

# News Letter Journal

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## 2017 Year In Review

By Hannah Gross and KateLynn Slaamot

### JANUARY

The president of Pinnacle Bank, Justin Tystad, was chosen as the News Letter Journal's Person of the Year for Weston County. He is involved in many things, and demonstrated his committed to the community. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and a trustee at Corpus Christi Catholic Church. He was significantly involved in the planning and construction of the new bank building. In an effort to see the old building used, he helped forge an agreement with the Weston County Commissioners for the county to purchase and utilize the building as an annex for the over-crowded courthouse. He was also involved in the renovation of the community's largest baseball field, including new lights being installed. Pinnacle Bank also hosts the Festival of Trees, and raised over \$30,000, which was given to the Weston County Children's Center, the museum district, as well as the local American Legion.

Deb Piana, Newcastle's first woman mayor, was sworn in on Jan. 31. She followed in both her father's and grandfather's footsteps. Her father, Don McColley, is a former mayor of Newcastle, and her grandfather was also a mayor in Chamberlain, S.D. Piana decided she wanted to make many changes as mayor, and that includes opening communication between the public and the representatives for them on the Newcastle City Council.

A new attorney joined the team at the Weston County Attorney's office on Jan. 23. Alex Berger would serve 30-40 hours a week, and said he wanted effective criminal prosecution through thorough investigation. He graduated from Illinois State University with a degree in history and philosophy, and went on to graduate from law school at Indiana University in 2012, focusing on criminal law.

A coroner's inquest into Richard Campbell's death was ended in December of 2016, and the jury decided his death was a homicide. More investigation would be necessary. In addition, there were reports of Caroline Scoutt intimidating witnesses during the coroner's inquest. She pleaded not guilty, and a jury trial was scheduled for April 17 with a pretrial conference on March 3. The intimidation case was later dismissed.

A state report showed tobacco use among youths in Wyoming is lower than the national average, and Weston County Community Prevention Professional Kristi Lipp said that "tobacco trends" have been changing in Weston County over the past several years. She believes that the 'norm' of tobacco usage has improved. There had been a time when there were no smoke-free restaurants, and now there

### A holly, jolly Christmas



Ryker Rhoades, Cookie Monster, puts his all into his performance during the Weston County Children's Center holiday concert held last Thursday at the Crouch Auditorium. (Photo by Pam Penfield/NLJ)

are several. As the norm of tobacco usage improves, so do youth attitudes toward it. There is less chance of seeing people smoking in public, especially near other people. However, the spit tobacco usage was still above state average. Additionally, usually underage kids have someone who is old enough to buy tobacco for them.

### FEBRUARY

Michael Davis, the man who admitted to killing Katy Coffee in June 2011, appeared before judge Thomas Rumpke on Feb. 6. Davis admitted to

voluntary manslaughter. He initially had a plea agreement that he would plead guilty to a federal felony because he was a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. He would serve 10 years, and if that was successfully completed, whatever remained on the 14-18 years for the manslaughter charge would be suspended. The judge rejected this plea deal for many reasons. He didn't believe that the death of Coffee appeared to be an accident, since Davis did not help the victim after the fact and kept silent for so many years. Coffee's family also did not agree with the plea agreement that

Davis and his attorney were suggesting. In addition, Davis did not appear to act remorseful. Later, on February 16, when the court reconvened to decide what was going to happen, the judge imposed the maximum penalty of 15 1/2 to 20 years. The judge allowed advocates for Davis to speak and defend him. Among them was his wife, father, and minister. All alluded to the fact that Davis had indeed been ashamed and remorseful. They also agreed that he changed and was not the same man who had killed Coffee. However, the judge still gave Davis that maximum

penalty. He wanted to show that serious crimes were handled accordingly.

Jim Stith, the high school science teacher, was among the finalists in the yearly 'Solve for Tomorrow' contest, held by Samsung. The contest was to solve 'real life' issues using scientific knowledge. Stith wanted to use drones to test Newcastle's air quality. He saw issues with particulates in the air, which could be harmful. An instrument used to do things such as this showed an increase at specific times, such as when the coal train went through town. He came up with an instrument to catch different sized particulates to test. He tested it close to the track, farther away, and at 100 and 200 meters above the train. His goal was to get a 3-D model of the air quality.

In 2016, water well No. 5 had been dug for Newcastle. It was at 3,000 feet deep, but hadn't produced as much as had been hoped. Due to this, a stimulation technique was going to be attempted to try to stimulate more production. That was a success, and the well then produced more than 700 gallons a minute, rather than the 100 gallons a minute prior to the attempt. This made it one of the top producing city wells, and made 4,800,000 gallons in just two days. They then had to test the pressure and quality of the wells. The cost for the whole project ended up at a little over \$800,000, and it took several years to complete.

The recreational fund for the local school district, supplied by local taxes, was running low. The Weston County School District #1 Board of Trustees was met with a 25-percent decrease in money from the mil levy, and had to deny a request for \$1,000 for the post-prom party and gave only \$1,000 of the requested \$2,140 for 4-H camp. This raised questions about how they should utilize the decreasing school and recreation district budgets moving forward.

The Fire Department's Explorer Post 66 received the Post of the Year Award for the fourth time in a row. Exploring is a mentor program for young people ages 14-20 to experience hands-on experience in many fields. Also, Mark Christiansen, the Post 66 advisor, received the William H. Spurgeon III Award. This award is given for great leadership among other things, and has only been given 26 times nationally.

### MARCH

A prohibition on shooting black-tailed prairie dogs on the Thunder Basin National Grassland was implemented in March of 2002. However, the United States Department of Agriculture declared that Dennis Jaeger, National Forest supervisor, repeal this ban due to the high populations of prairie dogs. The repeal will remain until March 3,

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### Toddling along



Emily Hartinger, Skull Creek Studio

### Twins Talk

By Bri Brasher  
NLJ Reporter

In this week's segment of our series on local twins, we spoke to Zane and Stacy Marty, who were blessed 20 months ago with the arrival of twins Tyan & BlazeLee.

What was your first reaction when you find out you were having twins?

We were very surprised!

Describe the first few months after you met the babies.

They were born prematurely at 30 weeks, almost two months early. They spent the first six weeks in the hospital in the Rapid City Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). We had amazing doctors and nurses there taking care of them. They had a pretty good eating and sleeping schedule once they got home. It was crazy the first few weeks we were home, but we

settled into a routine.

Explain your family unit. Do you plan to have other children?

They are our only children. We've always talked about having two kids. Now we have a girl and a boy—what more could we ask for!

Explain each of their personalities, both similarities and differences.

Tyan is laid back, easy going, tender hearted, and caring. He loves to hug his sister, even when she doesn't enjoy it.

BlazeLee is a tornado. She likes to run around and try new things. She loves dumping her toys out, but then gathers them up.

They both love bath time, food, and playing with shoes.

How do you think the babies do, or will, interact as siblings and as twins?

They play well together until BlazeLee takes toys away from Tyan or pushes him down. Hopefully they will grow up and be best friends.

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### WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday  
Mostly Sunny  
Hi 21, Lo 13



Friday  
PM Snow Showers  
Hi 18, Lo -1



Saturday  
Wintry Mix  
Hi 14 Lo 2



Sunday  
Mostly Sunny  
Hi 22, Lo -4



Monday  
Partly Cloudy  
Hi 19, Lo 10



Tuesday  
Mostly Cloudy  
Hi 26, Lo 12



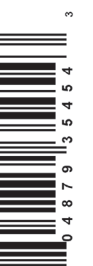
Wednesday  
Partly Cloudy  
Hi 28, Lo 13



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Happy New Year!





# Start the year on the right foot

By Abby Gray  
For NLJ

Most people, if not all, have a New Year's resolution which somehow relates to getting fit or improving their health.

If you are one of those not-so-rare individuals, you are in luck! Jessica Bettorf, the community's recreation director, is determined to help those who are seeking to not only reach goals, but crush them, while also having a little fun. She is putting on a New Year's walk for the third year in a row to kick off the new year.

The walk will begin at the Kozisek Aquatic Center at noon on Jan. 1, and those who participate will walk a mile — from the pool to the port of entry — then back to the pool, making it roughly a two-mile round-trip walk in the crisp Wyoming air.

"The first year we had maybe, I think, five people come out and do it. We started at the chamber and did a longer

walk. But if there were elderly people, or really young ones, it either got too cold, or when we got to the by-pass it became too slippery. So the next year we shortened it, but it was still pretty slick. So this year, I thought the bike path should be a little more cleared off, so that change we made this year," Bettorf noted.

Another exciting addition to this year's walk will be the use of the aquatic center's lobby. After the walk, hot chocolate, coffee, cider and other treats will be provided if anyone wants to warm up with a hot drink, or simply just wants to stay and chat after the stroll.

This new year's walk isn't the only way Bettorf is looking to help community members better themselves in 2018. She will be teaming up with Eastern Wyoming College's Newcastle outreach to help with the annual "New Year, New You" weight loss challenge. The challenge will begin on Jan. 4, with the

deadline for registration being Jan. 3. Weigh-ins will occur in Bettorf's office at the pool, and she will be sending out weekly tips, tricks, and healthy recipes to all those participating in the challenge.

A more kid-friendly option Bettorf will be providing is open gyms during home basketball games. She is trying to launch it on the weekend of Jan. 20. However, she is asking for help from the community in order to make this possible!

"If anyone is willing to volunteer and help supervise during open gyms, that would be really helpful. It would just be during home basketball games, and it gives little kids who might be at games, but don't really want to watch, a place to come run around and have fun. The parents don't have to worry about them," Bettorf smiled.

If anyone is interested in volunteering to help supervise open gyms, call Bettorf at 746-6924.

## Twins

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What is your best memory with the twins so far?

Zane—taking them for their first ride on a horse.

Staci—holding them together for the first time while they were in the NICU, and BlazeLee reached out and touched Tyan on his head.

What has been your biggest challenge parenting two babies?

Since they are our first, we don't know any different so I think we are lucky in that aspect. Sometimes they are definitely a handful when they are both unhappy and can't tell us what is wrong!

Tell your funniest story with the twins.

There are so many to choose from! It is so fun to see them interact with each other, play together, and laugh with one another. We have to be careful when they are quietly playing in another room. One of the funniest times was when BlazeLee crawled into the dryer and was happily sitting in it. They also love pulling all of their clothes out of their bottom drawer and sitting in the drawer.

What is your wish for them, together and



Tyan and BlazeLee are the nearly 2-year-old twins of Zane and Stacy Marty. (Photo by Emily Hartinger, Skull Creek Studio)

individually?

We wish for them to be happy and healthy. We hope they enjoy each other's company and that they grow up to be best friends.

## Year In Review

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2018, when the ban will be put back into effect.

Mayor Deb Piana and Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce Director Susan Love had been working on ways to help with economic development in the community. Mutch Usera, Black Hills Energy's community development planner, agreed to help the Chamber to better understand economic development, so they could properly address it.

On March 3, the 64th Wyoming State Legislature finished their 2017 General Session. They discussed and oversaw many bills and resolutions, and also passed 147 budget amendments. Some of the bills passed included House Bill 86 and Senate File 56 to help with water issues, and Senate File 152 to help with economic development. Education in Wyoming suffered tremendously from the budget cuts, with an approximate \$34.5 million cut.

The Newcastle City Council gathered March 26 for their annual strategic planning meeting. On their agenda that day was to discuss what major projects need to be done in Newcastle in the next five years. Economic growth proved to be the top priority on everybody's minds, and all could agree that the city's help regarding this issue will be greatly needed. Other concerns and ideas included repairing several streets, finishing the bike path, investing in the use of Well No. 5, cleaning sewer lagoons, and updating the police department's equipment.

Joe Sandrini, wildlife biologist at Wyoming Game and Fish Department, received the Henry S. Mosby award from the National Wild Turkey Federation for all the work and time he has invested into wild turkeys around the area.

Newcastle's FBLA com-

peted very well at the State Leadership Championship in Cheyenne, and claimed a total of 12 national qualifiers. This gave them the opportunity to compete at National Competition in California from June 22 to July 2.

### APRIL

There were three reports of counterfeit currency within a week, and within a short amount of time there were two suspects. A search warrant was conducted at 793 Sackett Ave. in Osage on April 11. This condemned James Watkins from Missouri and RJ Welch Jr from Osage due to the discovery of a copier/printer and counterfeit federal reserve notes in the house and a camper that was also on the property. On April 25, warrants for their arrests were followed through by Newcastle Detective Brandon Vaughn on behalf of U.S. Secret Service and U.S. District Court of Wyoming. Welch and Watkins were charged with counterfeiting and forging obligations or securities of the U.S. and aiding and abetting. They both face up to 80 years in prison.

Weston County Health Services obtained a grant for \$400,000 from the Helmsley Charitable Trust to purchase a high-tech computed tomography (CT) scanner. This would provide better service, faster scans, and more testing options for patients. The WCHS contribution would be \$80,000.

The Upton Economic Development Board obtained a \$4 million grant to go toward a project to turn part of the Logistic Center rail park into a tanker and rail car maintenance facility. They sought out the Upton Town Council and the Weston County Commissioners for a possible partnership with one of the two. The UEDB would lease this facility to a Gillette business, Atlas Carbon, that would run it as Railcar

Holdings LLC. There would be 40,600 feet of rail and switching services, along with 300 acres of land with potential for future use. This facility, which would create 90 jobs, would be used to inspect and clean rail cars that come through.

The effort of repealing and replacing portions of the Affordable Care Act failed. However, JoAnne Farnsworth, Weston County Health Services Quality Care director, expressed hope for a replacement plan. She, along with Eric Boley, who is involved with the Wyoming Hospital Association and is also the Leading Age director of Wyoming, went to Washington, D.C., where they met with Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., Rep. Liz Cheney, and a representative from Sen. Mike Enzi's office. Farnsworth wanted to advocate for an Obamacare replacement.

1986 Newcastle High School graduate Bob Fawcett is now the chief of Natrona County Fire District in Casper, after serving as fire marshal for two years. Before that, he was a firefighter with the Casper Fire Department, and prior to that, a volunteer firefighter in Newcastle. Also, 2010 Newcastle High School graduate Troy Hieb is now pursuing a career in fire fighting. Hieb started as a cadet in the Explorer's Program in 2006 when he was 14 years old, and went on to be a volunteer firefighter in Newcastle in 2009 when he was 18 years old. He then started working at Casper Fire-EMS on Feb. 29, 2016, on a probationary status, and this year was officially instated as a firefighter there.

### MAY

The Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce hosted the 'State of the City' event, sponsored by RT Communications, at Pizza

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**May your 2018 be filled with blessings**  
*Happy New Year to you!*

Happy New Year from the team at First State Bank. We hope your 2018 is rich with life's blessings!

Stop by the bank to pick up your FREE 2018 calendar featuring an image by local photographer Emily Hartinger.

We look forward to 2018 and the opportunity it presents to offer great customer service and help our customers reach their financial goals!

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**Weston County Health Services**  
**Specialty Clinics**  
January 2018 Schedule

<b>OB/GYN:</b> Summit OB/GYN (2nd Tuesday).....	January 10
<b>Orthopedics:</b> Dr. McEleaney .....	January 4
To schedule appointments call 800-446-9556	
<b>Echo:</b> .....	January 3 & 17
Patient's Personal Physician must schedule Usually 1st & 3rd Wednesday of month	
<b>Heart Doctors:</b> Dr. D'Urso .....	None
Dr. Alex Schabauer .....	None
To schedule appointments call 800-432-7822	
<b>VA Clinic:</b> .....	None
Usually 1st Monday of month (Except Holidays)	
<b>VA Mental Health:</b> (2nd Friday of Month) .....	None
<b>MRI:</b> (Every Tuesday, except holidays) .....	January 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
Patient's Provider must schedule with WCHS Radiology Department	
<b>Speech Therapy:</b> (Every Monday & Thursday, except holidays) .....	4-6 pm
<b>Upton Lab Draws:</b> (1st Wednesday, except holidays).....	January 3
<b>Wellness Wednesday:</b> (Updated tests/pricing begin Sept. 1).....	January 10 & 24
2nd & 4th Wed., <b>Please Use Front Entrance</b> , No appointment necessary 6:30-8:30am	

**Home Health/Lifeline: 746-3553**  
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# Loved Ones We Lost In 2017



Catherine Rose Jones  
Jan. 1, 1950-Dec. 28, 2016

Ronald L. Sanchez  
Sept. 6, 1951-Dec. 24, 2016

Marjorie Ruth Wike Giffin  
Oct. 2, 1929-Jan. 4, 2017

Pete A. Kaiser  
Oct. 25, 1937-Jan. 4, 2017

Robert Van Every  
Sept. 24, 1926-Jan 16, 2017

Edwin Nugene Egge  
Oct. 23, 1936-Jan. 11, 2017

Mary Lou Mather Larson  
Oct. 28, 1927-Jan. 12, 2017

Douglas Charles Schmitz  
Mar. 21, 1958-Jan. 17, 2017

Charles Calvin Portwood  
Aug. 9, 1923-Jan. 5, 2017

Edna M. Rothleutner  
-Jan. 14, 2017

John J. Van Heule  
-Jan. 19, 2017

Anna Jennette (Angie) Morrison  
Dec. 3, 1922-Jan. 18, 2017

James Schaeffer  
Jun. 11, 1944-Jan. 25, 2017

Edward S. Halsey  
May 4, 1922-Jan. 28, 2017

Betty Wocicki  
Sept. 17, 1922-Feb. 2, 2017

April Jean Schlup  
May 26, 1953-Feb. 3, 2017

Avenella "Avie" June (Wilcox) Doell  
Mar. 29, 1932-Feb. 2, 2017

Bernice Mae Hess  
Dec. 6, 1922-Feb. 1, 2017

Norman Everett Archer  
Apr. 23, 1942-Feb. 15, 2017

Jerald "Jerry" Solyst  
-Feb. 25, 2017

Dorothy Marie Draper  
Nov. 19, 1922-Feb. 23, 2017

Joan Egge  
Jan. 22, 1938-Feb. 22, 2017

Glen Wesley Thompson  
Jan. 10, 1927-Feb. 20, 2017

Louise W. Maki  
Sept. 15, 1914-Feb. 24, 2017

Dennis Erling Holm  
July 19, 1935-February 27, 2017

Lyle Everette King  
February 17, 1939-March 5, 2017

Sandra Jean (Schwandner) Morgan  
November 29, 1938-March 4, 2017

Donald Scheck  
May 15, 1940-March 7, 2017

Jerry Solyst  
February 19, 1941-February 25, 2017

Carl "Bill" Hansen  
May 19, 1926-Mar. 18, 2017

Ray O. Dare  
Feb. 18, 1929-Mar. 8, 2017

Jayme Jean Morgan Green  
Jan. 3, 1970-Mar. 8, 2017

Loyd John Reimer  
Apr. 4, 1917-Apr. 4, 2017

Mabell Juanita Aldridge  
Aug. 14, 1947-Mar. 29, 2017

Barbara J. (Joski) Lax  
Jul. 8, 1939-Mar. 28, 2017

Vernon Dean Simmons  
Sept. 21, 1928-Apr. 7, 2017

Orville Lee Daniels  
Jul. 17, 1947-Apr. 11, 2017

Catherine Joan (Slattery) Beck  
Jul 14, 1943-Apr. 22, 2017

James P. Braun  
Sept. 23, 1939-Apr. 15, 2017

Glen Wesley Thompson  
Jan. 10, 1927-Feb. 20, 2017

James Lee Borgialli  
Mar. 31, 1931-Apr. 23, 2017

Barbara (Bobbie) Berdahl (Pauley)  
Apr. 15, 1945-Apr. 30, 2017

Jacob Roll, Jr.  
May 18, 1953-Apr. 28, 2017

Linda Marie Schneider  
Sept. 28, 1959-Apr. 23, 2017

Thelma Louise Dean  
Sept. 11, 1913-May 7, 2017

Sharon Lee (Morgan) Morrison  
Feb. 27, 1943-Apr. 21, 2017

David Sherman Dean  
Oct. 16, 1960-May 13, 2017

Nathan Earl Locke  
July 21, 1949 - May 10, 2017

Thomas Guy Ames  
Jan. 10, 1943-Apr. 26, 2017

Earl Ross Sapp  
Nov. 25, 1938-May 12, 2017

James Reed  
Nov. 2, 1932-May 14, 2017

Gloria Golden Schwalbe  
May 27, 1917-May 9, 2017

Virginia Louise Wahl  
Jan. 5, 1924-May 15, 2017

Marjorie "Marge" Rita Rawhouser Elliott  
Nov. 29, 1920-May 19, 2017

Kenneth D. McCoy  
Dec. 9, 1949-May 13, 2017

Diana Sweet  
Aug. 12, 1917-May 19, 2017

E. Nadine "Deanie" (McCoy) Jursnick  
Nov. 8, 1934-Apr. 24, 2017

Fred Marquiss  
-Dec. 9, 2016

George Shirley  
February 15, 1938-June 10, 2017

Robert Lewis Bruce  
Dec. 18, 1948-June 24, 2017

Jerry Ray Hammond  
Apr. 3, 1943-Jun. 23, 2017

Gail Fall  
Aug. 7, 1929-July 2, 2017

Frank E. Humes  
Jan. 17, 1926-July 7, 2017

Scott Willadson  
April 15, 1968-July 21, 2017

Gordon Haywood  
Dec. 8, 1927-July 20, 2017

Bessie Feist  
August 5, 1930-July 31, 2017

Dustin L. Keil  
April 2, 1980-August 1, 2017

Keith Van Buren  
January 4, 1945-July 31, 2017

John "Jack" Spencer  
December 14, 1932-August 9, 2017

Vincent Gerald Minne  
October 23, 1936-August 10, 2017

David K. Bahr  
July 8, 1953-August 15, 2017

Bessie Russell  
November 21, 1940-August 18, 2017

Ellen Bailey  
July 18, 1938-August 21, 2017

Wayne Otto Erickson  
September 23, 1959-August 27, 2017

TJ Vore  
March 18, 1976-August 27, 2017

Arthur Lee Albert  
Feb. 6, 1925-Sept. 16, 2017

Merel "Chief" Derifield  
Aug. 17, 1940-Sept. 13, 2017

Geneva Marie (Gaskill) Hanson  
July 10, 1937-August 30, 2017

Marjorie Ellen Johnson  
April 26, 1921 – Sept. 5, 2017

Bill Prell  
Sept. 26, 1927-Sept. 6, 2017

Mark E. Casavan  
February 22, 1949-September 1, 2017

James Smith  
April 28, 1944-Sept. 23, 2017

Steven Clay Pollat  
March 9, 1951-October 5, 2017

Barbara Ellen McKee Jones  
March 16, 1932-October 12, 2017

Mark Allen Greene  
Feb. 11, 1972-Oct. 13, 2017

Lois Jean Harley  
December 6, 1949-October 25, 2017

Tomas L. Rainbolt  
November 29, 1949-October 25, 2017

Bert Sutherland  
June 6, 1966-October 29, 2017

Eva Mae Fresorger  
November 29, 1926-October 30, 2017

Genevieve Irene (Koski) Judd Roan  
September 28, 1914-November 4, 2017

Bert Sutherland  
June 6, 1966-Oct. 29, 2017

Virginia Lee Kerns Tate  
Sept. 21, 1930 – Nov. 2, 2017

Iris Prell  
August 7, 1930-November 3, 2017

Matthew Richard Cook  
September 21, 1982-November 5, 2017

Thomas George Fox  
September 2, 1956-November 6, 2017

Cecil Ray Hudspeth  
Dec. 18, 1944-Nov. 10, 2017

Corbin Carlton Nicolls  
June 25, 1934-November 26, 2017

Ava Roness  
November 16, 2017-November 16, 2017

Harvey D. Goode  
Feb. 8, 1929-Dec. 4, 2017

Quentin Wayne Rossman  
Aug. 7, 1977-Dec. 4, 2017

Sharon Jolley  
June 9, 1952-Dec. 15, 2017

Jimmy R. McVay  
Dec. 22, 1948-Dec. 11, 2017

Rosetta Pridgeon  
April 20, 1937-Dec. 12, 2017

Reubem Lamar McInnis, Sr  
Feb. 12, 1937-Dec. 19, 2017

## faith & values

**Daily Devotional Reading**

December 28 Revelations 19:1-10	January 1 Ephesians 1:1-23
December 29 Revelations 21:1-27	January 2 Ephesians 2:1-22
December 30 Revelations 22:1-21	January 3 Ephesians 3:1-21
December 31 Numbers 6:22-27	Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society

- **ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH:** Rev. Norm Brozman, 216 S. Seneca, 746-2249. Call to Worship 9:30 am; Children's Church during Call to Worship; Faith Rally Sunday 6 pm.
- **BAHA'I FAITH:** Firesides (Open to All) 1st & 3rd Fridays 7:30 pm at 15 Skyview Dr. 746-3626.
- **CAMBRIA COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH:** Pastor Todd Olson, 19 Stampede St. 746-2321. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship 10:30 am; Youth (6-12 grades) and Adult Bible Study Sunday Evening 6-7 pm; Wednesday Night Youth and Adult Bible Study 6 pm; Life Recovery Bible Study Sunday Night 7 pm.
- **CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL:** Fr. Tom Campbell, S. Summit & Winthrop Streets. 746-9684. haydis-hall@hotmail.com. Service times: Holy Eucharist 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays 10:00 a.m.; Morning prayer 2nd & 4th Sundays 10:00 a.m.
- **CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Pastor Tsena Dinssa, 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9 am.
- **CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS:** Bishop Greg James, 120 Ash, 746-4131. Sunday Sacrament Mtg 9 am; Sunday School 10:20 am; Relief Society & Priesthood Mtg 11:15 am.
- **CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Tim Martinson, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5 pm; Sunday Mass 5 pm; Weekday Mass 8 am.
- **COUNTRY CHURCH:** Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley and Micah Popma, 746-9712. Worship 10 am.
- **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:** Pastor Gary Anderson, 903 S. Summit, 746-2188. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Evening Service 6 pm; AWANA Clubs 6:30 pm.
- **CHURCH ON THE HILL:** Wayne Wilson, 301 Delaware, 746-5542. Sunday School 9:30 am; Prayer Service 10:15 am; Worship 10:45 am; Youth Group Wednesday 6:30 pm; Christian Academy pre-school & K-12 746-9663.
- **OUR SAVIOR CHURCH:** Pastors Doug and Frezil Westerlund, Weston County Fairgrounds, Service Sundays 9:30 am. 605-515-3058.
- **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Michael Jarrell, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Adult Bible Study 8:45 am; Traditional Church Services 10 am; 10:15 am Children's Church; 11:30 a.m. Casual Worship Service, Youth Group Sunday evenings 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- **GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Jon Andersen, Evangelical Free Church meets at the Weston County Senior Services; Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship 11 am. Call 746-8091.
- **KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES:** 5018 US Hwy 16, 746-2319 or 746-4517. Tuesday 7 p.m. Congregation Bible Study, Theocratic Ministry School and Service Meeting. Sunday Public Talk 10 am; Watchtower 11 am.
- **NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sun. Worship 10 am; Wed. Night Prayer.
- **OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH:** 348 Sheridan St. in Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm.
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Born to: Cody & Suzie Hutchinson



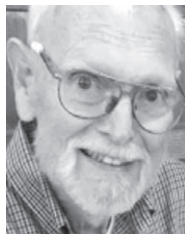
**Jaden Alonzo Sandoval**  
August 31, 2017  
Born to: Alonzo & Salina Sandoval

**Aiden Levi Fulk**  
September 14, 2017  
Born to: David & Kristina Fulk

**Hollyn Kelly Hesse**  
October 18, 2017  
Born to: Taylor & Caitlin Hesse

## Obituaries

**Reuben Lamar McInnis, Sr**  
Feb. 12, 1937-Dec. 19, 2017



**Reuben McInnis, Sr**

Lamar McInnis, Sr. (Lamar) was born on February 12, 1937 in Shreveport, La. and passed away at his home in Shreveport, La. on December 19, 2017 at the age of 80. Lamar attended Byrd High School where he played football and graduated in 1955. He went on to earn a B.S. Degree in Physics from Louisiana Tech University in 1961. While at Tech, he met and married the love of his life, Jeannette King. He was commissioned into the Air Force in June 1961 where he fulfilled his dream of becoming an Air Force aviator and served his country for over twenty years before retiring in January 1982 as a Lt. Colonel and returning to his hometown of Shreveport.

He was co-owner of King's Equipment Sales, Inc. since 1986 and loved working alongside his wife and son in the business. Lamar was an avid photographer for most of his life and he earned numerous awards for the beautiful work he created. He was an active member of the Shreveport Photographic Society for many years and served for several terms on the Board of the Steeple Chase Homeowners Association. He was known by many as just "Poppa" and he had a great love for all of his children, grands and greats – some of whom thought he was a superhero – because he always fought for what was right and just.

He goes to his eternal home and is reunited with his mother, Lucy Valentine McInnis, father, Curtis Columbus McInnis and brothers Junior Darrell McInnis and Bobby Gerald McInnis, Sr. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife Jeannette King McInnis, daughters Peggy Ann King and husband Robin of Newcastle, Cynthia McInnis-White and husband Ted of Shreveport, La.; son, Reuben

Lamar McInnis, Jr. (Sonny) and wife Denise of Shreveport, La., brother, Lonnie M. McInnis and wife Bobbie Christine of Blanchard, La., sister-in-law, Joyce McInnis of McLeod, Texas, seven grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews as well as a host of friends.

Visitation for family and friends were at Rose-Neath Southside on Friday, December 22, 2017 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. A grave-side service was held on Saturday, December 23, 2017 at Forest Park West at 11:00 am.

Honoring "Poppa" as pallbearers will be Joe Simpson, Tony Benson and grandsons – Clark McInnis, Trey McInnis, Matthew McInnis and Cody White.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Anthony Stuart and his associates as well as the nursing staff of Willis Knighton North, 2nd Floor West CCU Step Down Unit for their compassionate and loving care during Poppa's stay.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to American Cancer Society.

# Recapture

## A PIECE OF HISTORY

**January 13, 1893**

Dr. Crouther will occupy the office vacated by M.B. Camplin as a dentist laboratory.

W.H. Bennis has built in 14-foot addition to his blacksmith shop and will erect another forge for wagon work.

Mr. Eckstine, cook & baker for Kilpatrick Bros. & Collins grading outfit, came in from Tongue River Saturday, and went to Cambria to take his former position in the hotel.

The new board of County Commissioners failed to provide a temple for the use of our Justices of the Peace, & Police Judge Shively will hold his court at the city hall forum.

Tuesday, the 3rd, about 10 o'clock p.m. a man came running out of the Antelope Mine & ordered the stretcher. There had been a cave-in, & John Rains was badly injured.

The body of A. Poulson, was laid to rest in the Cambria Cemetery Saturday. Deceased had been a resident of Cambria the past two years.

The new Catholic Church in this city was opened to the public last Sunday, Father Cassidy officiating a high mass.

**January 10, 1918**

Al Brown was in from his ranch in Brown Glen Saturday.

The Ladies' Aid Society will sew at the Red Cross rooms next Thursday.

Charlie Sheldon was a county seat visitor from his ranch one day the first of the week.

H.O. Wantz, the Salt Creek ranchman was transacting business in Newcastle Tuesday.

The Wykota Oil & Refining Company and the Union Oil Company have established offices in the Nichols Block, the same being in charge of the secretary of the companies, Robert Allan Smith.

B.F. Schulze, of Beaver Creek, was in town Friday, having on the market a load of fine "porkers" which he sold to the Newcastle Mercantile Company for use in their market.

Monday morning the city schools resumed work after a pleasant vacation of two weeks during the holiday season.

Herschell Hackney, of the Hackney Ranch, took advantage of the extremely warm weather last week and planted his fall wheat.

There is no question about the mildness of the winter so far and the best indication that the balance of the winter will be mild is that the meadow larks have not left the country for their southern winter quarters.

**January 14, 1943**

Deputy game wardens have started "transplanting" antelope from northeastern Wyoming to the southeastern part of the state.

John Edward Brennan, infant son of Mr. & Mrs. Dan Brennan, passed away at their home here Tuesday, following an illness of nearly a month.

During the year 1942 shipments of products from Weston County totaled 408 carloads by rail, with a total of 161 carloads of all products shipped into the county.

Domenic Trocello of Newcastle called at John Perino's on Saturday.

Geneive Ann Pzinski, small daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Stanley

Pzinski, was kicked by a colt New Year's Day, but is getting along as well as can be expected.

Ted Elliott assisted J.E. Long this week repairing the school house District #1, across the Cheyenne River from the Simmons place.

Knute Jackman has been on the sick list for several days this week.

Conrad Sundstrom returned New Year's Day from Pearl Harbor after spending the past six months there employed in construction work.

*Should have seen it in color*



**Dr. Fred Horton, pioneer physician** (Photo Courtesy of Anna Miller Museum)

## WHAT'S UP

### December 2017

#### Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>Thurs 28</b>	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
<b>Fri 29</b>	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Cinnamon Rolls Bingo	WC Senior Center VFW Hall
<b>Sun 31</b>	1:00 p.m.	2017 Weather Tracking	USDA Building
<b>January 2018</b>			
<b>Mon 01</b>	12:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	New Years Walk Friends of Fair Meeting City Council Meeting AA Meeting	Kozisek Aquatic Center WC Fairgrounds Council Chambers WC Senior Center, Family Room
<b>Tues 02</b>	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	WC Commissioners Meeting Story Time Newcastle Area Chamber Board Mtg.	WC Annex WC Library WC Library
<b>Wed 03</b>	12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.	Newcastle Lions Club Meeting Creative Handicraft Group	WC Senoir Center WC Senior Center
<b>Thurs 04</b>	1:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	VFW Auxiliary Meeting AA Meeting Salt Creek Water District WC Musuem District Masons #13 Meeting	WC Senior Center WC Senior Center, Family Room District Office Anna Miller Museum Masonic Lodge

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#### Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Dec 28**  
Don & Marilyn Hansen  
Rose Baldwin  
Mike & Rose Baldwin  
**Dec 29**  
Scott Sewell  
Mark & Dottie Sylte  
Tom & Melanie Sylte  
**Dec 30**  
Mark & Lori Yeatman  
**Dec 31**  
Wyatt Amdahl  
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**Jan 02**  
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**Jan 03**  
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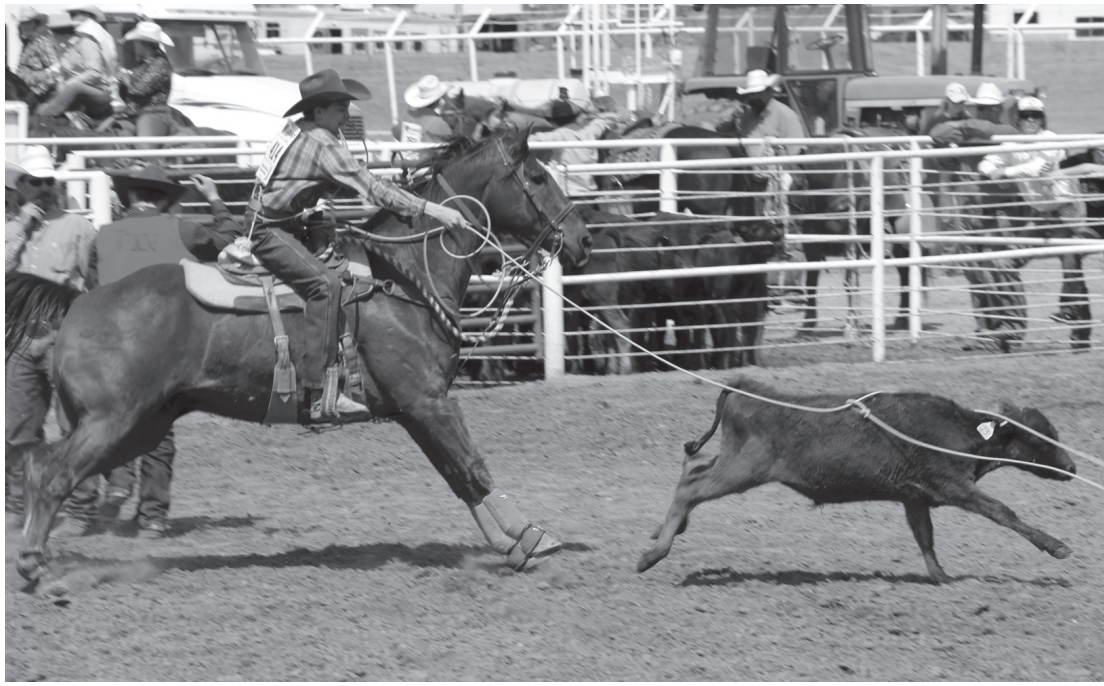
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High School Rodeo participant Davin Tysdal throws his lasso during the annual county fair, at the Weston County Fairgrounds Outdoor Arena. (NLJ File Photo by Alexis Barker)

Barn on May 9. Mayor Deb Piana spoke at the event. Part of the goal was to inform the community of city spending and budget planning. Piana also wants to keep the public involved, and expressed a desire for a relationship between community and local businesses. Piana also wants to recognize areas of potential improvement in Newcastle.

The Newcastle City Council permitted a motion to submit a grant application for \$500,000 to the Wyoming Business Council to finish the bike path that runs from U.S. Highway 16 Bypass to Saddle Subdivision. This wasn't the first time the grant had been applied for, but this time seemed more hopeful since the State Land and Investment Board had expressed that they would like officials to try again.

One of the tornado sirens was found to be damaged on a siren test on April 12. Denise Bradshaw, the Homeland Security director, decided to test the sirens more often to ensure the functioning of them for future emergencies. This testing would be conducted each month. The one that had been damaged was by Voelker's Autobody and Glass, and it had been fixed by 21 Electric. For added safety and caution, Bradshaw was also considering local churches for possible storm shelters.

On May 8, the City Council went through a budget work session. With the apprehension of less income, the reserve fund would be needed to balance the budget, and a proposed 2-percent pay raise across the board for city workers was concerning. However, the budget was adjusted, and a few things were cut. The council decided to give the 2-percent pay raise for city workers, and they would also continue to pay for workers' insurance.

Newcastle High School Principal Tracy Ragland was chosen by the Wyoming Association of Secondary School Principals to be Principal of the Year. There was also a NASSP Principals Institute event in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 24-25 that Ragland was invited to attend, and he qualified to be one of the three finalists for the 2017 National Principal of the Year Award. Ragland started out as a middle school science teacher and went on to be involved in administrative duties before he became the high school assistant principal and finally the principal. He is, and has been, on numerous boards, such as the Wyoming's Professional Teaching Standards Board.

## JUNE

With the completion of Level I in the Beaver Creek Watershed Study along with an additional study, all of Weston County would be covered by an existing watershed study, according to WCNRD Director Lacey Sloan, who was and is working with consultants from Olsson Associates, and wants landowners to be involved. A scoping meeting was held on June 27, and it provided for an opportunity for landowners to get involved and give feedback concerning these watershed studies. The goal is to make sure every concern of landowners is

acknowledged, and they want landowners to be able to learn and gain knowledge of these studies. Landowners also have the possibility of receiving state funding for individual projects.

The Weston County Health Services Board of Directors was considering a budget for fiscal year 2018, and wanted to contemplate places where they could cut. When estimating income and expenses, they go by history, increased service charges for certain departments, and effects of new technology on certain departments. They also look at areas that might require more funding. WCHS also decided on a capital budget, consisting of things that they would like to acquire, but the actual attainment of these things depends on funds and direct need for them. The total capital budget was predicted at \$1,811,514.

House Bill 194 was passed during the 2017 General Session of the 64th Wyoming Legislature. This bill permitted that school district workers could possess firearms on school property. Whether or not a school district allows employees to have firearms on school property was then decided upon by each individual school district. Don Hansen, Weston County School District #1's attorney, came up with a draft statement concerning this issue and presented it to the Board of Trustees. The Board did not support moving forward with allowing guns on school property, but wanted members of the community to give their opinion on the matter as well. It was pointed out that there have been several staff members who have articulated an interest in carrying firearms. Board Chairman John Riesland said school resource officers possessing firearms would be more desirable.

Northern Wyoming Mental Health acquired a new counselor, Bob Lowe. He had originally been a case worker for RENEW, and had owned Western Nursing Open Doors in Gillette for 15 years, and worked with many people with disabilities. He had also worked with Central Wyoming Counseling Center. Lowe also has experience with homeless veterans and veterans with post traumatic stress disorder. After working intake at two psychiatric facilities in Las Vegas, Nev., and after getting a Wyoming license, he moved back to the state.

## JULY

According to statistics from the Wyoming Department of Health, opioid abuse is a major issue in Wyoming, with 16.8 deaths from overdoses out of 100,000 people between 2012 and 2016. However, according to Wyoming Board of Pharmacy Executive Director Mary Walker, Weston County is actually down in the usage of opioid drugs. Out of 23 counties, Weston County is number 20 in the prescribing of Schedule II prescriptions, and is 19 out of 23 per capita.

A budget of \$10,211,521.50 was decided upon by Weston County Commissioners, with \$1,297,250 budgeted to the Road and Bridge Department, \$471,884.76 to Weston County

Sheriff's Office. Mallo Camp was budgeted \$148,000, Weston County Fair \$270,289.64, and Weston County Library \$355,625, all in block allocations. A total of \$5,233,230.03 was budgeted for various other accounts, along with \$407,000 to retirement and \$264,000 to social security. Insurance would also continue to be provided to workers, which would accumulate to about \$587,000.

The go-ahead was given to Randy Hein, an architect, to design plans for the renovation of the Weston County Courthouse. This would include a security upgrade, having the bathrooms redone, more space for Circuit Court workers, and the Circuit Court offices would be moved to the basement. Funding for this would come from courthouse security money, the State Loan and Investment Board, the Wyoming Supreme Court, funding from the county consensus that wasn't consumed, and match money from the county. The cost was approximated at \$950,000, and they would be short about \$135,000 due to receiving less than desired from SLIB. Also, Hein had been willing to agree to a reduced amount.

A Newcastle local, diagnosed with Guillain Barre Syndrome, pushed through hardship and is now trying to help and encourage others. Shane Ankeney was suddenly paralyzed and after many months of hardships and rehabilitation, is now able to walk short distances with help. Among the things he does to help, he attended a City Council meeting on June 19 to discuss how many sidewalks in town may not be Americans with Disabilities Act accessible and may not be easily navigated by people confined to wheelchairs. He has advocated for the city to look into this, and possibly make some repairs to better this situation.

## AUGUST

The Wyoming Department of Transportation has run into a financial road block for the coming years. Their revenue for fiscal year 2017 is down. Due to the lack of funds, the maintenance of highways and bridges will not be up to its current condition. However, WYDOT is planning to take on three major projects in Weston County over the course of the next six years.

The completion of the bike path has been important to the city of Newcastle, and it was on the target list in August, but ran into a few financial problems after it was put out to bid. Newcastle City Council expected the bids for the bike path to go past the budget of \$254,000, and that's exactly what happened. The lowest bid, made by Farnsworth Services, exceeded the budget by \$120,000. However, with the cooperation of Farnsworth Services, a decision was made to scale the project back a little to fit the budget.

The Upton Logistics Center prepared to construct necessary facilities and track to be used by the new railcar cleaning and repair business. This facility has had support from Upton

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and Weston County, and now has the support from the U.S. Department of Commerce. A total of \$1.9 million is being provided by the department. This money will help the new business with the track and facilities it needs to operate. John Marshall, president of Upton Economic Development Board, believes that the new facility will provide many decent jobs and help the revenue of Weston County.

NHS Science teachers Doug Scribner, James Stith, and Zach Beam — along with a group of students — went to Guernsey to see and record video of the eclipse. Much dedication and research was put into the project prior to the trip, but everyone thought it worthwhile. They worked as citizen scientists and learned to use the proper equipment for recording the eclipse. The teachers said it was both educational and the experience of a lifetime.

### SEPTEMBER

The bike path project ran into yet another roadblock when City Engineer Mike Moore shared that a modified proposal was not an option due to the fact that the project has federal funding. The city had four options to choose from on what they could do next, and it was approved unanimously to completely rebuild the project.

A fire broke out on Breakneck Road, damaging a total of 7.5 acres. The Weston County Fire Protection District, the Wyoming State Forestry Division, and the Black Hills National Forest Fire Agency all showed up to help put out the fire. Daniel Tysdal, the county's fire warden, believes the fire to be human caused. He strongly advised to use extreme caution when handling fire, especially during the "extreme fire danger" status.

Newcastle High School created a way for students to reach out and connect with



**Josie Lawler, Paige Liggett, Rya Liggett, Lacey Johnson and Tannice Claxton made up just one of the many teams entered in the Mud Volleyball event at RPM Days. (Photo by Andy McKay)**

Weston County's veterans by joining with the Veteran of Foreign Wars. It's a great opportunity for both veterans and kids to connect and learn from each other. It also allows the veterans to get the physical help they need. The NHS students will be going to the senior center once a month for a free breakfast for veterans to help the kids connect with the vets. Their goal is to show the veterans that they are happy to care and help them.

On April 11, Russ Welch Jr. and James Watkins were arrested when the police found counterfeit monies at 793 Sackett Ave. in Osage. On Sept. 14, Welch was sentenced to 27 months in prison after pleading guilty to one count of counterfeiting and forging obligations. In addition to prison, Welch also faces three years of supervised release, a \$200 payment in restitution, and \$100 in special assessment.

### OCTOBER

WCSD #1 Transportation Director Mark Peterson expressed safety concerns for late-returning bus trips. One idea was to consider trips exceeding

1 a.m. as overnight trips, but this was shown to have its problems. With an already tight budget, this idea probably wouldn't work. Several other ideas were thrown around, but no decision was made.

August proved to be another tough month for Weston County Health Services as they experienced a negative flow of cash and net income. The board of trustees allowed WCHS to use \$205,000 in the WYO-STAR reserve to help with the financial needs. Chief Financial Officer Lynn Moller said that September appeared to be better financially.

On Oct. 9, a bid was accepted for the construction project concerning the repair and overlay of Winthrop Street and Deanne Avenue. Simon Contractors won the bid. While a lower bid was presented by Timberline Services, the committee was not sure if the company was adequate to perform the job so the higher bid was accepted.

Gage Mefford, 9, was diagnosed with pilocytic astrocytoma, which is a low-grade cancer located in the brain or spine. At first, when he told

his parents about his pain, they assumed it to be from playing sports, only later to find out that it was cancer. The community arose to help the Mefford family. Gage's football teammates placed his number on their helmets, and a tailgate party was hosted, raising \$2,400. Gage's mother, Kandice, said that without the community's support, Gage's situation would've been a lot harder.

### NOVEMBER

Newcastle City Council approved one of two proposed deposit increases at its Nov. 20 meeting. A proposal was made to make a deposit increase for new customers and landfill-only customers, but the increase for new customers was declined and the increase for landfill-only customers was approved. It was proposed to raise it from \$100 to \$250 by Greg James, city clerk/treasurer, but Councilman Steven Ladwig made a suggestion to only raise it to \$200. The final vote was to increase the deposit to \$250.

Black Hills Energy announced they would be

closing their walk-in payment locations on Dec. 15, due to the lack of customers paying their bills in this manner. Even with the closing, Newcastle residents will still be able to pay their bills with no extra cost. Customers can pay their bills at Loaf 'n Jug, by mailing a check to BHE, or electronically. Black Hills Energy area operations manager, Ken Meirose, wants to make sure the community knows that they will still have local presence, in spite of the closing of the local office.

In a case involving the sexual assault of a minor, a formal complaint to the county commissioners about County Attorney William Curley's handling of the case was made by Jessica Graham. She believes that he had "a lack of attention, knowledge, and professionalism in the case." Other complaints have also been made regarding Curley's prosecutions, especially those involving children. Graham has strongly pursued state agencies and others for their support in this case. She hopes that they will "take action to right this tremendous wrong." She's frustrated with the lack of help the other agencies demonstrated. A motion was approved by the commissioners to request the attorney general conduct an investigation into the need for a special prosecutor in the case.

### DECEMBER

Newcastle Elementary School is working to become a Title I school and has already started the application process. Brandy Holmes, principal of NES, stated that the school has now reached a certain level to qualify. This qualification is based on the students enrolled in the federal free or reduced lunch program. Title I gives financial help to schools that have many students that come from low-income families. NES is a Title I targeted program, but not quite a Title I school. According to Todd Quigley, NES assistant

principal, it's better to be a Title I school instead of a targeted school, and he stated that there aren't many downsides to being a Title I school when comparing the two.

There was a plane crash Dec. 2 at Mondell Field Airport. The pilot of the experimental aircraft was Drew Brewer, and he was test-flying the plane. Brewer was inexperienced and without a license, and received several injuries. However, there was no fire, which may have saved Brewer's life, and Denise Bradshaw, director of Weston County Homeland Security, claimed that teams responding to the crash did a great job.

The Weston County Commissioners were presented with a salvage bill for \$19,086 for a vehicle impounded after a fatal accident more than a year earlier. The vehicle was impounded at the request of the Wyoming Highway Patrol, and the county was going to ask that agency if it intended to pay all or part of the bill.

Caroline Scoutt was arrested as the result of an investigation held after a Coroner's Inquest concluded at the end of 2016 found cause to look further into incidents surrounding the death of Richard Campbell at her property in 2015. Scoutt faces two felony charges of obtaining property by false pretense, and a misdemeanor charge of counseling without a license.

Wyoming Attorney General Peter Michael declared in a letter that he saw no need for a special prosecutor in a child sexual assault case in Weston County after the Weston County Commissioners asked him to consider appointing one for the case. Following receipt of the letter, Weston County Attorney William Curley moved forward with a plea agreement he had made with the defendant in the case, but District Judge Michael Deegan rejected the plea agreement and the charges against the defendant were dismissed.

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Beware of flood-damaged vehicles pouring into market

If you're looking for a used car, you may want to take extra caution before you make an investment. Following recent hurricanes, thousands of submerged vehicles have been abandoned and may be shipped to other parts of the country through car wholesalers. There are numerous reports of flood-damaged vehicles originating from the Gulf Coast states being distributed across the country into markets of unsuspecting consumers. The Wyoming Department of Insurance offers these tips when buying a used vehicle.

### Beware when shopping for a used vehicle

Most states require vehicle titles to indicate if there is flood damage. However, some wholesalers may intentionally transfer titles to avoid having the damage noted, which diminishes the value of the car. Flooded vehicles are often cleaned up and transported far away from their original location after a major storm. Long-term effects from flood damage can affect the vehicle for years.

Flooded-out vehicles are often declared a total loss by the insurer, at which point the vehicle should be issued a salvage title. A salvage title indicates the vehicle was deemed a total loss by an insurance company. These vehicles are usually sold at a salvage auction for parts. However, these vehicles can be legally resold if the flood damage is declared on the title.

### How to avoid purchasing a previously flooded vehicle

The National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) is designed to prevent the concealment of flood damage and other vehicle



histories. NMVTIS is overseen by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and offers information to help protect you from title fraud and unsafe vehicles. This is a nationwide database and the only one to which all junk and salvage yards, insurance carriers, salvage auctions and other businesses are required to report total loss and junk/salvage vehicles.

The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) also maintains a database, VINCheck program, where consumers can enter a vehicle identification number to check for a salvage (or stolen) vehicle. It should be noted that these reports only monitor vehicles that were insured and were insured by participating companies.

While a car may look perfectly fine on the surface, there could be hidden defects. Flood damage can compromise a car's computer and safety mechanisms, which pose significant safety hazards. Also, your insurance company may not insure or fully insure a vehicle previously determined a total loss.

### Do your own inspection

Take the time to scrutinize the car:

- Check the engine for a high water mark on the block or radiator, which is a clear indication that the car has been flooded.
- Look for rust or corrosion on wires and other components under the hood.
- Be suspicious if the carpet smells damp or of mildew. Be leery of new carpet in older vehicles.
- If the seller say they've lost the title, do not purchase the vehicle.

Flooded vehicles often end up at car auctions. Shop at a reputable dealership or get a full inspection prior to purchasing a vehicle.

### Ask questions

Before buying a car, ask the dealer for a report with a detailed history of the car. If you're not purchasing the vehicle from a dealer, you can get a vehicle history report.

Comprehensive vehicle history reports are produced with the vehicle identification number (VIN) and are available for a fee from a variety of sources, including:

- Carfax
- Auto Check
- VinAudit

### More information

For more information about auto insurance, contact the Wyoming Department of Insurance.



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# 2017 Sports In Review

News Letter Journal

## Schedule

**High School Boys Basketball**  
1/2 Lusk Tigers @ Lusk V9 3/4:30/6/7PM  
1/5 vs. Torrington V9 4/5:30/7PM

**High School Girls Basketball**  
1/2 Lusk Tigers @ Lusk V9 3/4:30/6/7PM  
1/5 vs. Torrington V9 4/5:30/7PM

**High School Wrestling**  
1/2 vs. Lusk Tigers H 6PM  
1/5 Douglas Shane Shatto Invite 10AM  
1/6 Douglas Shane Shatto Invite TBA

**High School Boys Swimming**  
1/5 Worland Warriors A 4PM

## Winning at life

*Champions do not become champions when they win an event, but in the hours, weeks, months, and years they spend preparing for it.*

— Michael Jordan

I recently came across this quote from one of my favorite athletes of all time, and as I worked on the year in review stories for this week, it got me to thinking. What do all of the athletes these stories highlighted throughout 2017 have in common?

As far as I can see, the answer comes down to two things — dedication to their craft and being multi-sport athletes.

Though Jordan was probably referring to off-season work for one particular sport, if you spend your winter, spring, summer and fall competing in a sport— regardless of what it is— you are going to become better in every one that you play.

The skills you learn, the understanding of the game, and the teamwork required all translate into making you a better athlete in general and a better team overall.

Looking back through the year, the Newcastle Senior Babe Ruth squad won their second consecutive state championship, the Dogie football team advanced to the first round of the playoffs, and the Dogie hoops squad has opened up their 2017-2018 season with a perfect record going into the Christmas break.

Those three teams have a few players in common who are all four-sport athletes. Coincidence? I think not.

Winning is about more than the physical aspect of the game.

— See Karp, Page 14



Sonja Karp  
Karpe Dogie

# Gridders define Dogie pride

By Sonja Karp  
NLJ Sports Reporter

A season that began with a little uncertainty due to the roster being made up of mostly young and inexperienced players developed into one in which the Dogies rallied around a small contingent of veteran upperclassmen who led them to a first round playoff berth this fall, and their ability to succeed where others thought they would fail cemented “Never Say Die Dogies” as the battle cry of this era of Newcastle High School football.

The Dogies blasted out of the gate with a 42-0 routing of their interstate rival, the Custer Wildcats, in their zero week game.

Senior Lyle Whitney was the go-to guy for the squad, punching in four touchdowns on offense and intercepting the ball for a pick-six on defense as well. Senior teammate Cam Quigley added the other touchdown on the night, and the senior duo would go on to provide a solid 1-2 punch for the Dogies throughout the season.

“Lyle and Cam both had really great nights,” Coach Matt Conzelman nodded. “I’m hoping Lyle took his offensive line out for lunch sometime that week, because they opened up a lot of holes for him.”

The following week the Dogies traveled to Lovell, where a bit of a David and Goliath scenario played out as the Bulldogs were much bigger, and played a much more physical game than had the Wildcats.

Fortunately, the Dogies established



It was a whole team effort each time the Dogies took the field. Here, the team clears the way for Lyle Whitney to pick up some yardage against the Custer Wildcats in the team’s season opening win. (Photo by Sonya Karp/NLJ)

a 15 point cushion heading into the fourth quarter of play, and they needed every last bit of that to hang on for the 22-20 win.

“The Lovell game was what I call a high blood pressure game,” Conzelman laughed. “I like the blowouts, but the closer ones just have a different vibe that helped to prepare us for games down the line.”

The 2-0 winning streak came to an abrupt end as the Dogies lost the next three contests against the 1A Upton/Sundance Patriots, the 3A Torrington Trailblazers and the 2A Glenrock Herders.

Down, but not out, Newcastle headed into their next contest against the Burns Broncos with the determination to get back on the winning track,

and they did just that by cruising to a 44-16 victory.

Though the Broncos jumped out to an early lead, the Dogies soon took control as Whitney punched in three touchdowns and a couple of two-point conversions. Quigley added two TDs, a two-point conversion and threw for a couple of TD passes.

“They got the first punch in and got us on the chin with a 60-yard TD run, followed by a successful two-point conversion, and that probably woke us up a little bit,” Conzelman stated. “We were able to answer right back though, and good things happened for us after that. You could really feel the momentum shift.”

Though Conzelman’s crew was hoping to carry that momentum into

the next contest against the Moorcroft Wolves, things weren’t looking great as three consecutive Dogie turnovers in the first quarter— one which resulted in a Moorcroft touchdown— were cause for concern as the contest got underway.

However, in the second frame Whitney got his team on the board with his first of two touchdowns on the night, and the second TD of the quarter came about as Quigley ran a 70-yard punt return into the end zone. He followed that up with a two-point conversion pass to Dylan Tidyman to put his squad up 14-8 over the Wolves.

Momentum remained with the Dogies throughout the second half as they added two more touchdowns in the third and fourth quarters from Quigley and Tidyman respectively, while holding Moorcroft scoreless to take the 35-8 conference victory.

The Whitney, Quigley, Tidyman trifecta provided all the points for the Dogies once again as they faced off against the Wheatland Bulldogs the following week, but time ran out before they could pull out a win against their conference rival.

“The game came down to one play at the end, but there were a lot of other plays that happened earlier that could have made the difference as well,” head coach Matt Conzelman admitted. “But it was a really fun game to watch, and a fun one to play! We’ve had some really intense games with Wheatland in the last few years, and that one was no

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# Grapplers making Dogie history

By Sonja Karp  
NLJ Sports Reporter

It’s been a pretty good year for a few Newcastle wrestlers. From great finishes at the Regional and State Tournaments last March to a good start to the 2017-2018 season, the tomes of Dogie history have been, and continue to be, written.

Hard work and dedication to his sport paved the way for Bryce Womack, in his final season as a Dogie, to leave behind a legacy for those who follow. Four years of focus and commitment to being the best he could be culminated with the heavyweight dominating not only the 3A East weight class, but also the competitors from across the state as he pinned his way through Regionals and State to claim the title of state champion at 285 pounds.

“Bryce worked hard to get his confidence up and



Big Bryce Womack saw his hard work pay off in his final season as a Dogie when he was crowned champion at 285 last March. (Photo by Sonya Karp/NLJ)

his technique sharpened, and you could just see it in his eyes that he was unbeatable,” head coach Lee McCoy reminisced. “What he did in the last two weeks of the season was incredible. He beat the returning state champion and the runner up from the year before at Regionals, and then he had to get past two really tough opponents at State.”

Though Womack has moved on from NHS, his endeavors remain in that schools annals, as he joined his champion predecessors on the wall of fame.

Trayton Dawson (113) and Wyatt Corley (152) joined Womack as champions at the Regional Tournament in 2017, and both looked promising as they headed into the State Tournament seeded first in their respective weight classes.

“Trayton was just dominant at Regionals and was simply the best kid in his bracket on our side of the state,” McCoy

nodded. “Wyatt was also dominant and peaked at just the right time. He believed in himself, and I had faith that he would be a state champion as well, given his attitude and his work ethic.”

Unfortunately for these two, each ran into one opponent who proved to be a little too much as they fought their way through the ranks. One lost match meant having to settle for second in Corley’s case and third in Dawson’s.

“Wyatt was on a terror the last two weeks of the season, and he made quick work of all of his opponents in the rounds leading up to the finals, pinning them in the first period,” McCoy remembered. “He just couldn’t get the championship match to where he felt comfortable, and ended up getting pinned.”

Dawson’s slip occurred in the semifinal round when he

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December 17, 2017
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December 18
Suspicious activity reported. Medical assist. Phone harassment reported. VIN inspection requested. Traffic hazard reported. Medical assist. School bus red light runner reported. Found dog reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Report of a dog at large. Traffic stop, One arrest. Welfare check requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

December 19
Parking complaint. Welfare check requested. Traffic hazard reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Phone harassment reported. Open door reported. Arrest Warrant issued.

December 20
Medical assist. Report of a dog at large. Assault reported. Minor accident reported.



Assist other agency. Domestic problem reported. Assist other agency. Domestic problem reported, One arrest.
December 21
Domestic problem reported. Traffic complaint. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Assist other agency. Parking complaint. Minor accident reported. Parking complaint. Stolen car reported.

December 22
Medical assist. House check requested. 911 hang up. Phone harassment reported. Suspicious activity reported. Civil problem reported. Welfare check requested. Traffic stop. Written Warning issued. Parking complaint.

December 23
Civil standby requested. Drunk driver reported. 911 hang up. Civil standby requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

City Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 10, SERIES 2017

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

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

Section 1: Section 13-9(a) and (b) of Article II, Chapter 13 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. 13-9. Charges for garbage collection by the City.

(a) Basic rates for the collection, removal, transporting and disposal of garbage by the employees and agents of the City shall be as follows:

(1) Within the City limits:
(A) 95 gallon capacity cans: The monthly garbage service collection charge for 95 gallon capacity cans collected within the City shall be \$13.95 per month for each 95 gallon capacity can for one collection per week per can.
(B) 300 gallon capacity cans: The monthly garbage service collection charge for 300 gallon capacity cans collected within the City shall be as set forth in the following schedule:

Table with 5 columns: Number of 300 gallon capacity cans, Pick-ups per Week (1-5), and corresponding charges.

For each additional 300 gallon capacity can in excess of eight 300 gallon capacity cans the monthly collection charges shall be as follows: \$36.74 for one collection per week; \$73.47 for two collections per week; \$110.21 for three collections per week; \$146.94 for four collections per week; and \$183.68 for five collections per week.

(2) Outside the City limits:
(A) 95 gallon capacity cans: The monthly garbage service collection charge for 95 gallon capacity cans outside the City shall be \$20.93 per month for each 95 gallon capacity can for one collection per week per can.
(B) 300 gallon capacity cans: The monthly garbage service collection charge for 300 gallon capacity cans collected outside the City shall be as set forth in the following schedule:

Table with 5 columns: Number of 300 gallon capacity cans, Pick-ups per Week (1-5), and corresponding charges.

For each additional 300 gallon capacity can in excess of eight 300 gallon capacity cans the monthly collection charges shall be as follows: \$55.10 for one collection per week; \$110.21 for two collections per week; \$165.31 for three collections per week; \$220.42 for four collections per week; and \$275.52 for five collections per week.

(b) Additional collection charges: A customer may request additional collections of garbage by the City. The charges for each additional collection of a customer's cans shall be as follows:

(1) Within the City limits:
(A) 95 gallon capacity cans: \$27.57 per 95 gallon capacity can for each additional collection.
(B) 300 gallon capacity cans: \$82.67 per 300 gallon capacity can for each additional collection.
(2) Outside the City limits:
(A) 95 gallon capacity cans: \$41.33 per 95 gallon capacity can for each additional collection.
(B) 300 gallon capacity cans: \$110.21 per 300 gallon capacity can for each additional collection."

Section 2: This Ordinance shall become effective as of the first billing cycle after passage and upon publication as provided by law

Passed on first reading: November 20, 2017.
Passed on second reading: December 4, 2017.
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on third reading this 18th day of December, 2017.

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

(Publish December 28, 2017)

Fun and Games

THE 1990s

ACROSS

- 1. Had, with "thou"
6. Leaves in a bag
9. "\_\_\_\_\_ good example"
13. Chilled
14. Hole punching tool
15. John du Pont, e.g.
16. "Private Parts" and "Miss America" author
17. Hawaiian garland
18. Faster!
19. "Highest grossing movie
21. "Popular 1990s communication device
23. Digital location marker
24. Sty cry
25. Homer's exclamation
28. Ticket leftover
30. Perform onychectomy
35. International Civil Aviation Organization
37. Please get back to me
39. Andean pack animal
40. Aldous Huxley's drug of choice
41. Willow twig
43. Cain's unfortunate brother
44. Like Desmond Morris' ape
46. Of low density
47. Cosa Nostra and such
48. Entertained
50. Yanks
52. U Rah \_\_\_\_\_!
53. "Put that in your \_\_\_\_\_ and smoke it!"
55. "Swedish pop group, \_\_\_\_\_ of Base
57. "Human \_\_\_\_\_ Project
60. "Grunge fabric
64. Panthers
65. "Uh-uh"
67. Indian cuisine yogurt staple
68. High society
69. Genesis vessel
70. Audiencis approval
71. '70s hairdo
72. "Pamela Anderson's husband
73. Rosetta Stone, e.g.
DOWN

- 1. "Conan debuted as one on NBC in 1993
2. Against
3. Weight watcher's plan
4. Garbage disposal fodder
5. "Anna Kournikova's domain
6. Barber's supply
7. "Dolly
8. Cover story
9. a.k.a. porgy
10. Dublin land
11. Millimeter of mercury
12. Take your pick
15. Israeli monetary unit
20. Preface
22. "Emma Thompson in "Howard's \_\_\_\_\_"
24. Eliminate
25. "Royal car crash victim
26. \_\_\_\_\_'s razor
27. 3-line poem
29. "This socialist state is no more, acr.
31. Chowder ingredient
32. "Robert Reich, Secretary of \_\_\_\_\_
33. Single-cell animal
34. "Brandon or Brenda of "Beverly Hills, 90210"
36. Lyric poems
38. Paddington's home country
42. Like something fit for a king
45. Remove from the throne
49. Not bright
51. Frightens
54. Prison-related

- 56. Perform in a play
57. \*1991 war site
58. Arabian chieftain
59. \*Operation Joint Endeavour mastermind organization
60. Type of fish net
61. Cairo's waterway
62. Et alibi, abbr.
63. "Late Night" becomes "\_\_\_\_\_ Show"
64. One in a pod
66. Second person of be

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different!”  
In the final, pivotal regular game of the season, the Dogies hosted the Thermopolis Bobcats. On the line was first round playoff seeding. The winner would secure the number three seed, the loser the four seed, which would pit them against the number one Mountain View Buffs at their house for the first post-season contest.

Neither team wanted to be on the losing end of this battle, but Newcastle made it clear early, and often, that they wanted the win more. They had their way with the Bobcats from the start, cruising to an easy 48-12 victory.

Whitney drew first blood and put his team on the board with the first of three touchdowns of the night, and what happened next may have been the play that made all the difference in the game.

Junior Brady Wilkes kicked off after the Dogies' TD, and for some reason, the Bobcats seemed to be in no hurry to get to the ball. Quigley got down the field and fell on it to regain possession for his team, and on the next play connected with Tidyman in a spectacular end zone catch.

The quick one-two punch the Dogies delivered to Thermopolis seemed to leave

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NHS Head Coach

them reeling, and they just could never quite recover.

“We jumped on them very fast, which is exactly what we needed to do,” Conzelman nodded. “Dylon's catch was amazing. He just rose up and snatched it out of the air!”

The Quigley/Tidyman connection struck again before the end of the first quarter, and a good PAT by Isaiah Covey put the Dogies up 19-0 over the Bobcats. Then a pair of TDs by Quigley, a two-point conversion by Tidyman, and another good PAT by Covey had the home team up 34-0 at the half. The Bobcats were definitely

wounded, and the bleeding didn't stop in the third quarter when Whitney picked up two more TDs and did so in style. For his first, he broke free and rushed 61 yards into the end zone, and his second was a 91-yard reception from Quigley.

The Dogies went into the first round playoff game in Big Piney down a couple of starters, but with a plan in place to cover the positions. Unfortunately, the best laid plans of mice and men often go awry, and that's exactly what happened as they ended their season much sooner than hoped, losing 14-42.

“There was just so much adversity that hit us in that game,” head coach Matt Conzelman sighed. “We were down players, we had guys who weren't 100 percent, and then we lost Cam [Quigley]. It's like taking parts off of a machine — it's just doesn't run as efficiently.”

“Overall, it was just a fun year with a good group of kids who gave us a lot of exciting opportunities throughout the course of the season,” he added. “I know this isn't where they wanted to finish up, but I thought they fought hard in every game. They are very coachable kids and just a fun group to be around.”



Jacob Esposito turned a winter of hard work into a regional championship to wrap up his senior season, and followed it up with an appearance in the finals of three events at the State Meet a week later. (Photo by Andy McKay)

## Wrestlers from Page 9

lost in overtime 2-3. From there he pinned his way to his third place finish.

Both have one more chance to fulfill their dream of grabbing the title, and look to be starting where they left off last season as the new campaign begins.

Other Dogies who finished well in 2017—and are ones to watch in 2018—include junior Reid Holmes and senior Teigen Marchant.

Marchant fell just short of a Regional championship at 182 when he fell to a Douglas opponent, one who got the better of him more than once last season.

“Their styles are not a good match-up for Teigen, and the kid is a solid wrestler who was able to capitalize on any mistake Teigen might make,” McCoy explained. “In the third period, Teigen figured some things out and wrestled really well, but couldn't get caught up because he gave up too many points in the first two periods.”

With that finish, Marchant was a two seed going into the state tournament, but like Dawson also had a misstep in the semifinal round against a Riverton wrestler who went on to become the state champion. However, Marchant rebounded and fought his way to a third place finish.

Holmes (106) was the Cinderella Story of the State Tournament for the Dogies. Having finished in sixth place at the Regional Tournament, he entered into state unseeded and was pitted against the number one seed from Wheatland in the first round.

Fortune smiled down on Holmes, however, when his opponent forfeited and sent him on to the quarterfinals. He used the unexpected gift to wrestle his way to the championship round, where he faced off against the returning state champion from Star Valley. Despite being very competitive throughout the match, Holmes ended up in second place after losing by a 1-5 decision.

“It really was amazing how Reid did. He got a great opportunity having the number one seed forfeit, and he took full advantage of that,” McCoy stated. “He wrestled a really good championship match, but the Star Valley kid was very good. It was a great experience for him though, and now that he's been there once he's looking to get there again.”

Dawson, Corley, Marchant and Holmes are back on the mat this season with their eyes on taking home a state title and joining Womack on the wall of fame.

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It takes a certain mind-set and mental toughness to overcome adversity. It's about understanding that nothing comes easy, and not letting circumstance dictate the outcome. It's about being tough enough to gut it out, and find a way win.

You don't learn those things sitting on the sidelines.

These kids spend their summers playing baseball, in the weight room with the REP program, and on the field, the court or the mat preparing for the next sport they would play. They spend their fall working

for hours each week to leave it all on the field each Friday.

Their winter involves six days a week playing, and competing for four months, while their spring is spent on the track or the field working hard at yet another sport.

And then they start all over.

If there is ever any wonder why the same kids excel in all the sports they play, one probably doesn't have to look very far to see that it may be because they play so many sports.

Not only can we see

these kids have success as athletes, we will likely see them achieve success in other aspects of life as well. Just as the lessons learned from the different sports translate from one to the other, so do they apply to life in general.

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