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## How suite it is

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

Hospitality and decorating are both things Amanda Bench enjoys.

Fortunately she has been able to incorporate those pursuits into a new business, Sweet Country Suites, located just off the by-pass on South Seneca. Two cottages are available for nightly or weekly rental by calling Bench at 702-371-2139. The front house has three bedrooms and two baths, while the house located behind it has one bedroom.

Last spring, Amanda and Darren Bench bought the two houses and began remodeling them with the intent to rent them out. The dream became a reality last fall, and the cottages have been rented out steadily ever since. It has been an idea Bench has been entertaining for a while.

"I love hotels, so I tried to bring a little bit of everything I liked at a hotel here," she acknowledged.

In the master bedroom of the first house, a heater resembling a fire place sits near the television located across from the bed to give the room ambience. Two other bedrooms, each containing pillow top beds, a bathroom and a shower room are located in the basement, making the accommodations comfortable for a large family.

The second house currently has one bedroom and a fold-out couch for additional sleeping space, along with a kitchen and a full bathroom. When the



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Amanda Bench is proud of the work she has done to present a pair of charming cottages for visitors to reside in while they stay in Newcastle.

remodel of the basement is finished, two more bedrooms will be available.

Both houses have kitchens that are supplied with essentials and a few complimentary snacks. Bench also bakes cookies for her guests, and includes a special gift for them to enjoy upon their

arrival. In the bathroom, little necessities can be found, like cotton balls and swabs next to bath robes.

"I just like to spoil people," she smiled.

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## Prepared

2012 emergencies give direction for future planning

By Kim Dean of NLJ

Weston County Homeland Security Coordinator Doug Jorrey said significant large-scale emergencies that have occurred within the past couple of years in the county have shown the need to activate an Emergency Operations Center that can expand to meet such emergency challenges when they happen.

"We never really had an Emergency Operations Center. I think at one time the Fire Hall was supposed to be the emergency center, which is ok for fires, but what about other emergencies?" noted Jorrey, who visited with then-Sheriff Bill Ware about the need for a separate command center for specific emergency incidents. Both agreed such a need existed.

"I started trying to bring pieces of it together here in the courthouse. It has all of the direct things that are necessary to manage an emergency, but we never really used it. Then we had a prisoner escape in 2011," he

reported.

Jorrey indicated that after the escape it was determined that an EOC separate from the day-to-day dispatch traffic would have aided law enforcement in dealing with the incident.

"The problem with dispatch is, you're getting everything else that happens on a day-to-day basis added to what you're dealing with on an emergency basis," noted Jorrey, citing ambulance calls, dog calls, and other requests.

"The sheriff and I decided we needed to activate the EOC when those incidents happen," stated Jorrey, who noted the dispatch area in the law enforcement building is small and doesn't accommodate extra personnel very well either.

When the decision was made to activate the EOC in the basement of the courthouse for an escape that occurred the following year, other problem areas that needed to be addressed were brought to light. A short time later the Oil Creek Fire erupted, and the level activity pro-

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## Road rumbles

By Bob Bonnar of NLJ

The proposed ten cent per gallon increase in Wyoming's fuel tax passed the House of Representatives last week despite both of Weston County's representatives voting against it. The bill moved over to the Senate, where it is being debated this week, but Weston County's House delegates seemed to indicate a belief that it would pass in that body as well.

"I think the fuel tax will make it through the Senate," Mark Semlek (R,

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## More cops and more calls

By Bob Bonnar of NLJ

Earlier this month, Newcastle Police Chief Jim Owens presented the city council with a report showing an increase in the number of calls handled by his officers over the course of the past year, but he was quick to point out that the jump didn't necessarily indicate that criminal activity was on the rise. In fact, the increase in the amount of contact police officers had with members of the public probably came as a result of there being more police on the streets.

"For a big part of 2011, we were short-handed. In 2012, we pretty much started out with a full crew, and ran the whole year with a full crew. We had more officers, and more people on the street means more stops," Owens told the News Letter Journal on Tuesday.

In the report he distributed to city council members at their January 7 meeting, Owens indicated that the number of calls handled by members of the Newcastle Police Department had increased by 376 from the year before, but he believes that was largely due to the fact that there was a more significant patrol presence in city limits in 2012 as opposed to 2011.

"One of the factors that played into that was that 290 of the calls were in increased traffic stops. It had been a couple of years since we had a full staff. We're still down one position right now, but we're able to cover 50 to 60 percent of the shifts with two officers instead of only one," Owens indicated.

The number of calls handled by the department in 2012 rose to 5,272 from 4,896 in 2011, which showed a much less significant increase over 2010, when there were only 4,867 calls handled. The number of calls handled by the Community Service Officer in 2012 (1,083) was nearly identical to the 1,081 handled in 2011, which was more than a 10 percent increase over the 956 logged in 2010.

While Owens believes the number of traffic stops made by his officers in the past year is directly responsible for the increase in overall police activity shown in the report, he also said that those stops haven't resulted in a significant increase in the workload in municipal court, as the majority of the stops don't result in the issuance of a citation.

"For every five traffic stops made, three of

them are warnings as opposed to citations. That's the way it is averaging out right now, is that 60 to 70 percent of our traffic stops result in warnings, and not citations, so even though there's an increase in the number of traffic stops being made, there's not a huge increase in the number of citations being written," he reasoned.

The increase in traffic stops may have contributed to one other area noted by Owens in his report, however, as he indicated that more stops may have been a contributing factor in an increase in the number of warrant arrests by city police last year.

"The Highway Patrol has proven that the more stops they make, the greater probability of making felony arrests," Owens explained, noting that officers made 20 warrant arrests last year. He believes the large number of workers who hailed from outside the community, but spent time in Weston County last year, also contributed to that increase.

"The majority of the warrant arrests involved out-of-state warrants, and those were up quite a bit. Part of that was due to the construction crews coming through town," he professed.

Outside of traffic stops and warrant arrests, however, there was very little change in any specific category of criminal activity within Newcastle last year.

"Those are all running pretty steady, within a little bit either way, as there isn't a major change in the number of complaints. There's been an increase in activity in some areas, but corresponding decreases in others. It's really spread across the board," said Owens, who took the position of Police Chief last year after spending the previous 11 on the force.

He said that overall, the amount of significant crime in Newcastle has remained relatively unchanged in recent years, and that a couple of areas in particular have actually shown significant improvement in the past two years or so.

"There hasn't been a lot of major crime stuff in the past two years. Going back a few years, we had a rash of commercial burglaries, but we've only had one or two in each of the past two years," he reported.

The number of disturbances reported at local watering holes has also decreased substantially

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Denice Piscioti/NLJ

Students at Newcastle Elementary School gather once a month to find out who has been selected to be included in the ranks of Good Citizens chosen by the faculty at the school.

## Shaping citizens

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

Learning how to be a responsible individual begins at a young age, and Weston County School District #1 believes the values inherent to being a good citizen should be taught at Newcastle Elementary School, with reinforcement of the duties of good behavior continued on at the middle and high schools.

The long-term results of what the students learned early on is expected to be seen in the reputation local students enjoy when visiting other towns, and it is hoped that after the students graduate those lessons will show up in how they choose to live their life as an adult.

"The good citizenship from

past graduates of our high school was seen during the Oil Creek Fire we had this summer. It was demonstrated by what they did for their community, and how they did it with pride," Bill Lambert, Chairman of the WCSD #1 Board of Trustees, told the News Letter Journal in a telephone interview.

He recounted how one NHS graduate had an argument with his employer over his need to take time off to help fight the fire. He said he felt the need to payback the community for the help they had given him. Those lessons in citizenship are taught to the youngest students in Newcastle schools, and Lambert takes obvious pride in seeing them pay dividends in the type

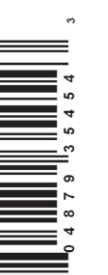
of adults produced by the local school system.

At Newcastle Elementary School, each month one student each from the third, fourth and fifth grades receive a special award presented at an assembly hosted by the Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce. Along with a certificate, a radio interview, and a profile in a newspaper advertisement, the students also receive a t-shirt. NACC board member Norma Shelton explained the award was established in 2002 as a youth project, and has widespread support from local businesses.

"The winners are chosen by the teachers, and Arch Coal

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<b>WEATHER FORECAST</b>	<b>Thursday</b> Partly Sunny Hi 39, Lo 21	<b>Friday</b> Mostly Sunny Hi 38, Lo 25	<b>Saturday</b> Partly Sunny Hi 46, Lo 25	<b>Sunday</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 42, Lo 25	<b>Monday</b> Cloudy Hi 35, Lo 16	<b>Tuesday</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 34, Lo 17	<b>Wednesday</b> Snow Hi 22, Lo 7	<b>INSIDE:</b> • Real wrestlers, Page 6 • Wild week, Page 7 • Dogie doings, Page 9 • Aunt Kathy, Page 16



# Opinion

## News Letter Journal

### Our View

## Idea time

The Newcastle City Council's decision to raise water, sewer and garbage rates last year didn't draw a lot of public ire, and we credit the people of this community for understanding that there is a very real cost associated with providing such services. We constantly lament the cost of the government, but at the same time we desire it to provide a certain level of service, and it is vitally important that we acknowledge that those services aren't free. To do otherwise leads voters to hold their elected officials to unreasonably high expectations that inevitably result in those officials trying to curry favor by providing a level of comfort to his or her constituents that isn't accurately reflected in the amount citizens are expected to pay for such comforts. The end-game of this type of government is deficit spending.

While the residents of this city should be commended for not howling at city officials for implementing a long-overdue rate increase for city utilities, we hope citizens will become more involved with the city council's recent efforts to further rein in costs associated with those services.

In our December 20, 2012 issue, we carried a page one story, "Three years on hold," that details the challenge presented by a growing number of delinquent city utility payments. At their first meeting of 2013, the council voted in support of a measure that will increase the amount of time in which a utility customer will have their service deposit for water, sewer and garbage refunded to them from 12 months to 36 months. It passed on first reading by a 5-2 vote of the council, but it was obvious then that even those who voted for the measure had misgivings over how effective it would be in discouraging late payments on city utility bills.

The problem faced by city government is very real. If they choose to do nothing, responsible citizens who do pay their bills on time will be shouldering the load for those who choose not to. Unfortunately, by making an across the board increase in the time people have to wait until their service deposits are refunded, all of the city's new utility customers, including those who consistently pay their bills on time, will be punished for the sins of the few.

We would suggest that the city examine a system where individuals who do reach a certain threshold of delinquency (perhaps 45 days) are forced to submit a new deposit for continuation of service. That deposit should cover the cost of providing service for a period of three months, and will not be returned until a full year of on-time payments have been logged. That should discourage customers, new and old alike, from allowing their bills to become past due, which requires a considerable number of man-hours, at taxpayer expense, to address. It should decrease the likelihood that an individual will allow their bill to lapse for a period of time before vacating a property and leaving the bill unpaid for eternity.

We think this is an acceptable solution to the problem, but realize there might be a better one out there. That's why we're asking residents to comment on this issue by either submitting a letter to the editor, or attending a city council meeting. We're not asking that the current proposal in front of the council be attacked, or that the one presented here be supported wholeheartedly, because we think either of them could probably be improved upon. We're simply asking that the citizens of the community lend their talents and ideas to grappling with this issue so it can be resolved in a manner that best reflects the wishes of the people of Newcastle. This isn't an issue that requires urgent attention, so there is time for the public to weigh in on it over the next few weeks, and we hope you take advantage of the opportunities that exist for you to do so.

## A dose of real fiscal reality

I think the Feds (all the Washingtonian bureaucrats) ought to turn the country's economy over to a small business owner, a rancher, or a self-supporting single mother. These people have a common-sense grasp of what it takes to balance a budget, pay the bills and get out of debt.

The business owner won't be in business very long if he can't figure out a way to make more money than he spends. The rancher has always had to be able to tighten his belt during the rough times while trying to keep the creatures in his care alive and healthy in both good and bad years. A single mother just about has to be equipped with the patience of Job, the fortitude of the wandering Jews and the Wisdom of Solomon in order to survive and feed her children.

A very simple sample of the national budget has been making the rounds on the internet. The premise is to remove several zeroes from the figures of our country's finances and apply them to a typical family. It goes something like this:

Annual Household Budget  
Household debt: \$140,000  
Household income: \$21,700  
Household spending: \$38,200  
New debt: \$16,500  
Amount cut: \$385

It doesn't take much imagination to follow this line of thought to its inevitable conclusion — or to realize that we, as a country, are in dire straits with a financial "plan" like this.

Another semi-amusing story that's going around the web is a video of a man going into his bank to apply for an increase in his debt limit. It's a riot, but one that is more apt to make a person weep rather than laugh when they realize what is happening, because the video is so maddeningly, depressingly accurate.

The short film begins with a view of the bank and Mr. Smith sitting at the loan officer's desk, asking for his debt limit to be increased. The banker studiously goes over Mr. Smith's finances (approximately the above-mentioned figures) and asks some questions.

"Excuse me, Mr. Smith, but the last time I checked, you were in serious debt." Mr. Smith agrees, says that's why he needs to increase his debt limit from \$140,000 to \$170,000.

The banker continues to quiz Mr. Smith — does he have new income, has he cut any expenses? Smith explains that the family made cuts of \$380 and that it was "brutal." The banker reads off the figures one more time, debt, income, spending, and

the cut of \$380. Mr. Smith replies, "Well, when you say it like that, it sounds like not so much."

Banker tells Smith that he just can't do it, can't raise the debt limit. Smith is upset and explains how bad it was when they made the cuts, "We stopped talking to each other for a month. The baby was totally freaked out."

The banker, aghast, asks, "You have children?" (At this point, the viewer is thinking that the banker is going to tell Mr. Smith that he's insane to consider increasing his debt limit with little children — and their futures — to consider.)

Flash forward to the last frames of the video. The banker is directing a child, about 4 years old, to sign paperwork — and she is scribbling with a crayon. Mr. Smith says, "Aren't kids a blessing? I mean she's got plenty of time to deal with all of this."

Why is it so plain to the common man and so impossible for the bureaucrats to figure out?

I signed up for a newsletter from Charles Krauthammer, which is always insightful, consistently thought-provoking. Krauthammer's January 6 column blasts Obama's spending plans.

It's not too difficult to figure out my political, philosophical and financial leanings by looking at my inbox every day, "Newsmax Magazine," "The Hill," "Mychal Massie," the NO BULL Newsletter from a friend, Governor Mike Huckabee's "God Fruit" and Krauthammer, as well as ads from about six printers (Vistaprint, Shutterfly, York, Mixbook, Picaboo and EZprint — the latter does wonderful panoramic printing) and five or six daily Bible studies.

The most important emails I get are, of course, photos of the grandbabies and the kids I am currently "friends" with all of my children, I think, although I was "defriended" by a couple of people when I posted a pre-election article of Mychal Massie's that was extremely critical of our president. (No loss there. Opinions are opinions. I find it hypocritical and small-minded to shun anyone who expresses different views than one's own.) And the problem with their logic was that Massie is an African-American man so his detractors can't very well accuse *him* of being a racist.

Just now, writing about our country's fiscal woes, KASL played the song "That's why I pray," by Big and Rich. I have a cousin who believes there is no coincidence, if you're a believer and the connection is too appropriate to be accidental. Life is funny, isn't it!



Nicky Groenewold  
Living Local

## Letters to the Editor

### Cowboys and cowgirls make rodeo what it is...or isn't

Dear Editor,

Congratulations on featuring the nice persuasive opinion essays by Newcastle High School students. And congrats to the students for turning out such thoughtful articles. I really enjoyed reading each of them.

I had to chuckle at Tangela Wrage's words, even while regretting how some things never seem to change.

Tangela is obviously looking at this situation through a fresh and personal perspective. Perhaps she's unaware that she's suddenly become part of a huge group of cowboys and cowgirls spanning at least a half century, all of whom have shared the same sentiments, problems, and frustrations regarding rodeo.

Perhaps she's not even aware that Newcastle has a rich high school rodeo heritage — and that the school and most of the residents never even noticed, unless perhaps to penalize those contestants for missing school.

Betty Sims Solt of Roswell, N.M., now a retired rancher and career educator, was asked by her angry 1950s high school principal, "Young lady, do you expect to graduate, or to rodeo?"

She replied, "Sir, I hope to do both." She managed the feat, and went on to become a National College Rodeo Champion, inducted to the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame in 1990.

It's up to the cowboy or cowgirl to make it happen. But the prejudice against rodeo as a school sport doesn't stop at the high school level. My husband, Bill Stearns, who grew up in Weston County but attended high school in South Dakota, becoming their state All Around Champion Cowboy, Steer Wrestling Champ and Bronc Riding Champ in 1958, went on to college at SDSU in Brookings and later Sheridan College in Wyoming.

While at Sheridan, nearing the completion of courses to attain an associate degree, he traveled to Colorado to represent his school in an intercollegiate rodeo. An important final in English was coming up, so he visited with his teacher about it before leaving for the rodeo. She warned him he'd better be in the classroom at 7 a.m. on Monday or he'd miss the

exam.

Therefore, after representing Sheridan College by winning in a couple of events over the weekend, he drove all night to get back to Sheridan. He walked into the school around 6:30 a.m. on Monday, ready for his final, only to be informed that, oh well, the college president had decided they'd just give that test on Saturday night. Of course he never got the degree he'd paid tuition for and put in a lot of time and hard work to attain. But he continued to rodeo past his mid-60s, winning many championships, including a Senior Pro Rodeo World Championship, Reserve World Championship and two Canadian Senior Pro Championships in 50-Plus Saddle Bronc Riding.

It's up to the cowboy or cowgirl to make it happen.

I grew up southwest of Newcastle in Weston County, and I was home-schooled. One of my greatest fears was that, because of home school, I would not be allowed to high school rodeo. However, I did the footwork to find out and to meet the requirements and obtain the necessary permission — and opted to take one of my four years of high school rodeo the summer of 1959 after I finished the eighth grade, at age 13. There sure wasn't any "school spirit" following me around with cheers. I qualified for the National High School Finals, though, but opted to stay home and compete in the Weston County Junior Rodeo.

Whatever the Newcastle community and school did or did not acknowledge, family pride was huge when a team of cousins, two boys and a girl, from Newcastle carried off the team championship from the Wyoming High School Rodeo Finals with an overwhelming lead in 1961. Perhaps Tangela knows of Ashten and Teagan Marchant? Their grandfather was one of those team members.

I personally enjoyed the satisfaction of three-peating the Wyoming High School Rodeo Girl's All Around Championship, Barrel Racing Championship and Pole Bending Championship for 1960, 1961 and 1962, as well as being Wyoming and National High School Rodeo Queen in 1960, and claiming the National High School Pole Bending Championship in 1961 and 1962. My greatest source of pride in those accomplishments is that I personally trained every horse I ever rodeoed on.

It's up to the the cowboy or cowgirl to make it happen.



And while Tangela probably doesn't realize it, a lot of hard work, money, time and love has been put into high school rodeo teams from Newcastle across the years. The number of people who have provided those assets to fledgling rodeo hands is huge. My husband and I, along with my cousins Ann and Lennie Sedgwick (he was another of those winning 1961 Newcastle team members) were personally involved throughout the early 1990s when rough stock was provided and regular practices were held at the fairgrounds arena with expert coaching available. I personally spent years giving horsemanship lessons and clinics on rodeo events in this community and others, and over the last half century have loaned many a horse, rodeo queen clothes, boots, hats and jewelry to contestants.

But no matter how many people support you or fail to support you, rodeo is no different than any other sport. If you wish to excel, you must become tougher, more dedicated, more disciplined, more driven, harder working, smarter thinking, and more tenacious than everyone else in your sport! You must be willing to give more time and effort and pain and sacrifice and hard work — and if you ask God to help you, and give Him all the glory, you'll probably succeed.

The bottom line is this — it's up to the cowboy or cowgirl to make it happen!

—Rhonda Sedgwick Stearns

### Katy and Sandy are together now in heaven

Dear Editor,

I wanted to thank you for the article about my Katy. Even though I talked with you prior to your writing it, when I read it I cried again...and again.

If only that person who pulled the trigger could have known Katy, and what a kind and generous heart she had. She always thought of others first. This second Christmas without her was no different than the first one, or I suspect, the tenth one will be. She loved decorating for the holidays and every ornament or decoration brings a memory to me.

Saturday, Jan. 12, was Katy's birthday. On Sunday, Ken texted me to call him. When I did he told me that her dog, Sandy, had just died Sunday morning. Now they are together.

When I told one of Katy's close friends, she said "I bet that's what Katy wanted for her birthday!"

—Bobbie Coffee

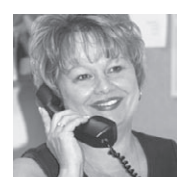
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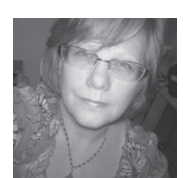
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duced for that incident helped local officials learn even more about the things needed to properly operate an EOC.

"Before we even got our arms around the shortcomings from the escape, we were into the fire," Jorrey said.

"Out of the 2012 escape, but primarily the Oil Creek Fire, we really found there were things we had to do make the EOC work better."

"The first thing we realized was that just the sheriff and I can't run an EOC 24 hours a day and seven days a week for a whole week or two. We tend to burn out after several days without sleep," he smiled, noting that the experience prompted them to compile a list of trained volunteers who can run the EOC in the future.

"For example, there are a lot of trained resources at the honor camp, and if they're not working at the honor camp they can help volunteer to man the EOC," he explained. Other law enforcement and fire personnel are also trained and on the list.

"Daniel Tysdal, the fire warden, is trained in command, and he offered to help with the escape. During the fire, Rollie Dollison from the honor camp helped us out," Jorrey said, noting he has compiled a better set of guidelines for using the phone system also. Those will be implemented soon.

"The volunteers and guidelines will have been done before the next fire season," he noted.

Having extra portable radios is another area Jorrey identified that would aid the EOC.

"We had a tracking team from Niobrara County (during the escape), and it would have been nice to hand them radios that were programmed with our frequencies rather than take them from someone else," he said, noting his goal is to have six to 12 extra portable radios already programmed and ready for people who don't normally carry radios, or for outside personnel that are called in to help.

"Right now, we have two and the charger, but before fire season, we'll have all six portable radios," he stated. Another area being worked on is emergency frequencies.

"When we get into an emergency situation, but everyday business is also going on, we don't have enough frequencies to segregate the everyday business, so what is happening is the two encroach on each other," he said. Last year's incidents demonstrated an obvious need for a separate set of frequencies for significant emergencies.

"We had to research, and we found state frequencies that are available for that purpose. There is no direct cost for the frequencies, but the cost is that we've got to reprogram our radios to use these. They're only to be used during these types of emergencies to free up normal frequencies. They're called VTAC's," he said, noting reprogramming all the radios will take time.

"It took us a year to program all our radios for narrow banding, and at least for key personnel, we can have these programmed in before the next fire season," he said.

"During the Oil Creek Fire and Skull Creek Complex Fire before it, we had problems communicating from one canyon to the next canyon- even with our repeater system- and still were not able to talk to each other. So we're working on creating a mobile repeater system which we can put in place on high ground, which will improve our communications during these incidents," he noted, saying the mobile repeater would be installed on a 6-wheel search and rescue vehicle and run on a generator.

Strengthening communication also included the addition of a phone line, as well as having all homeland security numbers ringing into the homeland security office. The creation of a Weston County Homeland Security facebook page helped share information quickly with people during the prison escape.

"Both Becky and I used our personal facebook to get the word out, and that was important. We used it during the prison escape to tamp down rumors and it really helped focus people. After that we created a facebook page for Homeland Security, and for the Sheriff's

office. What that meant is, we had a means to get information out to people faster and farther than if we used email or radio," explained Jorrey.

"We have 1,100 likes. We're pretty proud of that," added WCHS deputy Becky Hadlock, who said she tries to update the facebook page on an hourly basis with road conditions and other updates.

"Believe it or not, this gets information out. During the second escape, Becky said why don't we have a homeland security facebook page. Bing, bang, boom, we had 1,000 likes," noted Jorrey, who said since June they have made the decision to keep the page active. That has helped get tornado and road information to viewers, who then pass the info on to others not found on facebook.

"The last thing is, we are making the Code Red System more accurate. We weren't pleased with how the system worked during the escapes or the fire. We are now working on a program along with the phone numbers. We add GIS info (GPS coordinates for all the addresses). You don't select phone numbers, you select the area to call. They had some kind of program that turned on, and well, that system didn't work very well," he said.

The Code Red system is not where it should be yet, but Jorrey expects it to be there by March or April.

"Our problem is we've run out of grant money for Code Red in 2014, which will kill us unless we can come up with funds to supplement the system. Even when it wasn't working at 100 percent, it was better than no information at all," he offered. Several years down the road, Jorrey said plans are to move the EOC to the basement of the Law Enforcement Center. That building also houses dispatch, is secure, and has an automatic backup generator.

"Hopefully these changes will help us be more effective and efficient in the future to help us get the word out, but allow us to manage resources to help us solve whatever problem we're in," concluded Jorrey. He can be reached at 746-4315.

# Suites from page 1.....

Between both houses, a deck has been built by Darren, and it has a fire-pit and outdoor furniture for relaxing. Bench said it was a fun place to sit in the summer and sip lemonade.

The beautiful finished product did not come without a lot of hard work. Walls were knocked down, carpet was scraped off, and the floor was sanded. Fortunately Bench did not have to do it all by herself, as her husband and her mother, Lori Beavers, lent a helping hand.

"I am really lucky my mom can tile. She has taught me to how to do all of this, and we've done everything. The only thing I have hired out was plumbing and a little electrical," Bench reported.

Because she grew up in Newcastle, Bench moved back to the community five years ago from Las Vegas, where she had lived for 13 years. She said she wanted to give her daughter, Madison Frazee, the same enjoyment she had growing up in a small town. The business gives Bench the ability to be a stay at home mom and

work at the same time.

Some of the renters have been visiting Newcastle for family gatherings, while others have stayed longer because they have been working in the area. Several have already made arrangements to come back and stay at the country suites, noting that they like the spaces because of the offer the feel of a cabin right in town.

Bench enjoys decorating the houses for special occasions, and she admits that having the opportunity to embellish things a bit for a couple spending their honeymoon in one of the houses would be fun.

Because they have been open only during the winter months so far, Bench is grateful for the business they have received and looks forward to the summer when tourists will be visiting.

"So far it has been going really good. It's unbelievable! It's been such a blessing. It's been great!" declared the owner.

# Cops from page 1.....

after a peak in such activity was reported publicly, and discussed at length by the city council, a little over two years ago.

"We've probably had three of those types of incidents reported for the total year. That has really become pretty much of a non-factor. As far as problems within the bars, that's totally changed," Owens suggested.

For the most part, all other types of calls have remained relatively stable from one year to the next.

"Domestic disturbances have stayed pretty constant, and that could well be because it tends to be the same people over and over. We had a few more vehicle

traffic accidents this year than last year, but last year we had a fatal, and we didn't have one this year," Owens stated, noting that he doesn't believe he has detected any notable increase in drug offenses or violent crime in the community during his tenure as Chief.

One other area did seem to experience a statistical spike late in the last year, but Owens said it is too early to tell if it is an indication of any kind of trend.

"Probably the one area that we noticed, and it is not large numbers, was in mental health holds at the end of 2012. We had more of them at the end of 2012 than we had in all of 2011," he

reported.

So far, the first month of 2013 appears to be proceeding in similar fashion to the same period of time in 2012, and Owens noted that the number of calls received through last week is virtually identical as the number noted through the same number of days to start last year. Ironically, the number of felony arrests for the same period has been considerably higher, but that too could well be a statistical anomaly.

"The number of calls for service has remained pretty consistent, but the specific type of activity involved has changed," Owens admitted.



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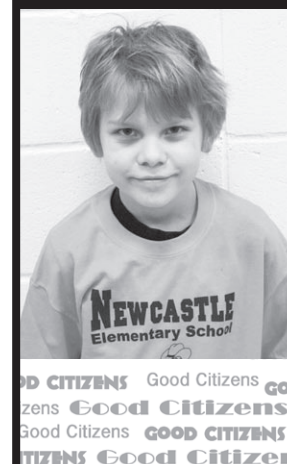
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## GOOD CITIZENS NEWCASTLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GOOD CITIZENS OF JANUARY

### 3RD GRADE: ATLYN YANCHUNIS



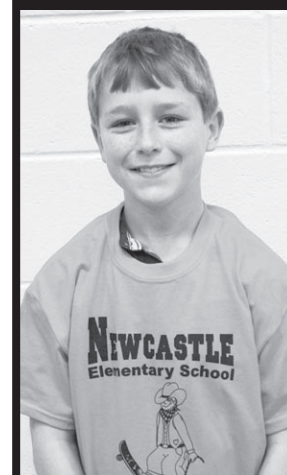
The good citizen this month for the third grade was an easy selection. At this point in the year students true colors are in full swing, and we can begin to see them at their best and sometimes not their best. The student I have chosen this month for good citizen is the same wonderful student that walked in my room the first day of school. He still has the same smile and eagerness to learn more. Not only does he show up with this smile, it continues throughout each and every day. This student is a model student in the way he tries so hard on each task that is given, never grumbling about an assignment just ready to work. He always takes his time and does it to the best of his ability. I asked several other teachers that come into contact with this student and they all said the same thing about him; he is a wonderful, polite, hard working young man. He is eager to ask questions and to also answer questions. This student is willing to help any other student in the class no matter who they may be. He is friends with all and is well liked by his peers. The good citizen for this month from the third grade is Atlyn Yanchunis.

### 4TH GRADE: MERCEDES VOELKER




A very deserving 4th grade student has been chosen for this month's good citizen. This young lady is one of the first students to pitch in without being asked. She can be found tidying the room, organizing reference books and making sure our library and math centers are neat and ready for the next activity. The positive attitude she brings into the classroom encourages all of us to be better citizens. She can always be counted on to assist a classmate when they are unsure. She has a quality of being able to help another student learn rather than just giving an answer. Academic achievement is important to her and is shown through her daily work, tests and special projects. She is a conscientious worker and double checks her assignment to make sure everything is complete. It is rewarding to see her persevere until she has mastered an assignment and understands the concept. She gives 100% in everything she does. We are fortunate to have her as a student in our classroom. Congratulations, Mercedes Voelker!

### 5TH GRADE: JACOB RHOADES



Our outstanding student for this month is a person who clearly fills the role of a Good Citizen! This person is a great model of excellence among his classmates, friends and to himself. Our choice is a person who is a natural born leader! He has the ability to be tactful, persuasive, and enthusiastic when working with others. He is always demonstrating hard work and responsibility in everything he does. His assignments are always done well and on time. If he makes errors, he diligently strives to learn why and to make the corrections quickly. This young person is always considerate of other people in the room, demonstrating and helping everyone with concepts they are struggling with. He does this with patience and a thoughtful heart. He is respected by his classmates. They know that he is a caring person who will be supportive and respectful of their opinions and different points of view. Our student never allows anyone to be left out whether they are working in small groups or out on the playground. It is by his positive actions toward everyone that classmates know that their contributions to the group are important to him. Our good citizen is a person who is very flexible and is able to smile and adjust when things don't go his way. Some people would say he is a bit of a daredevil, but everyone knows it is this quality that allows him to try new and challenging ideas, in and out of the classroom. It is his consistent positive attitude that inspires others around him to do their very best. This good citizen is known by his classmates to be good at most things. He likes 4-H, taking care of the animals, especially his horse. He is known for his speed and endurance as a runner and huge lover of soccer. It is with great pride that our choice for the Good Citizen for 5th grade this month is Jacob Rhoades!

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- Poor judgment when making decisions
- Changes in mood and personality, such as increased suspicion, rapid and persistent mood swings, withdrawal, and disinterest in usual activities
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See more details in Dr. Jording's In Good Health column on page 8

**Obituaries**

**'CACTUS' BRYANT MCCLEARY**  
Oct. 20, 1921-Jan. 16, 2013

Funeral services for "Cactus" Bryant McCleary were held on Jan. 22 at 10 a.m. at Newcomer Funeral Home. Public visitation was at the chapel on Jan. 21 from 6 to 7 p.m. Burial followed the service at Glenrock Cemetery.

Cactus passed away on Jan. 16, 2013, at the comfort of his own home. He was born in Casper on Oct. 20, 1921, to Marion "Mike" and Lena (Brooks) McCleary.

Cactus was raised on the Banner Ranch. Growing up he attended the little red school house. His sisters and he would ride their horses to get to class every day. In ninth grade he had to move to Casper for high school, attending NC, and he boarded at the Henry Home. Anyone who knew him at all never called him Bryant. At some point in high school he picked up the name Cactus and it stuck. Cactus also took up biking, owning two Harleys. He learned to ride them while tending cow camp before terrorizing Glenrock.



**Bryant McCleary**

Cactus attended University of Wyoming before going back home during World War II to help on the ranch. He was in the process of being drafted but the war came to a close. After that he never left the ranch where he put his life blood, sweat, and tears into the life he loved. Ranching was his passion; he liked good horses and his Hereford cattle. He worked alongside his family using his four-wheeler for his legs until he was 90, and then continued to guide us with his early morning sourdough pancakes and coffee. Over the years, he played in several bands. The most memorable one was the Whiskey Mountain Four. Cactus was a talented musician, where he played at many a dance hall from Glenrock to the Shirley Basin. He also rode broncs in many rodeos throughout Wyoming in his younger years. In his short stint at UW, he helped found the rodeo team. Later he took up flying. He could check the ranch out in short order in his Cessna. Cactus flew his family all over to enjoy Flying Farmer Fly-ins and even flew Barb to Canada for a convention. It was a terribly sad day during the '70s when he lost his medical and had to sell his plane. He was an active member of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association and the Odd Fellows Lodge for years. Through the years he supported many kids including his own in 4-H and FFA.

Cactus first married Karen Hale. They had one daughter, Lynn. After divorcing on June 1, 1961 he married Barbara Carr Svrko. Three kids came to this union, Mike, Wendy and Shelly, as well as accepting Barb's three children, Floyd, Larry, and Sue, into

his family. His many grandkids and great-grandkids were his pride and joy. He also enjoyed hearing about all their activities and antics. Cactus would always tell them "Be good and if you can't be good, be careful."

Cactus is survived by a sister, Lenora Kirkhart and husband Everett; his sons, Mike McCleary and wife Laura, Floyd Svrko and wife Lois; and his daughters, Lynn Kouri, Wendy Benefiet and husband Dan, Shelly Trumbull and husband Monty. He had 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren, along with several nieces and nephews and their families.

Cactus was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Marian "Mick;" son, Larry Svrko; daughter, Sue (Svrko) Williams; grandson, Monti Henderson; and wife, Barbara.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in his name to the Wyoming Historic Governor's Mansion, 300 East 21st Cheyenne WY 82001, or Central Wyoming Hospice, 319 South Wilson Street Casper WY 82601. Both held special interests for Cactus.

**SUZANNE MCCORMICK**  
May 5, 1949-Jan. 16, 2013

Suzanne McCormick, 63, of Glendo, passed away, Jan. 16, 2013, at Wyoming Medical Center in Casper, after an accident on the family's ranch.

She was born in Coalville, Utah, on May 5, 1949, the daughter of Ralph and LaWana Milliner. Suzanne attended Utah State University and received a bachelor degree first in home economics and family studies, then in education. Suzanne married James McCormick in 1980.

She spent her working career teaching first in Douglas and then Glendo. She loved all the children she taught and changed many lives. She retired in 2011. Her greatest joy in life came from being with family and friends. The last few months of her life may have been some of her happiest, enjoying the holidays with family and planning for her first grandchild.

She was survived by husband, James; sister and brother-in-law, Robert and Roberta Hanson of Towanda, Pa.; sister and brother-in-law, Scott and Carma Shoop of Newcastle; and brother and sister-in-law, Chad and Kathy Milliner of West Jordan, Utah; brother-in law and sister-in-law, Bob and Sandy McCormick of Glenrock; son, Mike of Glendo; and daughter, Laura (Andrew Ebel) also of Glendo; and numerous nieces and nephews, each of whom held a special place in her heart.

A memorial service was held Jan. 21 at the gym in Glendo at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Glendo Volunteer Ambulance Service, PO Box 155, Glendo WY 82213, or the Marge Cares Foundation, PO Box 155, Glendo WY 82213.

**JEANNE LEE SEPPALA**  
June 29, 1936-Jan. 16, 2013

Funeral services for Jeanne Lee Seppala were held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, January 21, 2013 at Walker Funeral Home with Erik Bergquist as celebrant. Burial followed in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service.



**Jeanne Seppala**

Jeanne Seppala, age 76, of Gillette, Wyoming went to be with her Lord and Savior at her home on Wednesday, January 16, 2013 of natural causes.

Jeanne was born on June 29, 1936 the oldest identical twin to Joanne in Faith, South Dakota, to parents Harold and Gladys (Tibble) Shrull. As a young child she moved to Newcastle, Wyoming with her family where she was raised and educated, graduating from Newcastle High School in 1954. Upon her graduation she attended Black Hills Teacher's College in Spearfish, South Dakota. Here she met her husband, Jim Seppala the couple was married in November of 1955 in Edgemont, South Dakota, where the couple made their home. They later moved to a ranch on the Cheyenne River before moving to Newcastle. In 1974, Jeanne began a 27 year career with the now BNSF Railroad. In 1982, she and her family moved to Gillette where she has resided since. In 1997 she suffered a stroke. Jeanne handled this life changing event with much grace and determination. An accomplished right hand painter prior to the stroke, she became an equally accomplished left hand painter. As a young woman she competed in rodeo. Jeanne had a special way with animals. She enjoyed the Bronco's and the Yankees, loved watching her kids and grandkids compete in all of their activities and of course she was very artistic. Jeanne also loved her time at the Senior Center and cherished her friendships made during her time spent there.

Jeanne is survived by her four children: Joleen (Leroy) McClavy of Gillette, Wyoming, Linda (Bryan) Gaudard of Buffalo, Wyoming, Mike (Suzanne) Seppala of Pueblo, Colorado and Susie (Doug) Carr of Gillette, Wyoming; eight grandchildren: Natalie, Troy, Nicole, Tara, Jessica, Shantel, Shawn and Warren; ten great-grandchildren; one sister, Sherry Tavegie of Sheridan, Wyoming and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Jim and twin sister, Joanne.

Memorials are suggested to benefit the Senior Center Painting Class. Memorials and condolences may be sent in Jeanne's name in care of Gillette Memorial Chapel, 210 W. 5th Street, Gillette, Wyoming 82716 or via the internet at [www.gilletteremorialchapel.com](http://www.gilletteremorialchapel.com).

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**LET US REPLENISH THE SEED OF FAITH THROUGH...**

# Regular Church Attendance

**• ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH:** Rev. Norm Brotzman, 216 S. Seneca, 746-2249. Call to Worship 9:30 am; Children's Church during Call to Worship; Faith Rally Sunday 6 pm.

**• BAHAI FAITH:** Firesides (Open to All) 1st & 3rd Fridays 7:30 pm at 15 Skyview Dr; 746-3626.

**• CAMBRIA COMMUNITY CHURCH:** Pastor Chris Walton, 19 Stampede St. 746-2321. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship 10:30 am; Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm

**• CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL:** Rev. Sally Boyd, S. Summit & Winthrop Streets, 746-9684. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday, Morning Prayer 10 a.m.; 2nd & 4th Saturday 4 p.m., Holy Eucharist.

**• CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Pastor John Hopper, 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 Meeting 9 am; Sunday School 10:20 am; Relief Society & Priesthood Mtg 11:15 am.

**• CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Killian Muli, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5:45 pm; Weekday Mass 8 am.

**• COUNTRY CHURCH:** Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley, 746-9712, Worship 10 am.

**• FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:** Pastor Gary Anderson, 903 S. Summit, 746-2188. Bible Study 9 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Teaching Service 6 pm; Wednesday Service 6:30 pm.

**• FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH:** Pastor Lynn Schleicher, 301 Delaware, 746-9663. Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship 10:45 am; Prayer Service 5 pm, Christian Academy.

**• FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Paul Holland, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Sunday School 8:45 am; Church Services 8 & 10 am; Nursery care available.

**• GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Jon Andersen, Evangelical Free Church meets at the Weston County Senior Services; Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship 11 am. Call 746-8091.

**• 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. Sunday Worship 10 am; Wednesday Night Prayer.

**• NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Wayne Wilson, meets at Black Gold Realty Building, 1517 W. Main, 746-5542. Sunday Worship 10 am.

**• OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH:** 348 Sheridan St. Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm.

**• SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST:** Pastor Bill Davis, 78 Old Hwy 85, 746-3504 or 660-7057. Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11:20 am.

**• ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Phil Wagner, Upton. Saturday Mass 4 p.m.

**• VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH:** Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366.

**• UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Rev. Sharee Johnson, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship 10:30 am; Children's Church & Nursery are available; 1st & 3rd Wed Evenings Prayer and Praise Service 7 pm.

## Sweeter Than Honey

Oh, how many of us love sweets! Birthdays bring cakes frosted with clouds of icing, topped with scoops of ice cream. Of course, sometimes we enjoy them too much and pay weighty consequences....

In Psalm 119:103 we read, "How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" Don't pass up on the richness of God's love and the sweetness of His peace. Indulge your spirit in God's house of worship. Faith in Him will satisfy you without any side effects!

**Weekly Scripture Reading**

Luke 9:1-17	Luke 9:18-36	Luke 9:37-62	Acts 9:1-25	Acts 9:26-43	Acts 10:1-23	Acts 10:24-48
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WHAT'S UP		Meetings & Events Calendar	
DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Jan. 24	8:30 a.m.	TOPS (weight loss)	W.C. Senior Center Board Room
Jan. 25	11:45 a.m.	W.C.H.S. Foundation Board Meeting	Newcastle Library
	7 p.m.	Dance	W.C. Senior Center
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
Jan. 26	9 a.m.	4-H Market Beef Tagging/Weigh-in	Geier's Feed Lot
	6 p.m.	Humane Society Poker Tournament	Newcastle Country Club
Jan. 27	2 p.m.	Bingo	Corpus Christi Church
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
Jan. 28	1 p.m.	Low Vision Support Group	W.C. Senior Center
Jan. 29	6:45 p.m.	ALANON (746-9791)	Mondell Heights
Jan. 30	Noon	Newcastle Lions Club Meeting	W.C. Senior Center Board Room
	7 p.m.	W.C. School Dist. #1 Board Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
Jan. 31	8:30 a.m.	TOPS (weight loss)	W.C. Senior Center
Feb. 1	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Jan 24: Leonard Cash  
 Jan 26: Bev Krell, Randy & Jane Rhoades, Tristin Stanton  
 Jan. 27: Larry Butts, Tom Sylte, Rogene Long  
 Jan. 28: Donna Mann  
 Jan. 30: Andrew Macke, Cheryl Gulley, Bobbie Jones, Tyson Pehringer  
 Jan. 31: Mary Alice Petersen, Shirley Dixon  
 Feb. 1: Les Butts, Kevin Stanton, Lorraine Currey

**Obits** continued . . . . .

**BOBBY C. 'BOB' WELLS**  
 Aug. 29, 1935-Jan. 9, 2013  
 Bobby C. "Bob" Wells, 77, of Newcastle, died Jan. 9, 2013, at Rapid Regional Hospital, following a lengthy illness.  
 Cremation has taken place under the direction of Worden Funeral Directors of Newcastle. No services are pending at this time.  
 Surviving him are his wife, Martha Wells of Newcastle, and several sons of Kentucky.

Send your notices for events, births, weddings, and engagements, to news@news1j.com

**Safe Driving**  
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Speaker Monica Zech from California will be at the **High School Auditorium at 9:30 a.m. on January 24<sup>th</sup>** to talk about safe driving.  
**Please come to join!**  
 Local insurance companies will also be there to talk about the benefits of safe driving.

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**Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings**  
**February 14, 15, and 16, 2013**  
 Evening performances include dinner and dessert, \$25  
 Doors will open at 5:30. Curtain is at 6:30.

**Matinee on Sunday, February 17**  
 Matinee includes lunch and dessert, \$20.  
 Doors will open at 12:30. Curtain is at 1:30.

*The Thursday performance (Valentine's Day) coincides with the annual Sweetheart's Dinner hosted by the United Methodist Men. In keeping with tradition, there will be flowers & candy for each lady in attendance.*

Tickets may be purchased by calling Shane Sellers 746-4245, Dorothy Walker-Brown 746-4056, or Julie Domina 746-6131.

**100 YEARS AGO - JAN. 23, 1913**

It is not fully understood whether a certain young man was pushed or accidentally fell out of his buggy while enroute to the dance last Friday evening.

We understand that Miss Ella McCoy and Mr. Peter Vine of the prairie were married during the holidays. We extend congratulations and wish the young people long life and happiness.

A fine baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sundstrum in this city on Tuesday afternoon.

We overlooked mentioning in our last issues the arrival of a fine baby girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S.C. Holst at their home a few miles west of town, on Monday of last week.

George M. Culver, the ice man, informs us that he completed his ice harvest last Monday evening. He has a much larger congealed moisture stored this season than ever before and the quality is of the very best.

The A. M. Nichols Supply Co., are busily engaged in moving the old building off the lots to the rear of the undertaking rooms preparatory to the erection of a large warehouse. The warehouse will be two stories and iron clad. The building will have fifty foot front on Sumner street and extend back along the alley seventy-five feet.

Volume 1, No. 1, of the Upton Tribune, published at Upton, Wyo., arrived on our desk this week. The paper is seven columns, eight pages, with two pages printed at home, balance patent "innards" and is under the editorial management of C.A. Grippen.

The 10 cent social given by the Library Club last Friday afternoon at the assembly room was one of the most pleasant affairs ever given by the Club. In spite of the severe storm forty-five ladies were present. The club has made a wonderful gain in membership during the

two years of its existence having seventy-nine working members. Too much credit cannot be given the President Mrs. Horton for her untiring work for the success of this club, the sole aim of which is the making of the furnishings of the library second to none in the west.

**75 YEARS AGO - WEEK ENDING JAN. 27, 1938**

Hill City snapped another Southern Black Hills conference game from the Newcastle Dogies last night when they outlasted the local boys by a 19 to 18 score.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Delong Satterlee Wednesday evening at their home a 7 1/4 pound baby girl.

J. R. Parrish left yesterday morning for Laramie to attend the state press convention being held there.

Mr. and Mrs. Faust Musso and Marie and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Laurenti and son visited at the Prairie store Sunday.

On account of the severe blizzard Tuesday the school bus could not go as roads were blocked. Most rural schools had no school that day.

School was held on Saturday at the Pleasant Valley school to make up for the day that was missed Tuesday, due to the blizzard.

Red Owl Ad: 2 lb. jar peanut butter for 21 cents, lard is 3lbs. for 38 cents.

Newcastle Dogie basketball squad showed great improvement over their recent tilts on the home floor when they handed the Moorcroft high school cage team a 30 to 20 defeat at Moorcroft last night.

Mrs. George Dohrman and little daughter were visitors at Mrs. Dohrman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Groner's, Thursday.

Mrs. Ben Zanoni was pleasantly surprised on Thursday evening by a group of friends which included Mrs. W.G. Morgan, Mrs. H.H. DeVol, Mrs. Thomas Shoemaker,



Mrs. Piana, Mrs. M. Massoglio, Mrs. D. Trucello and daughter Elsa. The occasion was in honor of birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Chittim entertained the faculty of the Osage school at dinner Thursday evening.

In celebration of his ninth birthday anniversary, Charles "Corky" Williams was the honored guest at a party given by his mother, Mrs. Fred Williams.

Dogies beat Sundance by 20 to 13 score. Newcastle high school's girl basketball team under Coach Watt started a fast scoring barrage with the opening whistle and continued to the last when they walloped the Sundance girls team 58 to 9.

Flick Townsend, Ted Elliott, and Cecil Bergstrom, of the Fairview area, have been harvesting their ice crop this week.

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A discovery well in Weston County has been reported by E.L.K. Oil Company of Cheyenne. The new well, No.2 Government-McArthur is on the nw 24-42n-65w, about six miles southeast of Claretton and four miles northeast of Hampshire.

The undefeated Newcastle Dogies dropped to fourth place this week in the United Press International's basketball rating for AA-A teams.

Sophomore Doug Ottema was elected wrestler of the week for outstanding performances in the matches against Wheatland.

A record low of -30 degrees was recorded in Newcastle last Saturday with persons living in various rural areas in the county reporting even lower temperature readings.

Jack Carpenter, Tom Mitich and B.W. Vandine were honored by the Newcastle Jaycees at their annual Bosses' Night banquet Tuesday. Carpenter was selected as the distinguished service award recipient, Mitich, named outstanding young farmer of Weston County and Vandine, the outstanding boss.

Mrs. Orin Carr had surgery at the hospital in Edgemont last week. Her daughter Kathryn visited her on Saturday and Mr. Carr got down on Sunday.

The feed truck finally arrived on Monday at the Hutt egg ranch after being hold up for several days at Ogalalla, Nebr., due to the storm.

Dogie matmen lose to Douglas 24 to 22 and Wheatland 28 to 16.

Honored Queen Erica Rogen and her attendants are shown following installation of officers of Job's Daughters Bethel 15. Pictured left to right are Senior Princess Karen Joslyn, DeMolay George Rhoades, Honored Queen Erica Rogen, DeMolay Mike Nelson, Junior Princess Peggy Ann Whitman, and DeMolay Dave Crum.

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

The home of Frank W. Mondell, mayor, judge, congressman and businessman, sat atop the hill overlooking Newcastle's downtown area in 1892. The house was later torn down and a hospital was built in its location, now known as Mondell Heights Retirement Home.



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Historic Preservation Board	4 Positions	3 Yr. Term
Predatory Animal Control Board	1 Position	3 Yr. Term
Child Support Authority Board	1 Position	

*(Unexpired Term ending June 30, 2014)*

Anyone wishing to submit an application for any of the above positions may contact the Weston County Clerk's Office, 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Anyone wishing to apply may submit a written letter of interest. Letters need to be received by 4:30 p.m. on February 4, 2013. This matter will be considered on February 5, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.

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# For the Ages

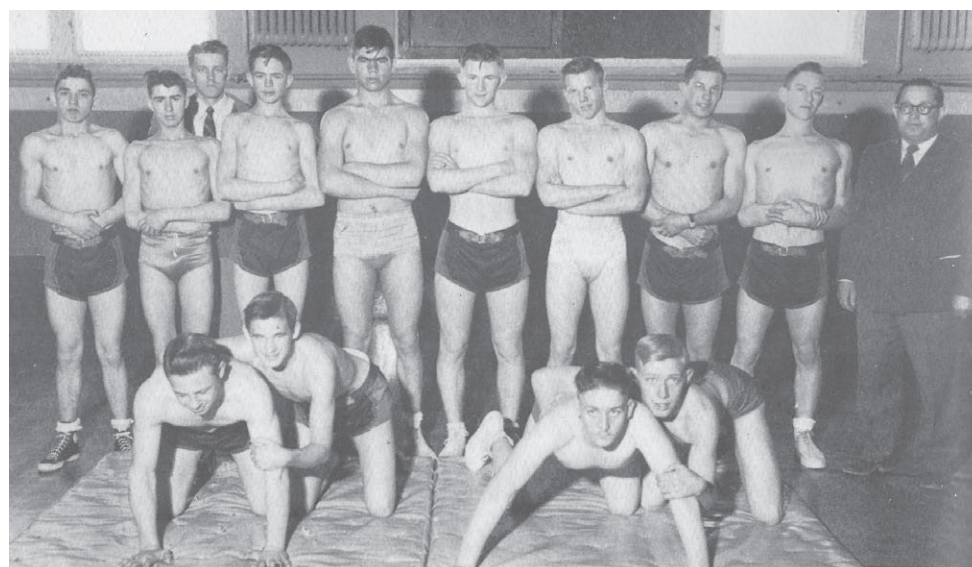
## The original Dogie matmen

By Donna Gochanour for NLJ

In 1952 the first wrestling team was formed at Newcastle High School. The wrestlers were put into different classes, according to weight, ranging from the light weight class to the heavy weight class. John Ellis had just started high school and he became one of the wrestlers on that inaugural team. Ellis thinks he might have been in the middle class, at 145 pounds. One of Ellis' teammates was Ed Cook, who now lives in Osage, who wrestled in the heavyweight class since he was close to 200 pounds and was also quite tall, he says. Neither of them knew much about wrestling at the time, but both remember how much fun they had. There were no trophies given out but Ellis earned a letter for his wrestling and while he had to buy the sweater, the school gave out the letter, he says. They took fourth in state competition in Ellis' junior year. Then, in his senior year, he injured his knee and ended his wrestling career. Cook remembers getting medals for the Wyoming State Championship, and says that until all of this came about he didn't even know what wrestling was.

Being a new team, when the team first started, they didn't have uniforms so the first year they wrestled in swimsuits. Then some fundraisers were held to raise the money to get proper wrestling uniforms. The wrestlers gave exhibition matches and raised some money by selling tickets for this event but basically the town itself raised the money for them so that by the next year they were properly equipped in the black and orange school colors. Ellis says that he believes school was a lot more fun back then. He also played a little football but didn't do much in track. The boys had to keep their marks up then, just as they do now, to be on the team.

Both of these men went on to marry after their high school years, raise a family and work at various things. Cook went on to join the U.S. Marines and spent his time in Korea as part of a demolition crew clearing land mines. He served four years but during that time, he says, he got "busted up" in Korea and he has had back surgery four times in his life. He married and raised four boys. Cook followed his



Newcastle High School's first wrestling team, pictured in the NHS 1952 Yearbook, shows Don Howell, Lyle Ackley, Coach Bob Berstrom, Boyd Strain, Edgar Cook, Earl Allen, Kenny Beer, John Ellis, Sam Hoy and Coach J.B. Fields, standing. Kneeling are George Dern, Duane Miller, Rolland Tanner and Wayne Wilson. Below, Ellis today, owner of True Value Hardware. (Above photo courtesy of Weston County Library. Below, Donna Gochanour for NLJ)

father in the trucking business, had his own truck and started driving truck when he was too young to have a driver's license. In those days, he says, if you could do a man's job, you got a man's pay. Except for a six-year period when he drove for Johnston Fuel Liners in Newcastle, he did contract work and went all over the United States and Canada with his truck.

Ellis served in the National Guard for four years then worked for the Wyoming Highway Department for 39 years. He married Gen Pzinski when he was 21 and she was 17, and together they raised two children. In 1988 he and the younger John Ellis, his son, started a hardware and lumber store in Newcastle, which is now Ace Hardware on Main Street. This store has been in operation now for 25 years, the longest running of any hardware store in town. For a small space they carry an amazing amount of goods, in an area that extends to the back. They also cut glass and Plexiglas on the neatest glass-cutting machine I've ever seen. They still carry lumber, re-key locks, sell bulk screws and nails, and you don't have to take your film anywhere else for processing, since they



have the equipment right there in the store. They also plan to be selling trees and shrubs in the spring, Ellis reported.

Both of these early pioneers in Newcastle High School sports agree that participating in sports does a lot to foster a spirit of competition, whether it be trucking or running a business. It's a good character builder and a lot of fun.



Air travel didn't always include security checkpoints, large terminals or even an opportunity to board flights without exposure to the outside elements. (Submitted photo)

## Traveling has always been an adventure

Planes, trains and automobiles — that was how we traveled. When I was very young I remember going on the train from Washington to North Dakota. It was 1942 and the train was crowded with soldiers and sailors, many of them standing in the aisles. The train was very full and here we were, my parents with three small kids, and I'm sure my mother had a vision of standing all the way to our destination but she needn't have worried. Generous offers of seats came from all over the car while others got up to stand for awhile.



Donna Gochanour  
I Remember When

I have a vague memory of sitting with a soldier who told me stories and kept me company all that day.

The next time that I got to ride on a train, I was about 15. My friend Norma and I were going to Minot where I would see an eye doctor, then we were going to go shopping and ride the train back home in the evening. The train was on the Sioux Sault Marie line but everybody called it "the goose," which kind of was an insult to the speed of this train. The seats were blue plush and we were about the only passengers. Each car, in those days, was equipped with a small coal stove at the front of the car and the crew had stoked up a little fire in there to keep us few passengers warm in the cool fall night. Norma and I fell asleep.

Even the fact that the train stopped about every 10 miles to let passengers, mail, etc. off and on, did not get us to wake up. The crew was bored and wanted to visit with us so they were stomping up and the down the aisle, making a lot of noise. All this time, they would yell at each other "are they awake yet?" And of course, we finally woke up in time for a little socialization.

I made several more trips on trains, enough to make me feel like taking a trip every time I heard a train whistle. A couple of trips I even rode the bus, but that was not a fun way to travel back then.

When I was married and had small children of my own we traveled many miles in our car from one state to another. Somehow, I almost always ended up coming into another town butt first, hanging over the front seat and changing a diaper or something. "For gosh sake, Hun, at least you could let me know a town is coming up so I could turn around before we go down Main Street?" I would plead to my husband.

My first airplane ride was from Minot, N.D., to Paris, France. My kids were small and I was terrified. When we walked out to get on the plane my feet froze in place and my oldest, Randy, grabbed my hand and pulled, saying "mom, you have to!"

We spent the first night of this trip in guest quarters in Brooklyn, N.Y., at a U.S. Army base and the next day an army bus took us to the airport. We were running late and had to run to our boarding area — the youngest of my children was 2 and the oldest was 8, and I screamed, "Randy don't let go of your sister's hand" while we tore down the hallway to the airplane. When we finally took off, the pilot announced that if the passengers would all go to the left side of the plane we could see the Statue of Liberty. I stayed in my seat, sure that the weight shift would make us roll over, so I missed that particular sight. Since that first trip, I've made many more throughout the years.

The train in Alaska was totally unique. Owned by the State of Alaska, if you lived in "the bush" as so many did, all you had to do to get a ride to a town was stand by the track and literally wave the train down.

I have seen bush dwellers get on with their guns, dogs, bags and even whole dog sleds. The conductor collected your fare and you were good to go.

Well, America has become a mobile nation and to travel for many people these days is pretty commonplace. I came to think of it as my next great adventure — always fun no matter what mode of travel you use!

## Lean on me when you are not strong

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

The challenges of caring for an ill or disabled person can be overwhelming. Kelly Ruggles, a new resident to the community, understands those concerns because she is feeling them herself.

Because support can be a key component in getting through difficult times, Ruggles would like to reach out to the community by starting a support group for caregivers.

"Sometimes I just need to talk to someone, or need a break from caregiving. I would like to start a support group or a social network for local caregivers," Ruggles stated on a flyer posted around the area to get the group started.

According to familycaregiver101.org there are more than 50 million people in the United States caring for loved ones 18 years of age or older. And there are at least another 10 million caring for loved ones with special needs that are younger than 18. Ruggles presently cares for her father-in-law, who has Alzheimer's disease, and she knows there are other people in the community going through similar experiences. Being new to the area, and faced with the complex demands of her situation, she is not able to get out to meet new people. That means she is unaware of other individuals in the community who would also benefit from a support group.

She approached LeAnn Kenagy with Weston County Health Services Home Health to find out how to access a caregiver support group, and volunteered to start it herself when she discovered one didn't already exist.

"It's important, and I would like to see one started," Kenagy stated.

An ad was placed in the classified section of the News Letter Journal, but no response was received. Ruggles still believes such an organization is necessary. She would like to know the needs of other community members, and then get a group started. Anyone who would like to join the group or give input is asked to contact

Ruggles at (208)539-6314 or email her at [aspire2@gmail.com](mailto:aspire2@gmail.com).

After interested parties have contacted her, the details of when and where the support group would meet will be determined. Kenagy says respite care will be available through WCHS Home Health soon, and that will enable caregivers help with their loved ones during the meeting.

Kenagy confirmed that stress is high among people taking care of others, and they often neglect their own health as a result. Support groups are a good way for caregivers to decrease their stress by focusing on topics that can help them share their experiences, while offering comfort and understanding through the teaching of important coping skills. That will be the central purpose behind a support group.

Recognizing the usefulness of knowledge, experience and support from others is the drive behind Ruggles effort to start such a group, and she sincerely hopes there is enough interest in one to fulfill the need of caregivers like herself.

### Senior Happenings

#### Weston County Senior Services

- Jan. 24: Fancy Workers
- Jan. 24: Mexican Train
- Jan. 25: Dance
- Jan. 26: Open Rec
- Jan. 28: Adult Protection Team Mtg.
- Jan. 29: Mexican Train
- Jan. 30: Lions
- Jan. 31: Fancy Workers
- Feb. 1: Bridge Ladies
- Feb. 5: Mexican Train
- Feb. 6: Toenail Clinic
- Feb. 7: Trip to Tin Lizzie

#### Weston County Manor

- Jan. 24: Wii 10:30 a.m.
- Jan. 24: Manicures 2 p.m.
- Jan. 25: Bingo 2 p.m.
- Jan. 26: Movie 2 p.m.
- Jan. 27: Church 2 p.m.
- Jan. 28: Bowling 10:30 a.m.
- Jan. 29: Keepsake Crafters 2 p.m.
- Jan. 30: Giant Crossword 10:30 a.m.
- Feb. 1: Al & the Gang 2 p.m.
- Feb. 2: Greedy 10:30 a.m.
- Feb. 5: Bingo 6 p.m.
- Feb. 6: Ceramics 10:30 a.m.

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# Citizens

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has chosen to be the sponsor for the last several years," she observed.

The teachers focus on recognizing students showing the characteristics of a good citizen on a daily basis throughout the year, explained NES principal Tobey Cass. Recently, the decision was made to add another monthly award in May instead of the yearly award presented at the end of the school year. The change allows each class to boast the same number of students receiving the award each year.

The grade school program has produced positive results in other schools as well.

"I am pleased with what the kids know about citizenship when they come from the elementary. It makes it easier for us," admitted NMS principal Scott Shoop.

The reinforcement of good behavior continues with each teacher at Newcastle Middle School scoring the students in their class on responsibility and character. Based on the percentage points received from each class, students earn the privilege to participate in a Character Counts Incentive activity day once a quarter. Shoop said he wants to include as many students as possible in the reward.

"At the elementary school level they do a very good job of good citizen awards because at that level you need that clear

extrinsic reward for doing well. As they get to the middle school, they get a little bit of that, but what you get more of is a direct conversation about what is good behavior," acknowledged NMS math instructor Tyler Bartlett.

He admitted middle school students make mistakes, but the key for teachers in this setting is to help them learn from those mistakes. The ultimate goal is to produce students who show that type of responsibility when they become adults.

The good citizenship fostered when they are younger has been recognized in Newcastle High School students when they travel. Recently several athletes were recognized for the sportsmanship they displayed in Rawlins when they participated in a basketball game.

"Good conduct is something we as coaches promote hard, all the way down to our lettering criteria. We want our kids to be very well rounded individuals. Our kids constantly are being complimented on their behavior, their dress and mannerisms by other schools. That is a point of pride for us," NHS boys' basketball coach Allen Von Eye stated. "How the students act and dress for me is about representing our community well."

Admitting when a mistake is made is part of taking responsibility for the action, and it's a quality both NHS basketball coaches believe they have seen in their players.

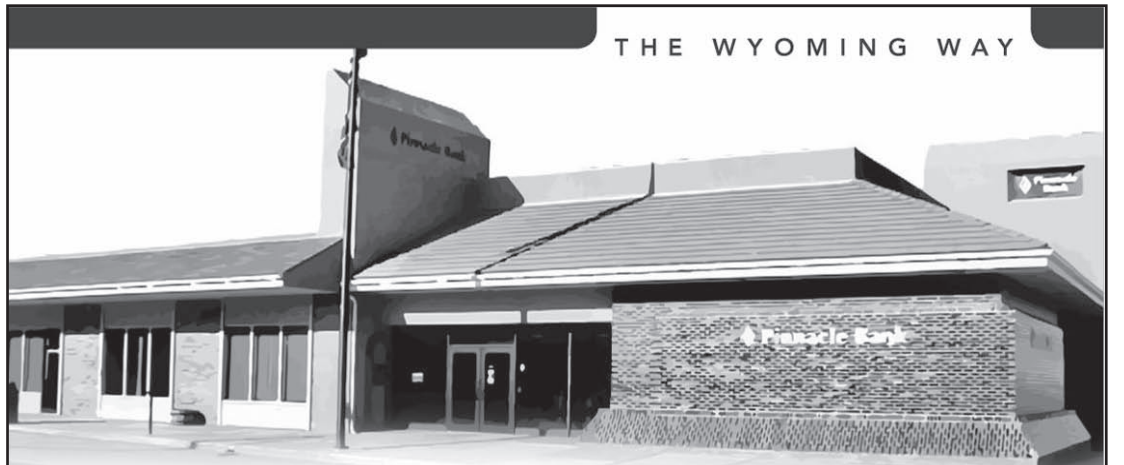
"They know when they screw up- because it turns out they are teenagers after all- and they own up to it. Honestly, I love coaching those kids because of the character that they have!" proclaimed Bartlett, who is also the NHS girls' basketball coach.

Good behavior when traveling is an expectation not only from the coaches of sports team, but from those who oversee more academic pursuits as well.

"We do get lots of comments from places that we've stayed. Hotel etiquette is a big consideration when we travel. The places we have stayed are always happy to have us back, time and time again, since we do all we can to keep from leaving the rooms a mess. Overall, I feel our students are respected when they go to other towns in Wyoming. They give respect, and thus they get it back," speech and debate coach Jim Stith reported.

NHS principal Tracy Ragland says he has been told by several different administrators in other towns how respectful, polite and well dressed the NHS students are. He even recalled private citizens commenting in a out of town restaurants about being impressed with the behavior of students from Newcastle.

"We have developed a reputation when we go somewhere on how we behave, dress and handle ourselves," Ragland professed.



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# A legislator's logbook

When he was first elected to the Wyoming House of Representatives two years ago, Representative Hans Hunt joined those who had gone before him in indicating that the task of absorbing all of the information presented to legislators over the course of a session was similar to trying to drink from a fire hose.

Although Hunt is more seasoned as his second term gets underway, the variety represented in the number of issues legislators grapple with is still significant, and he provided the News Letter Journal with a record he kept of his activities during the first full week of the session. We share excerpts of that journal with you here:

**January 14-** The House met to discuss a number of bills which were on first and second reading on the House floor. All bills on second reading were passed without serious amendments being brought to them. Bills on first reading included changes in juvenile parole as is related to murder charges, a bill allowing visually disabled hunters to use a laser scope when hunting, and an extension of the current wind energy moratorium on eminent domain for a further two years, giving land owners time to work out their differences with the wind energy industry. In the afternoon, the education committee met to discuss a bill which dealt with changing the enrollment method of candidate schools for school capital construction projects, making it easier for districts considering new schools to adjust the size of the proposed buildings to meet future growth needs and other local issues.

**January 15-** The Ag Committee met in the morning to deal with a bill concerning abandoned brands and two bills related to water development projects. The abandoned brands bill took up so much time that the committee did not make it to

the rest of its business on water projects, though the annual water project omnibus spending bill was at least discussed by the committee. The two bills were pushed back until Thursday. Today marked the first day of bills being in all three stages of being read on the floor of the House, with bills changing child support tables, changing definitions of contagious diseases in livestock, and making amendments to the state's Banking Act all passing the House on third and final reading. Bills brought for first reading included two bills making minor revisions to the state's election codes, a bill adding penalties for failing to report child abuse, and a bill limiting the number of wild bison an individual can hunt.

**January 16-** General File, which concerns bills being brought up for their first reading, was quite short today, but did include changes to appeals for workers compensation cases, and a bill dealing with abandoned brands. The Education Committee met in the afternoon to discuss a bill concerning kindergarten readiness programs.

**January 17-** The Ag Committee met at 7 a.m., an hour earlier than usual, to finish business that was not finished on Tuesday. Several bills passed through committee, including a bill concerning liabilities of landowners who have airports or landing strips on their land, and a bill allowing for electronic horse race betting to be made legal in Wyoming. A joint resolution to repeal mandatory retirement ages for supreme court justices passed third and final reading, as did a bill that would allow for workplaces to get breaks on workers compensation payments if they provide safety initiatives to their employees. Several bills were up for first reading today, including a bill making prank calls to emergency hotlines illegal, a bill

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# Highways

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Moorcroft) told the News Letter Journal on Tuesday.

Semlek voted no on the measure, as did Hans Hunt (R, Newcastle), and he said he opposed the increase primarily because of concerns over how diligent the Wyoming Department of Transportation had been in efforts to trim their budget.

"One of my reasons for not supporting it was that I wasn't convinced that WDYOT couldn't further create some efficiencies in their organization," Semlek said, noting that the department has decreased the number of employees in recent years, but expressing a belief that further cuts in its operation could be warranted. He suggested that other state agencies, which were asked to cut their budgets by eight percent, appeared to be able to do so without significantly impacting the level of service they provided.

"There wasn't a lot of blood-letting at all," he reasoned.

Hunt seemed inclined to share that opinion, and while he voted against the increase as well, he tried to buy time for citizens concerned about the tax increase by proposing that it be implemented over ten years.

"I brought an amendment

that would have made the tax incremental over several years, rather than making the 10 cent raise come together all at once. Though this sparked a good deal of debate, my amendment failed, and I was a no vote on the final bill," Hunt reported last weekend.

The duo will have an opportunity to participate in further debates regarding the state's highway spending later this week, as a pair of additional bills directly related to WYDOT will be coming up in the House.

Semlek said he favors House Bill 78, which will bring the WYDOT budget, as well as the one under which Wyoming Game and Fish operates, under increased review by the legislature. At present, those agencies operate outside of the general fund of the state, but the proposed legislation will provide for greater oversight of their spending.

"It will kind of set up a structure where we can take a look at that, and see how good the Joint Appropriations Committee thinks they're doing with respect to the management of their money in terms of revenue and expenditures. If there's some concern that they could perhaps do better, the next step would

be to go from a review to more of a total budget oversight on the part of the JAC," Semlek explained, noting that the bill would be up for third reading in the House on Wednesday. He predicted that the legislation would pass the Senate as well, and said he believes WYDOT is interested in cooperating with the measure, and increasing the transparency of their budget.

"I think it will sail through the Senate, and next fall the JAC will take a look at their operation, and that will give more credibility to the oversight," Semlek reasoned.

The House Revenue Committee, to which Semlek belongs, will also be considering House Bill 70, which seeks to raise the price of vehicle registrations in the state. He doesn't believe it will advance out of committee, however, as he anticipates legislators aren't willing to put that additional increase on motorists after already giving the nod to the fuel tax increase.

"I think we're going to hear that bill in Revenue, but I don't think there's any interest on the part of the committee to double up on the fuel tax proposal. I think that's all we'll want to do," he predicted.

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# Dementia is a disabling disease

Dementia is a disabling disease for patients and their families. People's lives are affected significantly when their memory declines. As well, the care provided by other family members is physically challenging, time consuming, and costly. In the United States, there are 5.3 million people with dementia, and the incidence of dementia is 17-20 percent after the age of 65. Seventy percent of people with dementia have Alzheimer's dementia, and the median survival after diagnosis is 4.5 years. The annual cost of caring for an individual with Alzheimer's dementia ranges from \$18,500 to more than \$36,000, depending on the stage of the disease. That doesn't include the lost work time that family caregivers are required to give to their loved one.

The origin of the term Alzheimer's disease dates back to 1906 when Dr. Alois Alzheimer, a German physician, presented a case history before a medical meeting of a 51-year-old woman who suffered from a rare brain disorder. A brain autopsy identified the plaques and tangles that today characterize Alzheimer's disease or dementia, according to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America website.

People often ask what causes dementia and can they prevent the disease. Biochemically, there is depletion of acetylcholine which leads to a disconnection between nerve cells and ultimately cell death. Treatment options are aimed at the biochemical changes when the disease is diagnosed, but there are probably preventive measures that one can take to ward off the disease or slow its progression.

There are many risk factors that lead to dementia. They include age, family history of dementia, apolipoprotein E4 genotype, some cardiovascular diseases, chronic anticholinergic use, and lower educational level. Although the greatest risk factor for dementia is increasing age, we need to be sure to understand that aging does not cause the disease. However, in persons 71 to 79 years of age, the prevalence is approximately 5 percent, increasing to 37 percent in persons older than 90 years. Having a college education has been shown to delay cognitive dysfunction by two years, compared with having less education. The presence of the apolipoprotein E4 genotype — a genetic test assessing likelihood of lipid abnormalities, vascular disease, and Alzheimer's disease — can increase the risk of dementia two- to 10-fold, and chronic anticholinergic use — found in some oral medications and inhalers — is associated with a somewhat increased risk.

Although every case of Alzheimer's disease is different, experts have identified common warning signs of the brain disease. Remember, Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging, and it is important to look for signs that might indicate Alzheimer's disease versus basic forgetfulness or other conditions. With Alzheimer's disease, these symptoms gradually increase and become more persistent. (Alzheimer's Foundation of America website)

- Typical warning signs include:
- Memory loss, especially of recent events, names, placement of objects, and other new information
  - Confusion about time and place
  - Struggling to complete familiar actions, such as brushing teeth or getting dressed
  - Trouble finding the appropriate words, completing sentences, and following directions and conversations
  - Poor judgment when making decisions
  - Changes in mood and personality, such

as increased suspicion, rapid and persistent mood swings, withdrawal, and disinterest in usual activities

- Difficulty with complex mental assignments, such as balancing a checkbook or other tasks involving numbers

If someone is exhibiting these symptoms, the person should check out his or her concerns with their primary care doctor or physician assistant. Awareness of these warning signs is not a substitute for a structured screening or consultation with a primary care provider.

Doctors often wonder if dementia is present in the patients they treat. The National Institute on Aging and the Alzheimer's Association has released guidelines for clinical diagnosis of dementia and mild cognitive impairment. In brief, a diagnosis can be made if cognitive or behavioral symptoms interfere with the patient's ability to function at work or other social situations, if there is a decline from previous functioning, and if cognitive or behavioral impairments are detected through a combination of history and cognitive assessment.

There is no one test that defines dementia for doctors and patients. There are some screening tests to guide the practitioner, and there are more complete tests that better confirm the diagnosis. Screening tests done in a doctor's office for cognitive impairment may include a verbal fluency test or a mini-cognitive assessment test. These are somewhat formal tests that may take two to five minutes to complete. If there is continued suspicion of dementia, then a more complete exam, like the mini-mental status exam, is done. All of these exams test a variety of skills, including memory, behavior, language, and personality. They are all done in the office setting and are graded by the practitioner at the time of the exam.

Other disease states may be associated with dementia, and it can be challenging to identify those conditions in people who have dementia. Dementia may be occur in people who also have depression, Parkinson's disease, alcoholism, psychosis, hypothyroidism, Vitamin B12 deficiency, hydrocephalus, subdural hematoma, delirium, and HIV. Because depression may present as dementia, doctors have to be on the alert. In fact, the American Academy of Neurology and the American Geriatrics Society recommends screening for depression as part of the assessment for dementia.

Treatment for dementia includes a team of health care providers and family members. In the early years of disease, people with dementia can be cared for at home by their spouse or family. Oftentimes, help is necessary from home health nursing

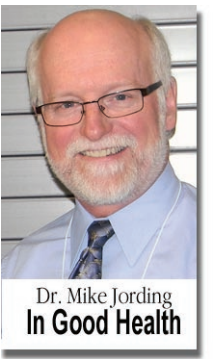
or homemaker services. Doctors prescribe medications as early on in the disease as possible to slow the progression of nerve cell death. However, the current medications are not satisfactory a lot of the time. Ultimately, a person's care will require more than can be given at home, and specialized nursing care units, like the Special Care Unit at Weston County Health Services, are necessary. The person's family and the team of providers caring for a patient with dementia often make the decision for the higher level of care. The special care unit is designed to provide the best environment for the care of those patients with dementia, and the staff is specially trained to provide the necessary services.

There are local and national resources available for persons with dementia and for families that provide care for their loved ones who have dementia. In the early 1990s, a group of Weston County residents provided statewide leadership in Alzheimer's disease support and education, but their efforts dwindled after 20 years when participation declined. Mary Capps was the driving force for the support group and provided leadership in publication of *AlzHelper*, a statewide publication for 10 years. She began advocating for Alzheimer's disease patients in 1983 and was aided in her efforts by Norma Livingston, Lester G. "Buzz" Brown, and Muriel Kuemmerle. Together, they published the support and educational newsletter that had a reading audience of up to 500 addresses. Even today, Mary continues to be a local resource for patients and families. JoAnne Farnsworth, nursing director of Weston County Manor in Newcastle, has recently led support group efforts for several years.

Regionally, the Alzheimer's Association of the Great Plains Chapter serves 80 counties of Nebraska and all of Wyoming from offices in Lincoln and Kearney, Nebraska. There is not an independent Wyoming support group or office, although Great Plains has a goal for placing an office in Wyoming.

Nationally, the Alzheimer's Foundation of America and the Alzheimer's Association provide a wide array of support and educational information for patients and families affected by dementia.

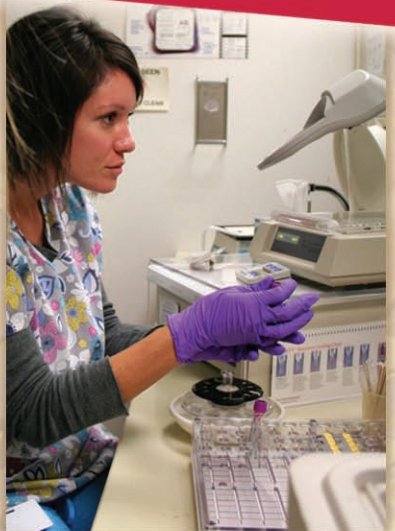
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## Legislator

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setting up interstate sales of health insurance for Wyoming residents, and a bill that would expand on early childhood development programs. Also today, for the first time this session, two bills failed first reading, one requiring propane tanks to be regulated, and another that attempted to root out fraudulent roofing companies. The first was deemed to be too broad and contain too much regulation, while the second raised concerns that it would adversely impact legitimate contractors.

**January 18-** The third reading consent list was quite short today, but the bills included the controversial state fuel tax increase, which finally passed third and final reading in the House. During lunch, the Education Committee met to discuss a bill which would turn over investigations of teachers who have been accused of wrong-doing to the local school district boards, rather than run the findings through a mediator as they do now. The bill failed to make it out of committee. Because it was Friday, few bills were introduced for first reading, though some of those taken up extended the deadline of registering a newly purchased vehicle to 60 days after purchase rather than 45 days, and a bill allowing the state water commissioner to handle water which sits along state lines and might cross over into surrounding states.

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#### NEWCASTLE HIGH SCHOOL DOGIES

NHS Wrestling			
01/25	V	Absaraka Conference Duals @ Glenrock	A 3 PM
01/26	V	Absaraka Conference Duals @ Glenrock	A 9 AM
02/01	VJ	Ron Thon Invitational @ Riverton	A 9 AM
02/02	VJ	Ron Thon Invitational @ Riverton	A 9 AM
02/02	VJ	Hill City Invitational	A 10 AM

Girls Basketball			
01/25	V9	* Torrington Trailblazers	H 4 PM
01/28	9	Wright Panthers	H5:30 PM
02/01	V9	* Wheatland Bulldogs	H 4 PM
02/02	V9	* Rawlins Outlaws	A Noon

Boys Basketball			
01/25	V9	* Torrington Trailblazers	H 4 PM
01/28	9	Wright Panthers	H 4 PM
02/01	V9	Wheatland Bulldogs	A 4 PM
02/02	V9	* Rawlins Outlaws	H Noon

Boys Swimming			
01/24	V	Gillette Quadrangular	A 4 PM
01/26	V	Lander Invitational	A 11 AM
02/01	V	Douglas Triangular	A 4 PM
02/02	V	Gillette Invitational	A 8 PM

#### UPTON HIGH SCHOOL BOBCATS

UHS WRESTLING			
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	PLACE
1/25-1/26	Belle Fourche		Belle Fourche
2/1-2/2	Ron Thon		Riverton

UHS GIRLS BASKETBALL			
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	PLACE
1/26	Arvada/Clearmont	1/2:30	Upton
1/29	Midwest	3/4:30	Midwest
2/1	Wright	4/7	Wright
2/2	Kaycee	1/2:30	Upton

UHS BOYS BASKETBALL			
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	PLACE
1/26	Arvada-Clearmont	1/4	Upton
1/29	Midwest	3/6	Midwest
2/1	Wright	4/5:30	Wright
2/2	Kaycee	1/4	Upton

### The Score

#### Ladies basketball scores

Freshmen  
Newcastle 42, Buffalo 46 (20T)  
Newcastle 30, Douglas 39  
JV  
Newcastle 47, Glenrock 41  
Newcastle 27, Douglas 36

#### Men's basketball scores

Freshmen  
Newcastle 37, Douglas 36  
JV  
Newcastle 35, Buffalo 38  
Newcastle 37, Douglas 51

## Shifting into super gear

Watching the football playoffs, and teams being knocked off one by one as the final two made their way to the big dance, left some females in my family reeling with emotions, shifting back and forth from happy to sad.

My sister, the diehard Denver Broncos fan, had no doubt whatsoever that this was her team's year for Super Bowl fame. When the Broncos/Ravens matchup approached, she knew a team of blackbirds couldn't possibly keep her revered Broncos from going all the way to represent the AFC in the big dance. Unfortunately they did, by only three points in overtime.

After that game, I opted to wait awhile to phone her and chat. When I finally did make the call, she had rebounded some, and was already looking toward the

next set of matchups. She admitted to shedding orange and blue tears, but said she was ready to root alongside my daughter in this week's NFC game.

"I'm gonna go for Kate's team, the 49ers, even though Atlanta was my second favorite team this year."

In the end, sister Leah was left thinking a Harbaugh brothers coached Super Bowl matchup between the 49ers and Ravens would be "kinda cool," and that is what she will get to see in about 10 days in New Orleans.

Of course, it goes without saying that my daughter is a happy 49ers fan!

It's been quite awhile since she's had a chance to cheer her team all the way to a Super Bowl performance. Kati was a sixth grade student at Newcastle Middle School the last time the 49ers held Super Bowl bragging rights, defeating the San Diego Chargers 49-26 in Super Bowl XXIX on Jan. 29, 1995.

She couldn't wait to go to school decked out in her 49er gear, and I'm certain it was her voice that I heard yelling 'Yippee' from the other side of town last Sunday.

I have to say it would be cool to have one female, and another by default, from our family end up with football bragging rights, and the chance to shout 'Yippee' again on Super Bowl Sunday.

Go 49ers!



Kim Dean  
Solve It

# Swimmers getting stronger



Bob Vines/Northern Wyoming Daily News

By Alexys Barker for NLJ

The Newcastle boys' swim team traveled to Worland on Friday and Saturday for a pair of meets, and it was not just any meet, as it was the first meet in the new pool recently constructed in Worland. The Dogies have traditionally participated in a small event in Buffalo on Friday before heading over the Big Horn Mountains to compete in the Worland Invite on Saturday, but the advent of the new pool meant that swim fans were able to do some one-stop shopping in Washakie County last weekend.

Newcastle was not the only team to attend and be

greeted by the new pool though. On Friday, Buffalo, Worland, and Douglas raced against the Dogies.

Only three swimmers, Conrad Farnsworth, Kolton Epperson, and Matt Tidd, were able to compete for Newcastle last week, but they were all fortunate enough to drop time in all of their events.

Tidd showed the most improvement by dropping six seconds in the 100 Breast on Friday, then topped his earlier performance by dropping a whopping 14 seconds on Saturday in the 100 Back. His ability to perform at that level two days in a row surprised his coach.

"We swam tired the second day, which was expected because we're in mid-season." com-

mented Coach Doug Scribner.

The fatigue proved to be a factor for most of the team, as they showed their most significant improvements the first day of competition in Worland. Farnsworth showed in his 500 free a time drop of a second and a half, and Epperson dropped almost two seconds in the 100 free. Scribner expected

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# Lady hoopsters suffer loss after big win

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

It was a big weekend for the much-improved Lady Dogies in terms of finding out exactly where they stacked up against the rest of their conference, and the team- which has struggled in the bottom half of the conference for the past few years- found out that they can now claim a spot in the top tier, but may have to improve a bit more to be listed among the elites in the 3A ranks.

Against the Buffalo Bison (10-4, 3-2 3A East) on Thursday, the Newcastle High School girls' basketball team started out slower than usual, but were able to turn momentum in their direction to win their fourth conference game this season in a close contest that ended with the score 42-39 in favor of the Dogies.

Two days later they competed

Ladies Stats	
<b>Dogies 42</b>	<b>Buffalo 39</b>
Field Goal Percentage 26	
3 pt. Percentage 7	
Free-Throw Percentage 64	
Turnovers 19	
Rebounds 21	
Assists 6	
<b>Individual Stats</b>	
Points	Rebounds
Shenae LaCroix 12	Hannah Cass 11
Paige Smith 11	Assists
Hannah Cass 11	Hannah Cass 2
	Paige Smith 11
	Steals
	Paige Smith 11
<b>Dogies 22</b>	<b>Douglas 62</b>
Field Goal Percentage 21	
3 pt. Percentage 11	
Free Throw Percentage 54	
Turnovers 29	
Rebounds 18	
Assists 5	
<b>Individual Stats</b>	
Points	Assists
Hannah Cass 7	Anna Henkle 3
Rebounds	Steals
Anna Henkle 6	Paige Smith 3

against the number one team in the state, the Douglas Bearcats (15-0, 6-0), but the Converse team was able to win impressively to remain unbeaten.

Despite the disappointment they experienced in Douglas, however, Coach Tyler Bartlett is pleased with the Dogies record of 4-2 in the 3A East Conference.

"Thursday night started out slow against Buffalo. It was 10-0, but we took a time out, and when I looked around the huddle I didn't see any fear. I didn't see any panic. They understood we were down, but it was so early. We knew we were better than this, and we would be fine," stated Bartlett. "The most assuring thing there was to look in that huddle, and see girls that have confidence and know they can come back from those holes. It's really nice to have a group of girls that knows how to win, and knows how to compete and to never give up."

By halftime the Dogies had bounced back into the game, and were only down by one point. Following the break, Newcastle took control and led through the majority of the second half. Buffalo would make a run of their own though, and make the games final moments interesting. With three minutes remaining, the Dogies were leading the Bison by 11 points, and they were able to hold on down the stretch to secure the victory.

The ability to go on scoring runs, play good defense and push the ball were contributing factors in the team's ability to take the lead, explained the coach, who said disciplined play also contributed to them holding onto it late.



Sierra LaCroix for NLJ

— See Ladies, Page 10 Freshman Hannah Cass takes it up strong against the Bison in Buffalo.

# Short handed grapplers place sixth at Buffalo Invite

By Alexys Barker for NLJ

The Dogie wrestlers were on the road the past Friday and Saturday as they traveled to Buffalo for the Bison's invitational tournament.

It offered something a little bit different for the grapplers, as it was not a bracketed tournament but a pool tournament, meaning that the athletes competed in a random draw on the first day before being seeded and run through a bracket in their respective weight classes the following day.

Laramie, Sheridan, Glenrock, Buffalo, and Cody brought their varsity squads to

compete and Gillette brought their JV.

"We wrestled some 4A schools, and some conference teams. There weren't very many schools there, but we saw some tough competition," Coach Sean Crabtree told the News Letter Journal.

Junior Merritt Crabtree, 170 pounds, led the way for the Dogies when he went undefeated and claimed the championship in his weight class. Crabtree pinned all three of his opponents in the first period on Saturday during the bracketed portion of the tournament.

"He wrestled very well."

### Wrestling

Buffalo Invite Team Scores	
1. Sheridan	189.5
2. Cody	137.0
3. Campbell County	128.5
4. Laramie	103.5
5. Glenrock	92.0
6. Newcastle	90.5
7. Buffalo	51.0

Coach Crabtree admitted.

A number of other Dogie wrestlers reached the semi-finals before losing for the first time in the bracketed portion of the tournament. Daxton Taylor (152 pounds), Jake Villanueva (182), Chris Spain (160), and Garret Liggett (220) all dropped their semi-final contests, but wrestled

back through the consolation bracket without losing again to claim third place in their respective classes.

Phil Jagelski (138) also lost his semi-final match, but rebounded to finished fourth for the weekend, while teammate Nick Bock posted a 2-3 record in the same weight class but fell just short of placing in the top four.

"There were a lot of wrestlers stacked up against those guys in that weight class," the coach reported.

Dilon Jeppeson (106), Jacob Hobbs (113), Kolton Hall (195), and Drew Carter (220) all won one or more

matches at the tournament, and Ricky Larson also competed but was injured in his last match.

The Dogies were unable to put any wrestlers on the mat at 120, 126, 132, and 145 pounds, and the fact that so many weight classes were left open for Newcastle contributed to the Dogies only being able to place sixth out the seven teams at the tournament in Johnson County.

"There were a lot of my kids who were injured," Coach Crabtree lamented.

He hopes to get most of

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# Dogie offense gets iced

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

Before the Dogie boys' basketball game against the Buffalo Bison (9-4, 3-2 3A East) on Thursday in the Dogie Dome, the team had been preparing for their opponents to utilize a zone defense. Coach Allen Von Eye says such a defense has been the team's Achilles heel, and he felt the opportunity to attack a traditionally solid defensive unit that employed a zone was going to provide a good learning experience for his team regardless of the game's outcome.

"We knew it was going to be difficult, and we had to battle. We had to take care of the basketball, and then we had to execute. Unfortunately, we just didn't do any of that throughout most of the game. We struggled to bring the basketball up mainly because we were very, very hesitant. We just didn't show a lot of confidence at all," reported the coach.

The lack of confidence showed in the amount of times the Dogies turned the ball over to their opponents, which obviously decreased the opportunity they had to make shots. The final score in the game against the Bison was 49-28, and Von Eye said the 28 points made by the Dogies was in direct correlation to them only shooting 26 times over the course of the contest.

"I thought we defended well, but we didn't rebound overly well, which is what we talked about going into it. We had to defend and rebound, and in essence that is the story of the basketball game. We handed the ball over, and were unable to get shots off. When you're up against a quality defensive team you're not going to be able to get wins when you do that. It's just as simple as that," he stated.

The coach felt the team's confidence had returned when they traveled to play the Douglas Bearcats (8-7, 4-1) on Saturday as a result of the great intensity they demon-

Mens Stats			
<b>Dogies 28</b>		<b>Buffalo 49</b>	
31	Field Goal Percentage	34	
33	3 pt. Percentage	43	
47	Free-Throw Percentage	73	
10	Bench Points	8	
6	Points in Paint	20	
12	Points off Turnovers	31	
11	2nd Chance Points	5	
25	Rebounds	29	
27	Turnovers	14	
<b>Individual Stats</b>			
Points		Steals	
Dakota McCormack 8		Wade Gordon 3	
Rebounds		Assists	
Wade Gordon 8		Dave Christiansen 2	
<b>Dogies 42</b>		<b>Douglas 55</b>	
38	Field Goal Percentage	40	
0	3 pt. Percentage	31	
44	Free Throw Percentage	61	
27	Bench Points	12	
28	Points in Paint	22	
20	Points off Turnovers	17	
11	2nd Chance Points	13	
25	Rebounds	44	
11	Turnovers	16	
<b>Individual Stats</b>			
Points		Steals	
Wade Gordon 18		Trenton Engle 3	
Rebounds		Assists	
Wade Gordon 10		Dave Christiansen 3	

"In the second half we started playing really well, we came out a little soft for the first minute and a half or so but then we picked up the defensive pressure a little bit. We were being patient and deliberate on offense, and before you know it we were starting to get some buckets, got some steals and forced some turnovers," he recalled.

More points were made up by the Dogies in the third quarter, and they continued to play well to outscore the Bearcats over the last half of the game, but the early deficit was simply too much to overcome.

"Wade Gordon started shooting the ball pretty well, and taking it to the rim. Jeremy Feist became a factor, and before we knew it we had chipped their lead down quite a ways in the third quarter. Then in the fourth quarter we actually got the lead down to single digits. We got it down to nine at one point," the coach reported.

At that point, the Dogies ran out of gas unfortunately, according to Von Eye. Shots started to fall short because legs just weren't there anymore. The Dogies were able to force turnovers down the stretch, and put up a tough fight to the end, but the Bearcats took home the 55-42 win.

The coaches hope to generate confidence from the more positive aspects of how the team performed last week as they prepare to take on the Torrington Trailblazers in a double header in the Dogie Dome on Friday. Fans are encouraged to come to the Dome wearing sunglasses in anticipation of the teams lighting up the gym.

"I anticipate some zone, and we have to get past that mental block with our eyes about facing a zone defense. We have plenty of things to attack it, and we have plenty of good basketball players that can do it. We've got to play good defense, and we've got to get back to the glass make sure we are making secure rebounds," Von Eye said of the upcoming contest.

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## Wrestlers

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those wrestlers back on the mat at the 3A East Conference duals on Friday and Saturday in Glenrock.

The Dogies will compete head-to-head against each of the other seven teams in the 3A East Conference in dual format matches, instead of taking them on in a tournament.

That means all of the Dogies will face their counterparts from each team in their respective weight classes, and the coach hopes to know more of how their team stacks up against potential opponents at the upcoming 3A Regional and State meets after this weekend's action.

"There are a lot of things to work on before Regionals and State. We're still doing things that get us in trouble, and we need to get them figured out because the season is almost over," Crabtree asserted on Monday.



Photo courtesy of Brendan Carl/Bufallo Bulletin  
**Garrett Liggett was among a handful of Dogies to earn a medal in Buffalo.**

## Ladies

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"We did a lot of what we had practiced all week long. We wanted to be able to throw in some zone defense because we wanted to be able to change some looks on defense, and they did that. We created a ton of turnovers while having only 12 fouls as a team, which is outstanding! They played extremely- extremely well," proclaimed Bartlett.

While scoreboard stung when it was all said and done later in the week in Douglas, the most difficult pill to swallow was an injury to starter Bailey Karp. The sophomore's knee injury will keep her out the rest of the season according to the coach. He was pleased with the fact that his squad didn't stop competing in spite of the dismal first half they suffered through however.

"That adversity, being down in the first half and having a starter injured, and our ability to bounce back and do what had to be done really speaks volumes for this team," he admitted.

That said, he acknowledged the team did not put their best foot forward in Douglas on

Saturday against a team that has beaten everybody that has gotten in their way this season, and the 62-22 final score demonstrates that the Dogies have some work to do compete against the most dominant girls' team in Wyoming.

"We did not play the style of basketball we would expect to play any other time. It just so happens that that team is so talented and so good that if you don't play well, something like that might happen. It's an embarrassing loss because we know we are better than what that score indicated on Saturday. We know we are on the right track, and where we need to be, but we are disappointed we didn't give them our best shot. They are the best team in the conference right now, but I don't think they are 40 points better than our team," Bartlett reasoned.

He indicated the team will not let the loss on Saturday shake their confidence, and this week they will prepare to compete against Torrington in the Dogie Dome on Friday night. At 3-3 in the conference, and 7-6 overall,

the Trailblazers are another of the teams that will be looking to leapfrog Newcastle into one of the top three spots in the conference. The loss of a starter for the Dogies means that different players will have to step up for the rest of the year if the team hopes to maintain that position.

"It will change from time to time. Hannah Cass will obviously play a more prominent role, and Savannah Davis, Kiana Hobbs and Patricia Miller are all going to have to get into that role. Who starts in that spot is not necessarily as important as who provides interior defense and rebounding on the offensive and defensive ends. We will be looking to a couple of different players to step in and fill those shoes," the coach stated.

The Trailblazers, coached by former Dogie headman Jeff Halley, have historically been the first conference team the Dogies face, but a change in the schedule this year means that Torrington is the last team in the 3A East that the Dogies will get a look at.

That means this week's contest will officially mark the midway point of the conference season, and next week Newcastle will begin the second round, facing each team in the conference again in preparation for post-season. Their focus will be on how to continue to improve their seeding for Regionals in Worland.

"This is the first year we have gone to this method. It will be the exact same pattern we started with, which is nice. I think it gives you a good look, and this is one more way for us to look at the process while keeping the big picture in mind," said Bartlett, who is obviously pleased with his team's performance thus far.

"There have been some years where we have won four games total, so to have won four games in conference already shows we are on the right track!" he exclaimed.

He indicated the team has been encouraged by the number of fans that have been attending home games, and urged everyone to come cheer on the Dogies on Friday, when fans are asked to wear their sunglasses as a show of support in the games.

## Swimmers

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that the swimmers would perform well on Friday because he said they practiced hard all week, and would likely see some benefits as a result.

The upcoming week has much to offer for the swimmers in the way of opportunities to continue to show improvements in their times.

They have two meets to look forward to this week, and will get a day in between to recover. On Thursday, Gillette is hosting and Saturday the squad will travel to Lander.

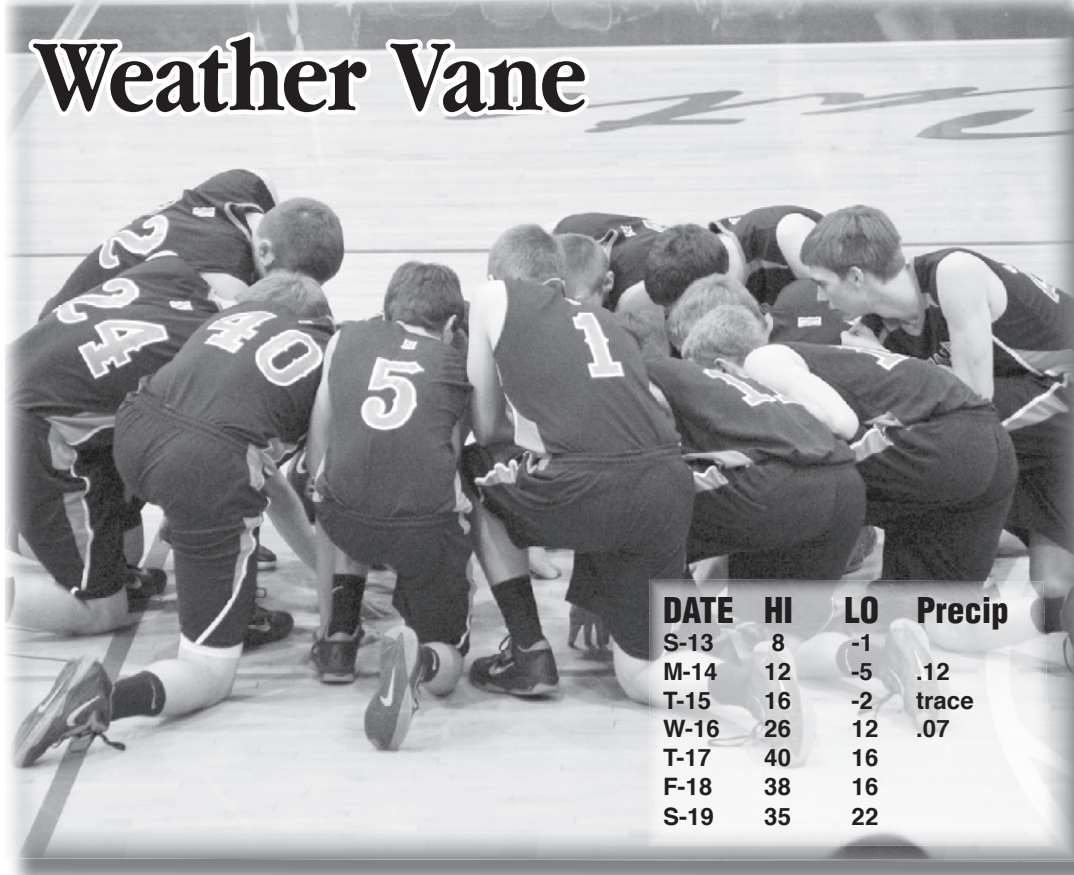
While the day off between meets should help the Dogies post better times on Saturday, Scribner is also anxious to see if his team will benefit from an increase

in the number of competitors they'll be able to put in the pool. That should allow them to post a higher team point total than they've been able to achieve at any of the meets they've competed in through the

first half of the season. "This week all of our swimmers will be eligible, so we'll be swimming with six instead of just two or three," the coach reported.

Swim Stats			
<b>Worland Pre-Invite</b>		<b>Worland Invite</b>	
<b>50 Free</b>			
5th	Conrad Farnsworth	27.08	
8th	Kolton Epperson	29.84	
9th	Matt Tidd	31.47	
<b>100 Free</b>			
8th	Kolton Epperson	1:07.69	
<b>500 Free</b>			
7th	Conrad Farnsworth	7:41.56	
<b>100 Breast</b>			
7th	Matt Tidd	1:36.55	
11th	Conrad Farnsworth	26.70	
23rd	Kolton Epperson	30.35	
31st	Matt Tidd	31.87	
<b>100 Free</b>			
8th	Kolton Epperson	1:10.62	
<b>500 Free</b>			
19th	Conrad Farnsworth	7:44.18	
<b>100 Back</b>			
29th	Matt Tidd	1:36.62	

# Weather Vane



DATE	HI	LO	Precip
S-13	8	-1	
M-14	12	-5	.12
T-15	16	-2	trace
W-16	26	12	.07
T-17	40	16	
F-18	38	16	
S-19	35	22	

## City Finances

### CITY OF NEWCASTLE SEMI-ANNUAL FY 2013 YTD FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH DECEMBER 2012

ACCOUNT	REVENUES NET ESTIMATE	YTD RECEIPTS	GOAL - 50%
Taxes	\$665,373.00	\$434,264.87	65%
Licenses & Permits	\$175,800.00	\$61,029.77	35%
State Shared Revenue	\$1,277,245.00	\$756,674.21	59%
Office Services	\$0.00	\$39.75	
City Hall Rental	\$15,600.00	\$6,600.00	42%
Police Department Revenue	\$149,500.00	\$89,144.00	60%
Cemetery Revenue	\$6,550.00	\$7,040.00	107%
Other General Revenue	\$1,574,422.00	\$63,352.82	4%
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE</b>	<b>\$3,864,490.00</b>	<b>\$1,418,145.42</b>	<b>37%</b>
Water Revenue	\$796,248.00	\$466,297.58	59%
<b>TOTAL WATER REVENUE</b>	<b>\$796,248.00</b>	<b>\$466,297.58</b>	<b>59%</b>
Sewer Revenue	\$215,308.00	\$112,837.94	52%
<b>TOTAL SEWER REVENUE</b>	<b>\$215,308.00</b>	<b>\$112,837.94</b>	<b>52%</b>
Garbage Revenue	\$607,692.00	\$261,959.41	43%
<b>TOTAL GARBAGE REVENUE</b>	<b>\$607,692.00</b>	<b>\$261,959.41</b>	<b>43%</b>
<b>Semi-Annual TOTAL REVENUE 2012-13</b>	<b>\$5,483,738.00</b>	<b>\$2,259,240.35</b>	<b>41%</b>

ACCOUNT	APPROPRIATIONS APPROPRIATED	YTD EXPENDED	GOAL - 50%
Legislative	\$29,725.00	\$10,961.29	37%
Judicial	\$26,162.00	\$10,777.36	41%
Executive	\$7,200.00	\$3,599.96	50%
Clerk & Treasurer	\$128,055.00	\$55,219.87	43%
City Attorney	\$33,600.00	\$14,000.00	42%
General Administration	\$360,337.00	\$158,662.36	44%
City Hall	\$25,800.00	\$9,896.94	38%
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$610,879.00</b>	<b>\$263,117.78</b>	<b>43%</b>
Police Department	\$1,131,203.00	\$476,931.85	42%
Fire Department	\$134,000.00	\$21,262.59	16%
City Engineer/Protective Inspection	\$68,982.00	\$31,172.27	45%
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>\$1,334,185.00</b>	<b>\$529,366.71</b>	<b>40%</b>
Streets & Alleys	\$1,258,100.00	\$407,077.84	32%
City Engineer-Street Department	\$68,600.00	\$29,054.59	42%
Cemetery	\$58,850.00	\$18,763.23	32%
Airport	\$57,565.00	\$9,299.35	16%
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>\$1,443,115.00</b>	<b>\$464,195.01</b>	<b>32%</b>
Senior Citizens Center	\$30,000.00	\$7,500.00	25%
Weston Co. Children's Center	\$9,000.00	\$2,250.00	25%
NE WY Mental Health	\$6,500.00	\$1,625.00	25%
FOCUS	\$6,500.00	\$1,625.00	25%
Weston Co. In-Home Health	\$5,500.00	\$1,375.00	25%
Weston Co. Youth Services	\$14,211.00	\$4,443.75	31%
Ambulance Service	\$100,000.00	\$49,999.98	50%
RENEW recycling	\$12,600.00	\$6,300.00	50%
<b>TOTAL HEALTH &amp; WELFARE</b>	<b>\$184,311.00</b>	<b>\$75,118.73</b>	<b>41%</b>
Parks	\$213,500.00	\$70,439.19	33%
Newcastle Recreation Board	\$41,500.00	\$10,461.32	25%
<b>TOTAL CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>	<b>\$255,000.00</b>	<b>\$80,900.51</b>	<b>32%</b>
Humane Society	\$17,000.00	\$4,250.00	25%
Chamber of Commerce	\$13,000.00	\$3,250.00	25%
Elections	\$7,000.00	\$-	
<b>TOTAL OTHER GENERAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$37,000.00</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$3,864,490.00</b>	<b>\$1,420,198.74</b>	<b>37%</b>
<b>WATER FUND</b>			
Debt Service/Bond Payment	\$49,265.00	\$49,265.00	100%
Wells, Tanks & Equipment	\$221,000.00	\$30,891.55	14%
Transmission and Distribution	\$237,026.00	\$119,000.91	50%
City Engineer - Water	\$42,250.00	\$11,619.88	28%
Accounting & Collection	\$55,989.00	\$22,545.72	40%
Other General Expense	\$141,718.00	\$71,255.65	50%
<b>TOTAL WATER DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>\$747,248.00</b>	<b>\$304,578.71</b>	<b>41%</b>
<b>SEWER DEPARTMENT</b>			
Sewer Department	\$184,458.00	\$71,050.22	39%
City Engineer - Sewer	\$30,850.00	\$10,915.69	35%
<b>TOTAL SEWER DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>\$215,308.00</b>	<b>\$81,965.91</b>	<b>38%</b>
<b>GARBAGE DEPARTMENT</b>			
Garbage	\$332,694.00	\$188,868.88	57%
City Engineer - Garbage	\$60,150.00	\$19,559.52	33%
Other General Expenses	\$214,848.00	\$91,825.60	43%
<b>TOTAL GARBAGE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>\$607,692.00</b>	<b>\$300,254.00</b>	<b>49%</b>
<b>Semi-Annual</b>			
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION FUNDS 2012-13</b>	<b>\$5,434,738.00</b>	<b>\$2,106,997.36</b>	<b>39%</b>

Charita Brunner, City Clerk/Treasurer

(Publish January 24, 2013)

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### ACROSS

- Idealized image
- Snake in the grass
- Attired
- Bourne actor
- U.N. labor agency
- Domenikos Theotokopoulos, a.k.a. El \_\_\_\_\_
- Like NCAA's eight
- Microprocessor chip, for short
- Number of planets
- \*Expensive Bowl purchase
- \*Tied with Steelers for most appearances
- Big fuss
- Hoodlum
- Car wash option
- Camera setting
- \*Found on many players
- Corner pieces
- Snoopy
- As opposed to best
- Etna output
- Where one is treated for drug or alcohol dependence
- Flood survivor
- Time on the job
- Foolhardy challenge
- Tyrant's power
- Listed on driver's license
- Chapter 11 issue
- "\_\_\_\_\_ for the course"
- Royal Indian
- E in B.C.E.
- \*Cause of Superdome leak
- One who inspires fear
- Set of values
- \*Coach's \_\_\_\_\_ talk
- Factual evidence
- No person
- Draft choice
- Lacks
- Very pleased with oneself
- \*It's won more than its counterpart
- Affirmatives

### DOWN

- Brainchild
- French Sudan, today
- Gulf V.I.P.
- "\_\_\_\_\_ go!"
- Iroquois tribe
- \*Record-holder for touchdowns and points scored
- Mont Blanc, e.g.
- \_\_\_\_\_ football
- Stewie Griffin's bed
- Construction set for kids
- Common flu feeling
- Some letter toppers
- Cheap showy jewelry
- Pitcher's domain
- \*Wide receiver, aka wide \_\_\_\_\_
- Taqueria offering
- Like one from Prince Charles' domain
- Winged
- \*47
- Three-\_\_\_\_\_ sloth
- \*\_\_\_\_\_ Dorsett, won one Super Bowl ring
- Girl Scout unit
- Japanese port
- Catchall category
- Belted out
- Bygone era
- Type of sailing ship
- \*Joe Montana, only \_\_\_\_\_ winner of Super Bowl MVP
- "The Joy Luck Club" author
- \*Named after Vince Lombardi
- Birthplace of anime
- Saints' lights
- Barbie dolls' boyfriends

- Nucleus plus electrons
- Biblical pronoun
- \*Peyton is still seeking his second one of these
- Work detail

- Famous seamstress
- "Going, going, \_\_\_\_\_!"
- Salamander in terrestrial stage, pl.
- Will Ferrell played one

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**Blotter**

**January 13, 2013**  
 Traffic stop, no action. Theft reported. Report of a hazard. Suspicious activity reported. Noise complaint. Civil standby requested. Report of phone harassment. Residential alarm reported.  
**January 14**  
 Phone fraud reported. Assist other agency. Civil standby requested. Assist other agency. VIN inspection. Injured cat reported. Report of a dog at large. Traffic stop, no action. Civil assist. Assist other agency. Extra patrol requested.  
**January 15**  
 Commercial alarm reported. Commercial alarm reported. Report of harassment. Hit and run accident reported. VIN inspection. Found property. Vehicle accident reported. Hazard reported. Phone fraud reported. Noise complaint. Traffic stop, citation issued.



**January 16**  
 Open door discovered. Residential alarm reported. Report of a dog at large. School walk through. Four VIN inspections. Traffic hazard reported. Abandoned vehicles reported. 911 hang up. Traffic stop, citations issued. School bus red light runner reported. Extra patrol requested. Civil problem reported. Arrest Warrant issued. Arrest Warrant issued.  
**January 17**  
 Drunk pedestrian reported. Open door discovered. Parking complaint. Spilled load reported. Theft reported. VIN inspection. Residential alarm reported. Assist other agency. VIN inspection. School security check. Suspicious activity reported. Missing cat reported. School security check. 911 hang up call. Parking complaint. Drug possession, one arrest.  
**January 18**  
 Suspicious activity reported. 911 hang up. Assist other agency. VIN inspection. Report of a dog at large. Traffic stop, one arrest. Report of a dog at large. Abandon vehicle reported. Traffic stop, no action taken.  
**January 19**  
 Minor accident reported. Trespass reported. Suicide threatened. Suspicious activity reported. Report of drunk pedestrian.

**Public Notice**

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WESTON COUNTY SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF WYOMING 1 West Main Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming 82701**

Docket No. PR-7918  
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
 PATRICIA A. FAUST,  
 Deceased.

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL CREDITORS, HEIRS AND DEVISEES AND ALL OTHER PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE PROCEEDINGS a Petition to Determine Heirship of Patricia A. Faust has been filed by Michael T. Faust pursuant to W.S. 2-9-201 et seq., to obtain a determination of her death, a determination of her heirs, the degree of kinship and the right of descent of the real property belonging to her.  
 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that that upon Order duly entered, a hearing on a Petition to Determine Heirship is set for the 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013 at nine o'clock a.m., before a Judge of the District Court, Sixth Judicial District Court, Weston County, Wyoming and that in the event no answer is filed or objection thereto taken, the Court may enter its Order and determine the date of death of Patricia A. Faust, the heirs of Patricia A. Faust, their degree of kinship and the right of descent of the real property belonging to Patricia A. Faust hereinafter described.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the date of the supposed death of the deceased is July 16, 2006; that at the time of her death she was a resident of Willis, Montgomery County, Texas; that she died seized of an interest in the real property located in Weston County, Wyoming described as follows:

An undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in and to the SE 1/4 NE 1/4 and the NE 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 31 and the NW 1/4 and the N 1/2 SW 1/4, Section 32, all in Township 47 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Weston County, Wyoming together with an undivided one-twelfth (1/12) interest in the oil, gas and other minerals in, on and under this parcel of land.  
 DATED THIS 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.

SANDRA WALFORD,  
 CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Rogers Law Firm, P.C.  
 200 West 17th Street, Suite 280  
 Cheyenne, WY 82001  
 (307) 634-7448

(Publish January 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2013)

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION RENEWAL OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSES 2013-2014**

Notice is hereby given that on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013 the following Retail Liquor Licensees, two Restaurant Licensees and one Club Licensee, filed applications for renewal of their Liquor Licenses. Protests, if there be any, against the issuance of these licenses, will be heard at the hour of 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2013, in the Newcastle City Council Chambers at City Hall, Newcastle, Wyoming.

**Liquor License #1:** PERKINS TAVERN, LLC d/b/a PERKINS TAVERN  
 Lot 6, Block 10, Original Town. Ground floor of a two story & basement building.

**Liquor License #2:** JAMES C. McFARLANE d/b/a Iron Horse Saloon; Lots 8 & 9, Block 11, Original Town Addition. One story brick building 25' X 96'.

**Liquor License #3:** BARBARA A. & WILLIAM H. BROWN d/b/a The Little Ceramic & Smoke Shop; A portion of Quarterhorse Addition, Newcastle.

**Liquor License #4:** CAP & BOTTLE, LLC d/b/a Cap & Bottle; Lots 10 & 11, Cannon's Sub-Division of Lot 20, Block T, County Clerk Addition.

**Liquor License #5:** CW MORRIS INC., dba Antler's Lounge; LOTS 7&8, BLOCK 6, Original Addition, Newcastle, WY.

**Liquor License #6:** MINI MART INC. d/b/a Loaf 'N Jug #167; A parcel of land which is a portion of Block 3 of the replat of Homebuilder's Addition Number 1.

**Liquor License #7:** FRESH START CONVENIENCE STORES, INC. d/b/a Fresh Start; Lots 1-2 & Parts of Lots 3-5, Block 9, Original Town of Newcastle.

**Liquor License #8:** MAVERIK, INC. d/b/a Maverik #458; A tract of land in SE1/4NW1/4 Section 29, T45N, R61W of the 6th PM, Weston County parcel #4561292301800.

**Restaurant License #1:** HIGH PLAINS PIZZA, INC. d/b/a Pizza Hut #211, a Tract of Land in NW1/4 of SW1/4 of Section 28, T45N, of R61.

**Restaurant License #2:** KENNETH R. & DEBRA McKEE, d/b/a Isabella's; Southerly 60' of Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 10, Original Town Addition.

**Club License #1:** NEWCASTLE COUNTY CLUB - d/b/a Newcastle Country Club; One Story, framed structure containing approximately 4,000 square feet of space, NE1/2, SW1/2 Sect. 20, T45N, Range 61W of 6<sup>th</sup> PM.  
 Dated This 16<sup>th</sup> Day of January 2013

Charita Brunner, City Clerk/Treasurer

(Publish January 24- 31, February 7 and 14, 2013)

**Foreclosure Notice**

**FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE**

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note ("Note") and real estate mortgage ("Mortgage"). The Mortgage dated May 20, 2009, was executed and delivered by Jim L. Naillon and Jennifer Naillon ("Mortgagor(s)") to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for WCS Lending, LLC, A Florida Limited Liability Company its successors and assigns, as security for the Note of the same date, and said Mortgage was recorded on June 23, 2009, at Reception No. 712744 in Book 315 at Page 0707 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: CitiMortgage, Inc.  
 Assignment dated: May 20, 2009  
 Assignment recorded: June 23, 2009  
 Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 712745 in Book 315 at Page 0176

Assignee: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association  
 Assignment dated: July 12, 2012  
 Assignment recorded: July 27, 2012 and Re-Recorded December 17, 2012  
 Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 737091 in Book 338 at Page 0639 and Re-Recorded at at Reception No. 740380 in Book 341 at Page 868

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 Mortgagor declares to have become operative, and no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof, nor has any such suit or proceeding been instituted and the same discontinued; and

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$172,794.06 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$154,839.23 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$12,109.57, plus other costs in the amount of \$5,845.26, 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 JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as the Mortgagor, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Weston County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on February 19, 2013 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY, Weston County, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF LOT 3, AND THE SOUTHERLY 75 FEET OF LOT 4, BLOCK 10, FAGAN ADDITION REPLAT OF BLOCKS 8, 9 AND W1/2 OF LOT 10 FAGAN ADDITION, TOWN OF UPTON, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING.

with an address of 1336 Colorado Avenue, Upton, WY 82730.

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

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association  
 By: The Castle Law Group, LLC  
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**Bid Notice**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Newcastle, Wyoming /Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department will be selling on EBAY (www.ebay.com) by competitive bid commencing on January 18, 2013 and ending on February 1, 2013 to the highest bidder meeting the minimum reserve amount the following-described property: 1961 Dodge Powerwagon 4x4 3/4 ton pickup with manual transmission with approximately 34, 417 miles. Terms of the auction will be set forth in the EBAY advertisement. Delivery of the vehicle will not be available, and the vehicle must be picked-up at Newcastle, Wyoming. The vehicle can be viewed in Newcastle, Wyoming by contacting Donny Munger at (307)746-5951 or Chris Kenney at (307)941-1562.

City of Newcastle  
 Charita Brunner  
 Clerk/Treasurer

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**Foreclosure Notice**

**NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note (the "Note") dated April 27, 2009, executed and delivered by Richard R. Nielsen and Marjorie M. Nielsen ("Mortgagor(s)") to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. ("Mortgagee"), and a real estate mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by Mortgagor(s), to Mortgagee, and which Mortgage was recorded in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming, on April 28, 2009, at Reception No. 711600 in Book 314 at Page 556;

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale, pursuant to the terms of the Mortgage, has been served upon the record owner and party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to first publication of the notice of sale;

The property covered by said Mortgage is described as follows:

THE SOUTH 11' OF LOT 3, ALL OF LOT 4, BLOCK 14, EAST ADDITION, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.  
 with an address of 710 Willow Street, Upton, WY 82730.

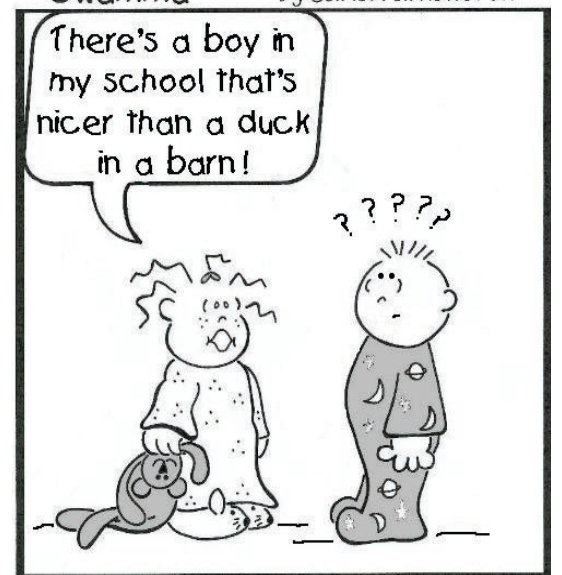
WHEREAS, the property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale. Any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting a bid;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Wyoming Statutes Section 34-4-109 (2003) that the foreclosure sale of the above Mortgage, scheduled for January 8, 2013 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY, Weston County, State of Wyoming, has been postponed to 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on February 12, 2013 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY, Weston County, State of Wyoming.

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'Gwamma' by JaNel Farnsworth



**Foreclosure Notice**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Wyoming Statutes, Annotated, Sections 34-4-104 and 34-4-105 (2013), that a certain mortgage dated September 18, 2007, which was executed and delivered by Justin D. Burke, a married man dealing in his sole and separate property, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Wallick & Volk, Inc., and recorded in the County Clerk's Office, Weston County, Wyoming, on September 19, 2007, in Book 300 at Page 504, as Document No. 697761, and which mortgage was assigned to Wyoming Community Development Authority on September 21, 2007, and the Assignment was recorded in the County Clerk's Office, Weston County, Wyoming, on December 7, 2007, in Book 302 at Page 589, as Document No. 699665, will be foreclosed by a sale to the highest bidder at a public auction of the premises described pursuant to a power of sale contained in the mortgage.

The premises that are described in the mortgage are as follows:

All of Lot 2 and the East One-Half of Lot 3, Block 1, Getchell Addition, Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming, according to the recorded plat thereof.

The mortgage contains a street address of 506 Pine Street, Newcastle, Wyoming, 82701.

The above sale will be conducted by the Sheriff or the Sheriff's Deputy at the front door of the Courthouse in Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming, at 10:00 a.m. on February 12, 2013.

Justin D. Burke has defaulted in the terms of the note and mortgage and the undersigned claims \$129,240.66 and interest due on the mortgage, plus per diem interest of \$20.19 on the unpaid balance to the date of sale, plus reasonable attorney's fees and expenses of sale.

The property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale and any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting a bid.  
 DATED THIS 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

Wyoming Community Development Authority, Mortgagee  
 BY: James R. Bell #5-1606  
 Murane & Bostwick LLC  
 201 North Wolcott  
 Casper WY 82601  
 307-234-9345 / Fax: 307-237-5110  
 Attorney for Mortgagee

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**Deadline for Legals noon on Friday**

**County Commission Minutes**

**JANUARY 15, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Weston County Commissioners convened at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Seeley presiding. Present for the meeting were Commissioners: Lenard D. Seeley, Jerry Shepperson, Marty Ertman, Tracy Hunt and County Clerk, Mamie C. Krank. Commissioner Randy Rossman was not present for the meeting.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Approve Minutes**

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 8, 2013 as advertised. **Carried.**

**Wyoming Wolf Coalition**

The Commissioners discussed an email received from Harriet Hageman, Hageman & Brighton, P.C., regarding lawsuits filed against the Wyoming Wolf Plan. Ms. Hageman questioned whether the Commissioners wanted to be named as an "intervener" in the matter or just contribute funds. The Commissioners decided to contact Ms. Hageman to discuss the issue further. No action was taken, this issue will be re-visited.

**Wyoming County Commissioners Association**

The Commissioners were made aware of an existing vacancy on the Wyoming County Commissioners Association (WCCA) Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, to appoint Commissioner Marty Ertman to the WCCA Board. Discussion ensued, **carried.**

**Prairie Dogs**

Chairman Seeley briefed the Board on a Joint Ag Committee meeting which he attended in Cheyenne. The meeting was attended by the Forest Service representatives and discussion included Mountain Pine Beetles and Prairie Dog Management. The consensus of the Weston County Board of Commissioners was that the Record of Decision for Prairie Dog Management should be overturned. No action was taken.

**Rare Element Resources**

Mike Finn, Rare Element Resources (RER), met with the Commissioners and discussed the high attendance of the company's recent open houses which were held in both Upton and Sundance. The Commissioners discussed

Weston County's progress on the BRC Traffic Study to be conducted in the Upton Logistics Center. No action was taken.

**Proposed Legislation-Senate File 104**

The Commissioners discussed an email from Cindy Hill, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Proposed Senate File 104 would take authority away from the elected position and create a Director's position which would be appointed by the Governor. A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to draft correspondence in opposition of proposed Senate File 104. Discussion ensued, **carried.** The letter will be distributed via email to members of the Wyoming Legislature.

**Proposed Legislation-House Bill 69**

The Commissioners discussed proposed House Bill 69 which is a fuel tax bill. Commissioner Shepperson left the meeting at 10:42 a.m. and returned at 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Ertman explained that the revenue generated by the bill would not cover the costs of needed road improvements and would place the burden on private citizens. Revenue generated from the Mineral Severance Tax has funded highway maintenance in the past. A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, to draft correspondence in opposition of proposed House Bill 69. **Carried.** The letter will be distributed via email to members of the Wyoming Legislature.

**Sheriff's Department**

Sheriff Colvard and Doug Jorrey, Homeland Security Coordinator, met with the Commissioners. Sheriff Colvard discussed proposed legislation dealing with firearm rights in Wyoming. Mr. Jorrey discussed proposed updates to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Mr. Jorrey spoke about utilizing volunteers and the knowledge gained from recent emergencies and fires this summer. Sheriff Colvard discussed a mobile repeater which was purchased with Homeland Security funds and will be a useful tool for Weston County. Additional radio frequencies and coordination efforts between Wyoming and South Dakota were discussed. No action was taken.

**US Forest Service**

Tom Whitford, US Forest Service, met with

the Commissioners to introduce himself and as the new District Ranger based out of Douglas, WY. Chairman Seeley discussed a phrase used by Phil Cruz described as the Greater West Plan. Mr. Whitford stated he would get information regarding this plan to the Commission. Mr. Whitford commented that he would like to have a more open line of communication with the Commissioners and would work toward this goal by visiting more regularly and providing quarterly updates from the Forest Service. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Whitford for his honesty and efforts to improve communication. No action was taken.

**Road & Bridge Department**

Rick Williams, Road & Bridge Foreman, met with the Commissioners and discussed various bridges and culverts. Work on the Lone Tree Creek Bridge has been completed. Equipment was also discussed. No action was taken.

**Wyoming Wolf Coalition**

The hour being 2:15 p.m., Harriet Hageman, Hageman & Brighton, P.C., joined the meeting via conference call. Ms. Hageman provided background information regarding the Wyoming Wolf Management Plan and pending litigation. The Commissioners decided to discuss "intervener" status further before making a decision which may obligate Weston County financially. No action was taken, this issue will be re-visited.

**Solid Waste**

Bob Hartley, Newcastle Engineer, met with the Commissioners to invite them to a meeting with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regarding solid waste. The meeting will be attended by Mr. Robert Doctor of the DEQ and will be held at the Forest Service Building in Newcastle on February 5, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Hartley for the invitation. No action was taken.

**Wyoming Wolf Coalition**

A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to table the discussion of Weston County becoming an intervener in the current Wyoming Wolf Coalition fight. **Carried.**

The meeting recessed at 3:25 p.m. and reconvened at 3:40 p.m. with all present.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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

(Publish January 24, 2013)

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION OF REAL PROPERTY**

**TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF ORVAL DALE WRIGHT:**

You are hereby notified that on January 4, 2013, an Affidavit and Application for a Decree of Distribution of Real Property was filed in the District Court, Sixth Judicial District, Weston County, Wyoming, Probate No. PR-7919. In the Affidavit and Application, Rick Roberg, Trustee of the Dale Wright Living Trust dated December 15, 1994, claims the real property owned by the Deceased described as follows:

A working interest of 0.03433570 in oil, gas, and other minerals being produced from the Carolyn Fee 1-1 Well located in Township 44-N, Range 68-W, Section 18, Lots 3, 4, E½SW¼ Weston County, State of Wyoming.

Any action to set aside the Affidavit and Application must be filed in the above Court within two weeks from the date of the first publication of this notice, i.e., January 31, 2013. Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> of January, 2013.

Mario Rampulla, Esq.  
Prehoda, Leonard & Edwards, LLC  
P.O. Box 789  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) has given Powder River Energy Corporation (PRECorp) authority to increase the Heat Credit in its optional Residential Heat Rate (RHR) tariff effective for usage on and after January 10, 2013. This revision is the result of a change in the underlying rates charged to PRECorp by its supplier, Basin Electric Power Cooperative. The Commission's approval of this application is subject to notice, protest, intervention petition, opportunity for hearing, refund, and such further action as the Commission may deem appropriate.

**RESIDENTIAL HEAT RATE - RATES AND CREDIT COMPARISON**

	Current Rates and Credit	Proposed Rates and Credit
Basin Avoided Demand Charge (as published)	\$15.56/kW	\$16.74/kW
Basin Avoided Demand Charge (calculated for PRECorp retail rates)	\$0.03279/kWh	\$0.03528/kWh
Basin Electric Heat Rate	\$0.02900/kWh	\$0.03300/kWh
Basin Class A Energy Charge	\$0.02575/kWh	\$0.02751/kWh
Incremental Basin Energy Charge	\$0.00525/kWh	\$0.00549/kWh
PRECorp Heat Credit	\$0.02754/kWh	\$0.02979/kWh

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

Anyone desiring to file an intervention petition, request for a public hearing, public comment, statement, or protest in this matter must file in writing with the Commission on or before February 15, 2013. Please include reference to Docket No. 10014-142-CT-12.

If you wish to file an intervention petition, request for a public hearing that you will attend, or wish to make a public comment, statement, or protest, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay by dialing 711. Please contact us as soon as possible to help us serve you better.

Dated: January 15, 2013.

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**Utility Notice**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) has given Powder River Energy Corporation (PRECorp) authority to adjust its Cost of Power Adjustment (COPA) to reflect a net increase of \$6,205,619 per annum in wholesale power costs charged by its supplier, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, effective for usage on and after January 10, 2013, subject to notice, protest, intervention petition, opportunity for hearing, refund, and such further action as the Commission may deem appropriate.

**COST OF POWER ADJUSTMENT (COPA) RATE CHANGES**

Rate Class	Surcharge: \$/kWh	Revenue Increase
LPT	0.015288	\$5,106,463.00
LPT-CBM	0.013437	\$314,355.00
All other rate classes*	0.010224	\$784,801.00
Total Increase		\$6,205,619.00

\* Includes Residential customers

The average residential customer using approximately 898 kWh per month may expect an increase of \$0.52 per month or 0.06%, excluding taxes. Actual bills will vary with usage.

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


Anyone desiring to file a public comment, statement, protest, intervention petition or request for a public hearing in this matter must file with the Commission in writing on or before February 15, 2013. The petition shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing and the position and interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

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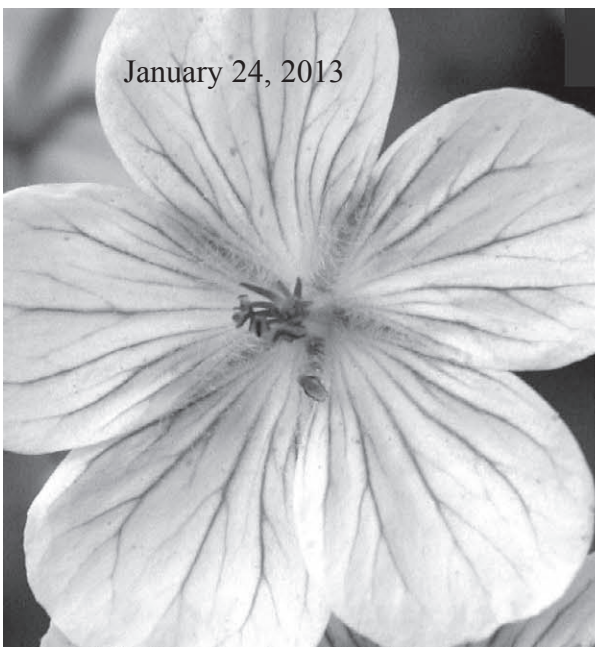
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**Card of Thanks**

I would like to THANK a few people who have earned their **Angel Wings** by being a great help to me during my recent illness, namely: the police lady who picked me up off the floor, my daughter Lory, Maxine K., JoAnn F., Betty H., Lois E., Mary D., the ER Dr., Dr. Lanny, the cards, calls, visits and anyone I may have left off. Your time and help was truly appreciated. May God Bless you all.

Sincerely,  
Irene Tunnell

**Card of Thanks**

I want to thank the Newcastle Fall Guys for the 60" Big Screen TV I won from their fund raiser. It was a wonderful surprise. A special thanks to Trayton Dawson and J.J. Lipp for selling me the tickets.

Thanks so much,  
Sandy Goodwin

**Card of Thanks**

Thank you all for the help last weekend. To the deputy for the fast response. The Osage Ambulance, Weston County Health Services-Doctors and Nurses, Newcastle Ambulance Service for the early morning trip to Rapid City. To my kids for being there for me. To Peggy for staying and bringing me home. Thank you all again!

Lavita

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**Deadlines? Friday**

**Self-Help**

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# The Later Years

*Aunt Kathy*  
 How one woman made an impression  
 An essay by Pat Crow - Part 3

Note: This is the third in a five-part series

A few years after our son David's visit with a Navy admiral, we moved to Newcastle but we stayed in contact with his godmother, "Aunt Kathy." By that time she had been promoted to colonel and was assigned to command all the reception stations in the western portion of the U.S., where everyone going into the Armed Services goes through their initial processing. Her headquarters were located on the Great Lakes Naval Training Station just north of Chicago.

When we attended the change of command ceremony as Aunt Kathy was departing that assignment, I recognized she had been selected for brigadier general. To me, this was a big deal. To Ellen and David, it was cool. There is a difference between a big deal and cool.

Her new assignment was Deputy Commander of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES), which operates all of the Exchange retail stores and affiliated facilities on Army and Air Force installations worldwide. It is headquartered in Dallas, Texas.

Aunt Kathy dove into her new job with all the energy and abandon she had shown in her previous assignments. She made a point, as she had as the regional commander of the reception stations, of visiting as many of the facilities within her command as possible.

These travels were made a little easier for her because she now had the use of an Air Force Gulfstream executive jet with a range long enough to get her almost anywhere in the world without stopping for fuel. I was never successful in convincing Aunt Kathy she should take a break in Newcastle on her way to or from some far-flung destination.

While she was working at the AAFES headquarters, she met and fell in love with Martin Frost, a congressman representing the people in a district in Dallas. They married in Washington, D.C., in 1998. The wedding ceremony took place in the Congressional Prayer Chapel, located just outside of the Capitol Rotunda. It's notable for a stained glass window depicting Washington kneeling in prayer before

crossing the Delaware for the Battle of Valley Forge. We were honored to be invited to the celebration. Not only was the wedding ceremony in such a notable site, the rehearsal dinner, which we were privileged to attend, was held at a pub in Old Town Alexandria which had been in continuous existence since the time of the Revolutionary War. The reception following the wedding was hosted by the Officers' Club at Fort Myer, just up the hill from Arlington National Cemetery.

David had been tasked to be the organist at the wedding ceremony, who had to be stationed outside the chapel, to begin playing the traditional wedding march at the end of the ceremony. Ellen was in charge of directing guests at the reception to the tables where they had been assigned earlier during consultations between Aunt Kathy and Ellen. Aunt Kathy made sure both kids were part of the event.

Before the wedding, Martin (Congressman Frost) gave our family a private, special tour of the House of Representatives chamber and associated facilities such as the lounge area next to the chamber where representatives can chat, grab a snack or even catch a nap. Ellen and David got to take turns sitting in the chair designated for the Speaker of the House.

The wedding and the reception went very well and Barbara and I knew our kids were privileged to have been part of a very special event.

A few years later, after Aunt Kathy had been appointed as Adjutant General of the Army and commander of the Army's personnel management agency, Ellen secured a summer internship in Washington, where she wouldn't get paid but she would gain academic credit for her work.

Someone else (me) would have to pick up the tab for her expenses. She was able to minimize those expenses by getting Aunt Kathy and Martin to let her stay with them. By this time they were living in a townhouse in Alexandria that had a great view of the Jefferson Memorial, Washington Monument and the Capitol. Aunt Kathy and Martin turned the loft, where the views were the best, over to Ellen.

Before she got started on her internship, Ellen hit the campaign trail for the July Fourth



Photo courtesy of Barb Crow

Kathy Carlson's change of command on Aug. 16, 1996, with Ellen, David and George Crow.

weekend with Martin and Aunt Kathy. The three of them took off for Dallas almost immediately after Ellen's arrival in D.C. She rode with Aunt Kathy and Martin in a Fourth of July parade where she had to agree to wear a broad-brimmed red, white and blue sun hat and execute the elbow-elbow-wrist-wrist wave. What she found she most enjoyed was going door to door in Martin's district, soliciting votes. When the weekend wound down, they headed back to D.C.

She soon discovered the internship she had signed up for, with the Library of Congress, was not suited to her, but Martin offered her an internship in his office. Ellen discovered that was totally to her liking. She essentially worked as a receptionist and assisted in drafting replies to inquiries from Martin's constituents.

She was also able to attend lunchtime briefings and conferences presented by people who were personally involved in many of the most pressing issues facing Congress and our country at that time. I'm told she and the other Congressional interns became adept at finding the receptions on Capitol Hill which offered the best free food opportunities!

Additionally, Ellen learned that members of Congress keep incredible hours. Ellen could often ride from their townhouse to Martin's office with him but it was incredibly rare that he would be ready to head home at an hour even close to when Ellen had finished her work and left the office.

She therefore got very skilled at using the D.C. area subway system to get home. She also learned that the duties of Aunt Kathy, the Adjutant General of the Army, demanded that she stay in the office until the late hours every night.

While serving her internship in Martin's office, Ellen told me that all the Congressional interns were invited to a picnic at the White House and she was probably going to get to meet the President. I was suitably impressed.

After the time for the White House Picnic passed and I hadn't received a report, I called Ellen and asked how it went. She was at Martin's and Aunt Kathy's residence. She said it was fun and yes, she had met the President, but it was one of those standard receiving line events. Then she told me the main entertainment at the picnic was a concert by Peter Yarrow. I was familiar with that name because he is the Peter in Peter, Paul and Mary, a folk trio that was quite famous in my much earlier years. I asked how that entertainment went and she said he was good. Then she told me that Peter was a good friend of Aunt Kathy and Martin and he had come over to their place for supper.

She said she and Peter had just finished throwing together a salad and baking a batch of brownies. I said something like, "That's nice. What is he like?" Ellen said, "He's nice. Want to talk with him? He's right here." I indicated I couldn't think of a thing to say to Peter Yarrow. What do you say? Did Puff the Magic Dragon really die?

In August of that summer, Congress took its standard recess and Martin and Aunt Kathy headed to Martin's party's national convention, leaving Ellen in charge of their residence. On a few occasions, Ellen invited some of her fellow Congressional interns to spend part of the evening with her at Aunt Kathy and Martin's residence.

Ellen told me the other interns couldn't believe that Martin was a pretty normal person and lived, in most ways, a pretty normal life. Because of Aunt Kathy, Ellen had gained an insight into the life of one of the highest ranking members of Congress.

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Read Part 4 - West Point, in the next edition of the News Letter Journal.

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## Smoke will again rise from within Oil Creek Fire

According to a press release, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Newcastle Field Office is planning to conduct a prescribed burn on public lands within Weston County on acreage burned by the Oil Creek Fire located 2 miles northwest of Newcastle.

Implementation of the prescribed burn may take place between Jan. 22 and March 1, and BLM plans to treat approximately 15 acres of slash piles created from the construction of fire line during suppression

efforts on the Oil Creek Fire. This prescribed burn project will be conducted in accordance with an approved burn plan if favorable weather and fuel conditions permit.

The Newcastle Field Office is also planning to conduct a prescribed burn on public lands within Weston County on acreage three quarters of a mile south of Mallo Camp on the South Dakota/ Wyoming Border, and those burns are also expected to take place between Jan. 22 and March

1. The agency plans to treat approximately 50 acres of slash piles in those burns that were created from mechanical thinning of ponderosa pine. The objectives of the prescribed fire are to reduce fuel loadings within the ponderosa pine forest.

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