police Chief Jim Owens reported on calls for service. Officer Sam Keller started with the Department on November 13. Chief Owens asked for a conditional offer of employment for Derrick Smellie, hourly rate of \$19.54 because he has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. Start date January 8, 2018. Roger Hespe moved, seconded Kara Sweet to approve this offer. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Don Hansen standing in for Mr. Peck, presented Ordinance #8, Series 2017 on third and final reading. The heading reads: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-1.1 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WYOMING, 1961 TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS FOR PERSONS UNDER TWENTY-ONE (21) YEARS OF AGE ENTERING AND REMAINING IN LICENSED BUILDING OR DISPENSING AREA OF PERMITTEE; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Roger Hespe moved, seconded Don Steveson to pass Ordinance #8, Series 2017 on third and final reading. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Hansen then presented Ordinance #9, Series 2017 for first reading. The heading reads: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 26-19 (a) AND (b) OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WYOMING, 1961 TO INCREASE WATER RATES BY FIVE PERCENT (5%); AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Kara Sweet moved, seconded Don Steveson to pass Ordinance #9, Series 2017 on first reading. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Hansen then presented

Ordinance #10, Series 2017 for first reading. The heading reads: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13-9(a) AND (b) OF ARTICLE II, CHAPTER 13 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WYOMING, 1961 TO INCREASE GARBAGE COLLECTION CHARGES BY TEN PERCENT (10%); AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Don Steveson moved, seconded Roger Hespe to pass Ordinance #10, Series 2017 on first reading. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. City Clerk Treasurer Greg James brought for consideration increasing the deposit fee for new City utility customers from \$100 to \$150, and establishing a deposit fee for landfill only customers who wish to set up an account at \$250.00. After discussion the consensus of the Council was to leave the utility deposit fee at \$100.00 but raise the deposit for landfill-only customers to \$250.00. Roger Hespe moved, seconded Kara Sweet to raise the landfill-only deposit to two hundred-fifty dollars (\$250.00). Voting 'Aye'— Steveson, Hespe, Sweet and Quigley; Voting 'Nay'— Ladwig; **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. James also brought an updated agreement between the Wyoming Retirement System and the City of Newcastle for the Mayor's signature. Roger Hespe moved, seconded Don Steveson, to authorize the Mayor to sign this agreement. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. City Engineer Mike Moore reported we are waiting for the Wyoming Legislature to approve the funding for the completion of Well #5. The Winthrop Street project is completed. The poll reference garbage collection along Highland Street has been distributed. There was discussion reference abandoning a portion of Howell Street, and the suggestion more consideration is needed before a decision is reached. Currently searching for a contractor to grind the material at the compost pile.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

NEW BUSINESS: none

CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY: Steve Ladwig

moved, seconded Kara Sweet to pay the claims against the City dated November 20, 2017. **MOTION CARRIED.** Roger Hespe moved, seconded Kara Sweet to adjourn this regular meeting of the Newcastle City Council at 7:45 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

CLAIMS: 21 Electric, LED lamps & labor, \$390.00; Advanced Communications, car charger, \$30.00; Alpha Communications, November 2017 tower rent, \$95.00; AT&T Mobility, PD cell phone, \$32.14; Bearlodge Engineering and Surveying, survey work, \$910.00; Black Hills Energy, electric and natural gas, \$2178.52; Collins Communications, Inc., PD camera repair, \$107.25; Computer Info Systems, Inc., Livescan software license, \$15,000.00; Culligan Water Conditioning, bottled water, \$39.00; Deckers Food Center, housekeeping supplies, \$163.21; Eastern Wyoming Equipment Co., parts, \$649.51; Energy Laboratories, Inc., water sample testing, \$100.00; Frontier Home Ranch & Hardware, supplies, \$4.67; Harvey's Lock & Security, replace door lock, Council room, \$280.49; Matthew Bender & Co., Inc., WY court rules 2017, supplement,

\$54.08; Tonia Mills, training mileage, \$187.25; Mountain View Plumbing & Contracting, install expansion tank, \$209.00; Municipal Code Corp., annual website service, \$950.00; Newcastle Volunteer Fire Dept., reimburse uniform shirts, \$932.34; News Letter Journal, office supplies, \$626.41; NORCO, Inc., welding cylinder rental, \$25.26; Northern Technologies, LLC, concrete/soils testing, \$2448.00; One Call of Wyoming, October 2017 locates, \$21.75; Petty Cash, easement filing fee, \$18.00; Powder River Energy Corp., electric service, 976.14; Projex, IT service work, \$18.75; Rapid Delivery, Inc., \$211.61; Respond First Aid Systems, first aid supplies, \$57.70; Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc., 55 gallon barrels, \$292.45; Simon Contracting, asphalt overlay-Winthrop/Deanne, \$84,414.05; John Singer, mileage landfill training, \$200.09; Melissa Stubbs, training mileage, \$171.20; Tina Sundstrom, conference mileage, \$177.62; The Short Stop, fuel purchases, \$6284.10; Titan Machinery, repair backhoe, \$4631.56; Valli Information Systems, web maintenance, \$150.00; Becky Vodopich, City office cleaning, \$360.50; WEBT, employee

life insurance, \$104.00; West River International, Unit 77, \$128.40; Weston County Treasurer, youth services/handling charge/youth services, \$4206.81; Weston County True Value, hardware, \$2.82; Woody's Food Center, housekeeping supplies, \$50.86; Wyoming Office of State Lands & Investments, water tank/waterline annual payments, \$13,489.99.

ATTEST:
Deb Piana, Mayor
City Clerk/Treasurer, Gregory H James

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City Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 8, SERIES 2017

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-1.1 OF ARTICLE I, CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WYOMING, 1961 TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS FOR PERSONS UNDER TWENTY-ONE (21) YEARS OF AGE ENTERING AND REMAINING IN LICENSED BUILDING OR DISPENSING AREA OF PERMITTEE; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING, that:

Section 1: Section 3-1.1 of Article I, Chapter 3 of the Code of the Town of the City of Newcastle, Wyoming, 1961 shall be, and hereby is, amended to read in complete form as follows:

"Sec. 3-1.1 Persons under twenty-one years of age entering or remaining in licensed building or permitted dispensing area; duty to prohibit; penalty.

(a) Persons under twenty-one (21) years of age may enter and remain in a licensed building under a restaurant liquor license, and any outside adjacent service area approved by the City, at any time; provided, however, that no person under twenty-one years of age shall enter the dispensing room(s) in which alcoholic or malt beverages are prepared and dispensed for consumption except for employees of the restaurant liquor licensee who are eighteen (18) years of age or older and only for the purpose of serving alcoholic or malt beverages in the course of employment. Service does not include the preparation or dispensing of alcoholic or malt beverages. For a golf course upon which a restaurant liquor license is operational and a dispensing area(s) on the premises of the golf course has been approved by the City, no person under twenty-one (21) years of age shall stand, sit or loiter in the designated dispensing area in which alcoholic or malt beverages are prepared and dispensed for consumption except employees of the restaurant liquor licensee who are eighteen (18) years of age or older and only for the purpose of serving alcoholic or malt beverages in the course of employment. Service does not include the preparation or dispensing of alcoholic or malt beverages.

(b) Persons under twenty-one (21) years of age may enter and remain in a licensed building under a bar and grill liquor license, and any outside adjacent service area approved by the City, at any time; provided, however, that no person under twenty-one (21) years of age shall stand, sit or loiter within five (5) feet of any place or location from which alcoholic or malt beverages are prepared and dispensed for consumption (the bar) during the authorized operating hours set by the City except employees of the bar and grill liquor licensee who are eighteen (18) years of age or older and only for the purpose of serving alcoholic or malt beverages in the course of employment. Service does not include the preparation or dispensing of alcoholic or malt beverages.

(c) No person under twenty-one (21) years of age shall enter or remain in a licensed building under a retail liquor license, limited retail (club) liquor license, microbrewery permit, winery permit or resort liquor license, or any outside adjacent service area approved by the City, during the authorized operating hours set by the City, except and unless as may otherwise be specifically authorized by the City to accommodate business activities within the licensed building not attendant to the sale of alcoholic or malt beverages (such as restaurant food service, lodging accommodations, retail sales or service businesses). Requests for such authorization shall be made to the Governing Body of the City, and may be denied or granted upon terms and conditions in the sole discretion of the Governing Body.

(d) No person under twenty-one (21) years of age shall stand, sit or loiter within five (5) feet of any place or location from which alcoholic or malt beverages are prepared and dispensed for consumption under a catering permit, twenty-four hour malt beverage permit or special malt beverage permit for public auditoriums, civic centers or events centers. This age restriction shall apply to all persons, including employees and volunteers of the permittee.

(e) It shall be unlawful for any liquor licensee or permittee, or an employee or agent of a liquor licensee or permittee, to knowingly permit any person to violate any provision of this section.

(f) Any person violating this section or aiding or abetting any violation thereof is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to seven-hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00)."

Section 2: This Ordinance shall become effective after passage and upon publication as provided by law.

Passed on first reading: October 16, 2017
Passed on second reading: November 6, 2017

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on third reading this 20th day of November, 2017.

CITY OF NEWCASTLE:
Debra J. Piana, Mayor
ATTEST: Gregory H. James, City Clerk/
Treasurer

(Publish November 30, 2017)

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 06/25/2007 executed and delivered by Vance C. Bateman and Janice E. Bateman to Bank of Colorado and a real estate mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by Vance C. Bateman and Janice E. Bateman, husband and wife as tenants by the entirety (the "Mortgagors"), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Bank of Colorado, and which Mortgage was recorded on 6/29/2007, as Document No. 695229 Book 297 Page 0809 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: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Assignment dated: 2/23/2017
Assignment recorded: 3/1/2017
Assignment recording information: Document No. 762763

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 there-of, nor has any such suit or proceeding been instituted and the same discontinued; and

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$ 118,102.40 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$107,601.24 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$6,847.04 plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of sale;

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

NOW, THEREFORE Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Weston County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 AM o'clock in the forenoon on 01/16/2018 at the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 W. Main Street, Newcastle, Wyoming, Weston County for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

The South 35' of Lot 2 and all of Lot 3 in Block 1 of Edgar's Addition to the City of Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming.

-AND-

A portion of Lot 4 in Block 1 of Edgar's Addition to the City of Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 4 which is the point of beginning; thence Westerly along the North boundary of Lot 4 for a distance of 22.50' to the Northwest corner of this tract; thence Southerly parallel to the East boundary of Lot 4 for a distance of 5.60' to the Southwest corner of this tract; thence Easterly parallel to the North boundary of Lot 4 for a distance of 22.50 to intersect the East boundary of Lot 4 at the Southeast corner of this tract; thence Northerly along the East boundary of Lot 4 for a distance of 5.60 to the Northeast corner of Lot 4 and the point of beginning.

With an address of : 25 S Summit Ave New Castle, WY 82701-2224.

Together with all improvements thereon situate and all fixtures and appurtenances thereto. Date: November 3, 2017.

Brian G. Sayer
The Sayer Law Group, P.C.
925 E. 4th St.
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Blotter

November 19, 2017

Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. VIN inspection requested. Traffic stop, Citation issued. 911 Hang up. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

November 20

Open door discovered. Commercial alarm reported. Report of dogs at large. Six VIN inspections requested. Report of a dog at large, Impounded. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

November 21

Assist other agency. Drunk driver reported. Parking complaint. Welfare check requested. 911 misdial. Assist other agency.

November 22

Welfare check requested. Medical assist. Fire alarm reported. Report of a dog at large, Impounded. Traffic stop, Verbal warning issued. Civil assist. Dead deer reported. Domestic problem reported. Civil standby requested. Drunk



pedestrian reported. Suspicious activity reported. Suspicious activity reported.

November 23

Barking dog complaint. Assist other agency. Suspicious activity reported. Parking complaint. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Report of a dog at large, Impounded. Welfare check requested.

November 24

Civil assist. House check requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Welfare check requested. 911 hang up.

November 25

Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Juvenile problem reported. Animal abuse reported. Missing dog reported.

Public Notice

WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CHEYENNE, WYOMING NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AND FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR HIGHWAY WORK

Notice is hereby given that the State Transportation Commission of Wyoming has accepted as completed according to plans, specifications and rules governing the same work performed under that certain contract between the State of Wyoming, acting through said Commission, and Surface Preparation Tech, LLC the Contractor, on Highway Project Number B154021 in Campbell, Crook, Johnson, Niobrara, Sheridan, and Weston Counties, consisting of install rumble strips, flashing beacons, and miscellaneous work, and the Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; that the Director of the Department of Transportation will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on January 3, 2018.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is November 23, 2017.

STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
OF WYOMING

By: Kimberly Lamb
Project Resource Coordinator
Budget Program

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Public Notice

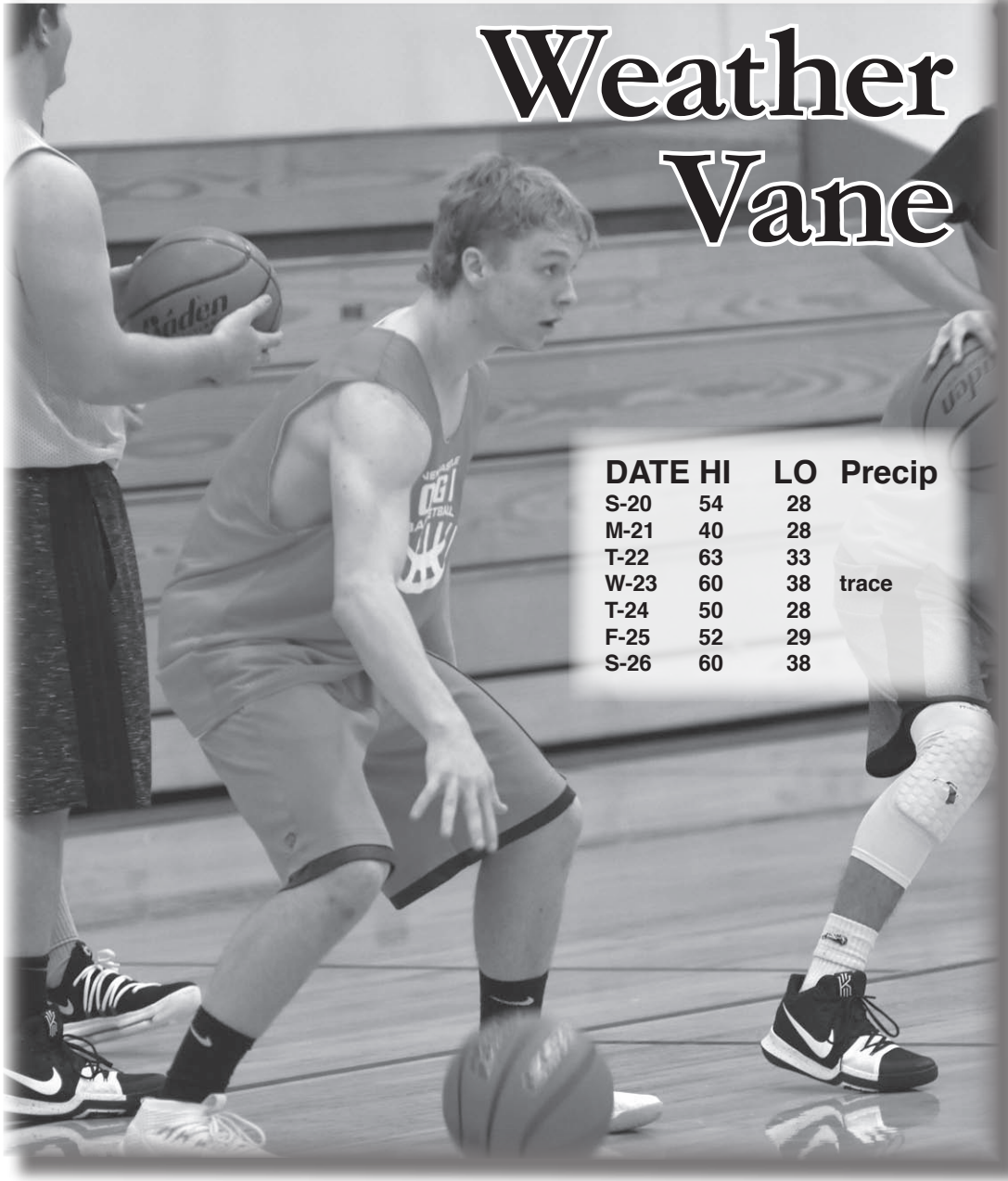
NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE AND FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR THE ASPHALT OVERLAY AND CONSTRUCTION 2017 AT NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING

Notice is hereby given that work by Simon Contractors, PO Box 2469, Gillette, WY 82717, for the Asphalt Overlay and Construction 2017 at the City of Newcastle has been accepted and the final settlement for payment is to be made per WS 16-6-116 in consideration of any outstanding financial obligations. Concerned parties may contact the City Engineer, City of Newcastle, 10 West Warwick, Newcastle, WY 82701. Full amount due will be paid on January 2, 2018. The date of first Publication is November 23, 2017.

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Legal Notice

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, DIVISION OF AIR QUALITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 6, Section 2(m) of the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations, notice is hereby given that the State of Wyoming, Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality, proposes to approve a request by Light Tower Rentals, Inc. to modify Air Quality Permit P0023108 with the addition of twenty (20) 272 hp LTR NG200 temporary portable rich burn natural gas fired generator engines to be operated at oil and gas well sites at various locations in Albany, Big Horn, Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Crook, Fremont, Goshen, Hot Springs, Johnson, Laramie, Lincoln, Natrona, Niobrara, Park, Platte, Sheridan, Sweetwater, Teton, Uinta, Washakie and Weston Counties, Wyoming.

For the duration of the public comment period, copies of the permit application, the agency's analysis, and the public notice are available for public inspection online at <http://deq.wyoming.gov/aq/d/new-source-review/resources/applications-on-notice/> and at the Albany County Clerk's Office, Laramie, Wyoming; Big Horn County Clerk's Office, Basin, Wyoming; Campbell County Clerk's Office, Gillette, Wyoming; Carbon County Clerk's Office, Rawlins, Wyoming; Converse County Clerk's Office, Douglas, Wyoming; Crook County Clerk's Office, Sundance, Wyoming; Fremont County Clerk's Office, Lander, Wyoming; Goshen County Clerk's Office, Torrington, Wyoming; Hot Springs County Clerk's Office, Thermopolis, Wyoming; Johnson County Clerk's Office, Buffalo, Wyoming; Laramie County Clerk's Office, Cheyenne, Wyoming; Lincoln County Clerk's Office, Kemmerer, Wyoming; Natrona County Clerk's Office, Casper, Wyoming; Niobrara County Clerk's Office, Lusk, Wyoming; Park County Clerk's Office, Cody, Wyoming; Platte County Clerk's Office, Wheatland, Wyoming; Sheridan County Clerk's Office, Sheridan Wyoming; Sweetwater County Clerk's Office, Green River, Wyoming; Teton County Clerk's Office, Jackson, Wyoming; Uinta County Clerk's Office, Evanston, Wyoming; Washakie County Clerk's Office, Worland, Wyoming; 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 Nancy Vehr, Administrator, Division of Air Quality, Department of Environmental Quality, 200 West 17th St., Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002 or by fax (307) 635-1784. Please reference A0005460 in your comment. Comments submitted by email will not be included in the administrative record. All comments received by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 2, 2018 will be considered in the final determination on this application. A public hearing will be conducted only in the opinion of the administrator sufficient interest is generated or if an aggrieved party so requests.

(Publish November 30, 2017)

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Bid Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given the Sweetwater Improvement and Service District, Newcastle, Wyoming will receive sealed bids for the construction of:

Connection to Cambria Water System

as called for in the specifications for the Connection to Cambria Water System project at the meeting room in the Weston County Library, 23 W. Main Street, Newcastle, WY until 2:00 P.M. (Local Time) December 20, 2017. Bids will then be opened and read aloud. All bids must be submitted on the forms supplied by the District. Envelopes containing bids shall be clearly marked with the name of the bid and shall show the name and address of the bidder. Bids which are not prepared and filed in accordance with the specifications may be rejected. Bids may not be withdrawn after the time fixed for opening. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and the right to waive irregularities in bids received.

Each bid must be accompanied by a bid guarantee as called for in the specifications in the form of a bid bond for not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of such bid, payable to, and to be forfeited to, the Sweetwater Improvement and Service District as liquidated damages if bidder fails to enter into contract within thirty (30) days after award to him/her, or fails at the time of executing the contract to furnish a performance guarantee as approved by the District in the amount of one-hundred percent (100%) of the bid. Facsimile (fax) or other copies of bonds are not acceptable, nor are cashier's checks. No bid will be considered if not accompanied by such bid guarantee.

A complete set of the plans and specifications may be downloaded after November, 22, 2017, via the QuestCDN website, Bid Document No. 5434207 which the bidder must login and pay a fee of twenty dollars (\$20). This login and deposit will ensure the plan holders are identified and supplied the possible addendum and notices associated with the project.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on December 13, 2017, 10:00 AM in the meeting room at the Weston County Library, 23 W. Main Street, Newcastle, WY.

Pursuant to W.S. 16-6-106, "preference is hereby given to materials, supplies, agricultural products, equipment, machinery and provisions produced, manufactured or grown in Wyoming, or supplied by a resident of the state, quality being equal to articles offered by the competitors outside of the state".

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The Bidder shall submit, with the Bid, the Qualification Form furnished herein completely filled out. To demonstrate qualifications to perform the Work, each Bidder must be prepared to submit within five (5) days of Engineer's request, detailed written statement of evidence such as financial data, a summary of previous experience, present commitments and other such data as may be called for by Engineer

To be considered responsive, the bid must include the following completed items;

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- Bid Schedule
- Qualification Form
- Bid Bond
- Acknowledge Addenda, if any
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Sweetwater Improvement and Service District
By: Robert Strickland, Board Chairman

(Publish November 23, 30 and December 7, 2017)

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- Shade-loving plant
- River in Bohemia
- Choice or delicious dish
- *Vince Vaughn's title role, 2007
- Research facil.
- "Colorful" announcement
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- Sherlock Holmes' esteemed friend
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- Like Bushmills' whiskey
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- *Kevin McCallister's story, 1990
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- Like desert climate
- Apple leftovers
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- Matured
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- Big Bang's original matter

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- Fishing pole
- Olympic castaway?
- Pre-euro money
- Bamboo forest dwellers
- "Like Express to the North Pole
- Overthrow by argument
- Miners' bounty, pl.
- "Clarice, e.g.
- Spans of time
- Not a word?
- Type of Christmas lights
- Helen in France
- Type of deadly flu
- LamÉ or serge
- "_____s the word"
- *Like Bing Crosby's Christmas
- Packers' quarterback
- Like Hitler's Reich
- Reject
- Olden day calculators
- The whole amount
- *Henry F. Potter in "It's a Wonderful Life," e.g.
- Oration station
- *Will Ferrell's 2003 role
- *Based on "A Christmas Carol," 1988
- Port city in Japan
- Ribonucleic acid
- Affected or pretentious
- Part of eye containing iris, pl.
- Unwellness
- Trees producing caffeine-

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49. Like a duel in France, usu- ally
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Rec basketball has been a long time coming in our small community, and I hope we are smart enough to get on board and support this endeavor as we have so many others that benefit our children.

Top of page: Taten Engle, a member of the 8th grade traveling basketball team Newcastle Attack, gets up for a layup during practice. **Far left:** Madison Leighton goes up for a shot during a box-out drill. **Left:** Avery Chick attempts a jump shot on coach Codi Reese. **Below left:** Denton Reese drives down the court on a breakaway. **Below right:** Braden Jenkins attempts to control a rebound. (Photos by Andy McKay/For NLJ)

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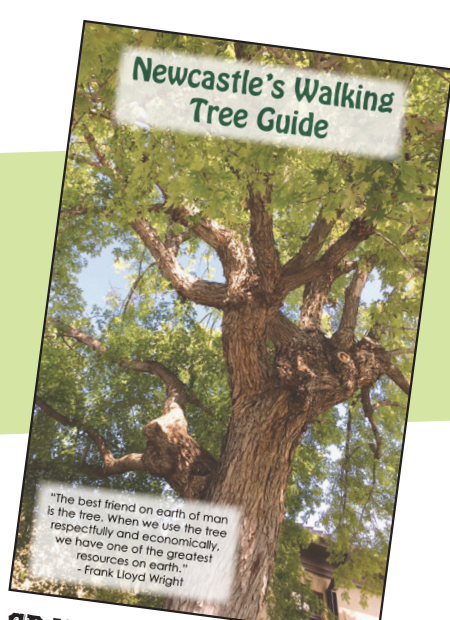


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