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Court: No full-time magistrate

■ *Decision could change in the future*

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

The Wyoming Supreme Court announced in a letter to the Weston County commissioners that the

court will not replace Judge Stanley Sheehan, who retired in January, with another full-time magistrate. However, the letter also said that the decision was not necessarily final.

The commissioners had met with Sixth Circuit Court Judge Mathew Castano and Chief Justice Jim Burke on Dec. 19 via video conference to discuss the situation.

Burke explained to the commissioners during the conference that it was hard to justify a full-time magistrate because he wasn't sure it was an efficient use of resources during the current economic downturn. Castano and the commissioners argued, however, that a full-time magistrate was needed.

"At the time when the justices

of the peace were fazed out, it was represented to Weston County that we would always have a magistrate and that the position would always be filled. I understand that times and circumstances change, but I feel like that was an important promise that the county was reliant upon. I feel that Sheehan does good service, and I would feel bad if the county went

without or had someone on a part-time basis," Commissioner Tracy Hunt said during the meeting.

Castano said that the lack of a full-time magistrate would put added strain on his schedule because he also services Campbell and Crook counties. He noted that some duties

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Partners

■ *Hospital encourages CNAs to advance*

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

Certified nursing assistants make up the largest employee population at Weston County Health Services, totaling 55 budgeted positions of all employment statuses (full time, part time, as needed). According to Julie Sindlinger, the director of human resources, the hospital is about 10 employees short of being fully staffed and has been for several years.

In order to help fill the void and provide an opportunity for its CNAs to grow within the

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Live action

■ *NLJ will broadcast entire Regional Tourney in March*

Bri Brasher
NLJ Reporter

In January, the News Letter Journal began broadcasting Dogie basketball live online through a streaming service produced through the National Federation of High School Activities Associations in conjunction with Weston County School District No. 1, and NLJ Publisher/Editor Bob Bonnar announced last week that the newspaper will be taking the partnership a step further and broadcasting the entire 3A East Regional Tournament from Douglas next month. Grandparents, family members and friends near and far can tune in without having to travel in the Wyoming winters. For a subscription price of only \$9.99 a month, viewers have access to nationwide viewing. People can watch any high school contests being broadcast on the NFHS network, with more and more schools joining the network all the time.

"The best way to think about is, if you want to watch a movie on Netflix, you pay the subscription to not only watch that movie but any other movie on the platform for as long as your subscription lasts," said Che Vialpando, territory manager for the school broadcast programs in the Rocky Mountain Region.

Consumers can watch the videos live by purchasing a subscription through the Newcastle High School home page on the district's website, or through any other school in the network. Individual school websites link to the NFHS network page, and the school districts get a portion of the network price when subscriptions are linked through the specific school.

"There is no way we could be doing this if it wasn't for the tech staff at the school district," Bonnar said. "Dave Ehlers and Beau Gregory were instrumental in getting the audio hooked up for us, and they really know their stuff. It is nice to be able to just jump on and broadcast with full confidence that everything is working and people are able to view the games as expected."

After broadcasting a couple of home games and liking the result, Bonnar said he reached out to Douglas High School through NHS Activities Director Mike Gregory to see if they were interested in having the News Letter Journal produce the Regional

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PROJECT TIMELINE

- Beginning of 2018**
Right-of-way acquisition
Civil, environmental and engineering surveys
Permit preparation
- Spring/Summer 2018**
Community outreach
Construction begins in some areas
Permit submission activities begin
- End of 2019**
Pipeline in service

LEGEND

- Proposed Elk Creek Pipeline
- Bakken NGL Pipeline
- Overland Pass Pipeline (50 percent ownership interest)

Map and legend courtesy of ONEOK

PIPELINE PROPOSED

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

As a means of transporting the growing supply of natural gas liquids, ONEOK, Inc., is proposing to build the Elk Creek pipeline from near ONEOK's existing Riverview Terminal in eastern Montana to Bushton, Kansas, passing through Wyoming. According to ONEOK, the pipeline will be approximately 900 miles of 20-inch diameter pipe that will have the capacity to transport up to 240,000 barrels a day of unfractionated natural gas liquids. The route for the proposed pipeline will run parallel to the 12-inch pipeline that was installed in 2012, running through a portion of Weston County.

ONEOK's director of government relations, Danette Walsh, and the company's right-of-way director, Dick Vande Bossche,

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— Danette Walsh, ONEOK

presented the plans to the Weston County commissioners on Feb. 6, allowing the commissioners time to ask questions and express their opinions on the project.

Commissioner Bill Lambert shared his negative opinion of ONEOK, citing the county's previous relations during the 2012 pipeline construction. He noted, however, that he is personally involved in the project because his mother owns land through which the pipeline passes.

"Everyone knows I have a pretty negative opinion about ONEOK and the process that goes into the pipeline," Lambert said.

He explained that projects like ONEOK's zigzag through Wyoming so they avoid federal lands because private landowners cannot impose the "same requirements" as the federal government.

"If the project is good for the

public, then it should be on public lands," Lambert said, noting that companies like ONEOK hold eminent domain over private landowners heads, and the lawyers they use make sure the companies get needed easements for their projects.

According to Lambert, during the 2012 pipeline project, he questioned why the company was installing a 12-inch pipe instead of a bigger line, noting that he knew the company would be back for more.

"Guess what - now you are going to a bigger line. The land just got reclaimed now, and you don't see the scars from the 2012 project. Now you are going to put another scar on the property. It's beyond comprehension," Lambert said.

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One family, four generations at West End

Bri Brasher
NLJ Reporter

Starting with a great-grandma in 1987 and continuing with a pair of granddaughters into 2018, the West End Lounge in Newcastle has been owned and operated by the same family for more than 30 years. As the family of Ruby and Ron Huckins grew, so did their business. What started out as a bar often featuring live music is now a full-service restaurant and coffee shop as well.

The Huckins bought the business in April 1987, and Ruby passed it on to their daughter, Rhonda Gordon, 10 years later. After Ron passed away, Huckins bought the business back from Gordon in 2005. Gordon stayed on as manager before again becoming sole owner in 2009.

Then, in January 2017, Gordon carried on tradition and passed the business on to her daughter, Jennifer Hokanson.

"But Grandma is still the boss! She'll always be the boss," Hokanson said, smiling and nodding toward Ruby during the interview.

"We call her the big boss," Gordon nodded.

Huckins returned the banter: "No, I just tell them what to do."

"She's earned it after 30 years!" Hokanson said. "Even in the last 10 years, where I've been more involved, I don't think to this day I could do what I'm doing without her guidance."

"I have a big tongue," Huckins said, sharing that she is always giving advice and

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The West End Lounge in Newcastle has been owned and operated by the same family for more than 30 years. Pictured are Ruby Huckins, Rhonda Gordon, Jennifer Hokanson and Rya Liggett, four of the family members working at the local eatery. Not pictured is Paige Liggett. (Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ)

WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 24, Lo 3



Friday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 22, Lo 7



Saturday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 24, Lo 8



Sunday
Cloudy
Hi 26, Lo 8



Monday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 29, Lo 12



Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 29, Lo 14

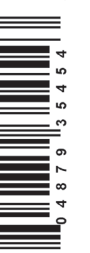


Wednesday
Mostly Cloudy
Hi 26, Lo 9



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Our View

Tantalizing tidbits

As much as we enjoy writing and printing the downtown stories presented to us by local historian Leonard Cash, we are even happier when one of our readers responds and adds a little bit of their own recollection to Leonard's accounts, as Jack Howell did in the letter below, "Stories bring back memories of my younger days."

When we began working with Leonard to share the wealth of history he has compiled over the years, we never intended for his accounts to provide a complete history of Newcastle's early days.

Those stories are an effort to capture and reproduce as much of the history collected by Cash as we could, but more importantly they were intended as a starting point for other historians—both now and in the future—to build upon.

So we are excited when one of our readers add to Leonard's stories, and we will be just as thrilled when one of you challenges something Leonard presents—maybe even more so.

While accuracy is obviously important when recording and reproducing history in such a format, we have to acknowledge that there is no such thing as a perfect historical account. Histories are almost always skewed by the bias of those who present them, and as we've learned from modern debates about "fake news," two people who are sitting in the same room and seeing the same things can quite easily disagree about what they just witnessed based on their own preconceived notions. That really isn't a new phenomena, and most of our readers can point to at least one 'fact' they learned in history class 20, 30 or 50 years ago that is no longer considered a fact today.

So keep sending your own tidbits in response to Leonard's accounts. The history we create will be more complete, and more valuable, because of your contributions.

Need to talk to a public servant?

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Heartbreak

Last Wednesday I, like the rest of America, was stunned and heartsick when I heard the news about the tragedy at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

As a parent, I mourn for those who lost their children, and I mourn for the families who lost their husbands and fathers. I also mourn for the family of the shooter.

But as a teacher...this goes far beyond feeling heartsick.

I have always been aware of the heavy responsibility I bear as a teacher.

I am on the front lines of ensuring that my students receive an education that will prepare them to go out into the world with the skills to be successful and to contribute to society.

I am on the front lines of making sure that my students are encouraged to reach their full potential.

I am on the front lines of providing a safe environment where they can find support if they are suffering from problems outside of the academic world.

I knew what I was getting into when I became a teacher, and I welcomed the challenges of trying to make a difference in the lives of children.

What I didn't know when I dedicated my life to teaching young people, is that I would be on the front lines defending my students against someone with a gun.

Though it's not the first time a shooting has happened, since Wednesday I have lost sleep considering the possibility of something like this happening here, and I will guarantee I am not the only teacher who experienced the same.

I keep thinking, "What would I do if a shooter came into my building?"

Weston County School District #1 has a plan for what to do in an "active shooter" situation, but let's be honest...no one can predict what that might look like. The Florida shooter (I refuse to print his name) had a plan that had not yet been used, so who knows what the next one will look like?

Many have suggested that we arm teachers with guns in the school. As a person on the front lines, I can express unequivocally that arming teachers is not the answer. Quite

frankly, it puts weapons in a school that will inevitably end up in the wrong hands if it comes down to it.

Many people blame the laws regarding gun ownership for the situation. However, I remember going to school and every pickup in the parking lot had a gun or two in the rack in the back window, and no one feared a school shooting.

Many have criticized Stoneman HS for not doing enough to avoid the situation, however the shooter was expelled the previous year due to behavior issues. Did the school not remove the danger?

Many criticize the FBI for not addressing the warnings they received about the shooter, and I will agree that they probably dropped the ball on that one.

On the other hand, my first thought regarding the criticisms of the school and the FBI is that if either entity were to attempt to intervene with the shooter prior to the event, both would have been dragged through the mud for discrimination against the kid.

As teachers walk through the doors of the school every day, the first thing on our minds is our students. We worry about how they are doing academically, and we worry about what's happening in their lives outside of school.

I don't know what the answer is to avoid any future school shootings, but what I do know is that it isn't going to be resolved by playing the blame game and by making it a political fight. Children don't shoot up their schools because of gun laws or political disputes, so we as a society need to stop trying to solve the problem by getting into those fights.

We need to find the answer in humanity, not in politics.

We need to find the answer in compassion, not in retribution.

We need to find the answer to this problem that is far too pervasive to ignore.

As a teacher, it breaks my heart to have to make a plan to save my students from another who is trying to take their lives.

We must find the answer.



Sonja Karpe Dogie

It is time to stay off my blue suede (glitter) shoes

One of the great things about my job is that I get to assist our area business owners with advertising when they're doing something special—something besides what their business does normally.

Mike Freeman with Farmer's Insurance contacted us and ran ads in our newspaper the last four weeks encouraging our community to help out in the "Farmer's Suits For Soldiers" program. Various Farmer's Insurance Agency offices are collecting suits and professional business attire for men and women service members making the transition to the civil workforce, or looking for a new career.

I wanted to help, and perused my closet for something cool to donate to a sister who selflessly served for me.

Thankfully, the News Letter Journal is a pretty casual place, so I don't wear a lot of suits anymore. Additionally, I had just condensed my clothing several months prior, and donated a bunch of it to the church, so there really wasn't much for me to contribute.

As I was looking through my closet, I spied way up on a shelf a pair of four inch, blue glitter, patent high heels that I've only worn a few times, but just can't seem to part with. Anyone who knows me, knows how much I loved high heels. For many years, I proudly proclaimed that I could outrun anyone in them.

Alas, the years go on and four inch high heels can no longer be ran in, much less worn daily, due to safety and comfort. I don't know why I kept them, perhaps just to reminisce of days gone by when I wore high

heels every single day. And they were blue for goodness sakes! Blue with glitter!

I thought about Elvis Presley singing Blue Suede Shoes, and smiled as the lyrics played in my head.

"You can do anything, but stay off of my blue suede (glitter) shoes!"

I grabbed the shoes off the shelf, thinking about the female soldier who might receive them. I thought about the combat boots she probably wore every day for months, maybe years. (Yes, I'm fairly certain she ran in them.) Now that she was back home, would these beautiful shoes make her feel strong, proud, and confident when she went for an interview or started a new job? It gave me goosebumps to even think about it.

I'm now happy to part with the shoes for a girl I don't know, but appreciate far more than I can ever put into words. I'm going to tuck this article inside of the shoes, so that the



soldier who receives them can read about them also. Maybe I'll make a new friend out of the deal.

You can bring your donations to our local Farmer's Insurance office in downtown Newcastle, and Mike will take the donations to Casper for distribution next Tuesday, February 27. Please look in your closets and give, give, give. It's one more small way to say thank you for your service. For more information on the Suits For Soldiers program, see the ad on page 10 of this week's News Letter Journal.

Letters to the Editor

Stories bring back memories of my younger days

Dear Editor,

Hi Leonard, I was just looking at the picture accompanying the story, "Moving Up Main Street" on page six of last week's paper.

There have been many occupants in the Michaels Building, but in the 1940 & 50's it was Kimport's Variety 5 & 10 cent store. When you went in to shop Mr. Kimport made you feel like you were sized up as a shoplifter as he would watch and follow you around till you paid and left the store.

I like to comment on some little things that bring memories of my younger days.

—Jack Holwell



running flood of diabolical garbage bias printed in your paper from this brainwashed fool.

The fact that you agree with his biased view is in your enabling him by printing every word of his constant anti-Christian dialogue.

You have accepted the reprobate mind, that Paul spoke of in Romans 1:28. You, Baird and your paper have nowhere else to go but down and out. Man-made solutions have no comparison with the mind of God.

To know the mind of God is to study the Word of God – the Bible. Secular Humanists separate church and state, with the idea our Constitution speaks of this—separation. The idea purveyed in our Constitution was that one separate Christian denomination would not prevail over our govern-

ment; like Catholic, Baptist, Lutheran, etc. Constitutional reformers turned the original intent, explained in the last paragraph, on it's head. They interpreted all religious beliefs to have equal footing, whether Moslem, Jew, Christian, Buddhist, etc.—which causes acceptance of multiculturalism to destroy Christianity. Aliens keep their culture and religion without having to assimilate into ours. Multiculturalism has destroyed all civilizations that have existed prior to ours as multiple cultural clashes occur until the original culture immigrated to is destroyed and becomes a mongrelized mix.

God will not allow this 'now' plan to happen. Mystery Babylon is being revealed and is going to fall. This is discussed in Daniel 2:34-35. This is known as the Stone Kingdom of Jesus and His servants that end the 'now.'

Baird has said, "Trump needs to be hauled out of the White House." Actor Rob Reiner, famous as 'Meat Head' in the sitcom, "All In The Family," said: "The GOP is frightened to death of the browning of America. They will lose this last big battle of the Civil War. Diversity is our strength."

Wrong, Baird, Bonnar, Reiner and those working against Trump and his followers will not succeed: "...no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth."

—Terry Elliott

This is a really good time to come together and pray

Dear Editor,

World Day of Prayer is a world wide observance promoted locally by Christian women in our area.

This event is organized by women, but all men, women and children from all participating churches are urged to come and share in this special worship event. This year's service will be held Friday, March 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 23 North Seneca Ave. in Newcastle. The theme is "All God's Creation Is Very Good", prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Sundance. For more information contact Barb Hansen at (307) 746-9381.

Special appreciation to the First United Methodist Church for hosting this special community event this year. We hope to see you there.

—Barb Hansen

Easter tidings for Meathead and the editor of NLJ

Dear Editor,

Readers are disappointed, insulted and angered you did not print my 'Control Syndrome' letter submitted February 1, 2018. It briefly pointed out our nation's problem and spiritual solution.

Regular as clockwork you print Jerry Baird's socialist/Marxist letters without any editing, shortening or censoring. Proof of this, is a three-year

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Lambert also asked whether ONEOK was going to work within the existing easement, which was issued for a 12-inch pipeline.

Vande Bossche said that the starting point of the new pipeline is 50 foot off of the existing easement. He also said that the pipelines are by two different entities within ONEOK.

"There may be opportunity to overlap easements, but that is driven off of terrain. We are looking at it both ways, and we will talk through that. Operationally, the minimal distance between the pipelines is typically the 35-foot range, so it does not adversely affect the adjacent pipeline if repairs are required on the other," Vande Bossche said.

Lambert asked that ONEOK treat Weston County with respect and honesty through the project because of past experience, he said. He also said that the company needs to make sure its employees abide by the rules of the road.

Lambert also mentioned the issue of sales tax during the 2012 pipeline project and questioned whether or not ONEOK planned on making sure that Weston County and Wyoming received the appropriate share of the sales tax.

"We know what happened last time, and it was a huge failure on our part. ... We didn't realize the impact of doing that, and the intent this time is to take delivery and take possession in Wyoming and the sales tax will be in Wyoming," Walsh said. "We are working with the state

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— Bill Lambert,
W.C. Commissioner

tax office on how to ensure that all of the counties receive their share."

Lambert also pushed the company to be more involved in the community during the project's implementation and after. He said that he did not see ONEOK involved in anything within the community or donating funds to local causes.

"You need to realize that every citizen you cross gives up property line. ... Everywhere you cross changes how people have to manage the land. ... We were told one line, now it's two lines and pretty soon you are taking up a 40-acre strip through Wyoming that is

nothing but pipeline. It is not a comfortable thing to own," Lambert said.

Walsh said that ONEOK was willing to donate funds to local entities when asked. She suggested that the commissioners relay information about such groups or organizations to her.

Commissioner Marty Ertman also said she did not like the way things were done with the 2012 pipeline project, noting mobile machine tags and mitigation plans that were not done properly.

She echoed Lambert's concerns about the company's employees being aware of the "rules of the road" and obeying speed limits.

"It is hard to step into a room and understand our feelings. Kudos to you for facing us, and we appreciate you coming in at a public meeting to talk to us. We hope this continues," Ertman said.

She noted that she would like to see the company's representatives return frequently throughout the project.

"I see this as an opportunity. I wasn't involved in the last project, and this is an opportunity to change your image. I hope it works out to be a great partnership. Come in once a month as things progress to provide updates and hear concerns. Constituents can come in and speak. It's part of being a good neighbor, keeping the communication open. ... I see a real opportunity to change the tone of what happened last time," Chairman Tony Barton said.

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could be carried out electronically, including electronic warrants and video conferencing into the courtroom.

"I understand the financial concerns, and they are what they are. But I will say that without a full-time magistrate, Weston County is going to lose something substantial and that is a full-time judicial presence and the ability to look the judge in the eye when they are making decisions," Castano said at the meeting.

The commissioners and Castano were told by Burke that he was not sure that state statute required that a full-time magistrate be appointed.

"For the time being, we are not going to fill the position, and we have advised Judge Castano. We will see how he manages with a revamped schedule and, potentially, the use of a part-time magistrate. We'll re-evaluate after a few months and expect that the additional input obtained during this interim period will be helpful in arriving at the best decision," Burke

said in the letter.

Burke noted that the court's decision was based on the case load in Weston County.

"However, your input has given us pause, and we have decided to take a longer look at the issue before making a final decision. Any final decision will be made based upon a clear understanding of the need in Weston County, and the availability of resources to provide the most effective judicial coverage for every county and judicial district in the state. We will be evaluating many factors, including the case load in Weston and surrounding counties, the budgetary climate, and the potential of increased efficiencies," Burke wrote.

The commissioners were given the letter on Feb. 5, and Commissioner Marty Ertman asked that a letter be drafted in response stating that the commissioners appreciate the court's continued consideration of the position and that they support having a full-time magistrate in Weston County.

Broadcast from Page 1.....

Tournament.

"In our specific basketball conference, a half-dozen teams, three quarters of the conference, either are — or are in the process of joining to — the network to broadcast," Bonnar reasoned.

According to Vialpando, the broadcast system can be automated or used manually. Students and faculty can film and broadcast their school's events or there is an automated system using Picalot software, which Newcastle is currently using.

"There's a new automatic camera has been invented that this school district purchased and had installed in the gym," Bonnar explained, adding that many other districts are doing the same. "That automatic camera is what made it possible for me to provide the audio and produce the broadcast."

Bonnar personalizes the coverage of Dogie play by announcing home games as the camera automatically films the games and streams through the network. Vialpando said that Picalot helps schools that were previously not willing or were not capable of putting out the manpower to deliver the streaming service within communities. The automated software allows schools to deliver content across multiple levels of play, because most schools were previously only filming varsity matches.

"Schools get the outlet

to stream their content; they get the software to stream their content, and they get the support to stream their content," Vialpando explained. Support includes technical, software, marketing and broadcast support through the network.

"After the camera was installed, Mike (Gregory) asked if I wanted to try producing audio because he thought the broadcasts were a great tool to promote the players, the school and the community, and I agreed," Bonnar explained.

"We really liked how the first games turned out, and he helped put me in touch with the folks from the network so we could talk about taking it to the next level." Bonnar said the News Letter Journal has partnered with Douglas High School and will produce a broadcast of the entire 3A East Regional Tournament in Douglas on March 1-3. While that is the only tourney Bonnar plans to produce this year, other Wyoming High School Activities Association post-season and playoff events will be broadcast on the NFHS Network as well. Subscribers will have the opportunity to watch all post-season competition live online, whether the NLJ is involved in the production or not. "Subscribers get all of the games for the length of their subscription, not just the ones we produce," Bonnar said, indicating that NLJ sports reporter Sonja Karp will be

joining him in the booth to provide analysis of games and even perform the play-by-play duties for some of the contests.

"Sonja has worked radio broadcasts with me before, and she took on play-by-play for a couple of games in January and was really good. It will be nice to give people a break from my voice over the course of the three day tourney!" Bonnar laughed, noting that he and Karp are really looking forward to bringing the tournament experience into peoples' homes in a couple of weeks.

"It's an exciting opportunity for people to be able to watch their teams in the postseason. It really is, on a lot of levels, like watching a game on TV. The production quality is good, and regional games are really entertaining," Bonnar said. Additionally, the broadcast allows Douglas High School to promote its facility, town, tournament production and the event.

Bonnar said that the broadcast has been well received thus far, gaining some positive exposure for local kids in their activities, and people appreciate having the streaming service.

"We just want people to be involved in the network so they can showcase their student-athletes and their communities," Vialpando said. "We want as many schools as possible to be able to stream their content through the NFHS network."

Happy National FFA Week! *February 17-24, 2018*

FFA was established in 1928 as a group for young men interested in agriculture.

Today the organization's membership is comprised of nearly 650,000 young men and women with nearly 3,000 members right here in Wyoming. While the organization's roots remain in agriculture, members are also learning about science, careers, natural resource management, leadership and setting career goals. We applaud this organization that's helping grow future community and business leaders!



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This informational meeting is intended for Beaver Creek area landowners, residents, and visitors to learn more about the ongoing watershed study for the Beaver Creek Watershed. The Wyoming Water Development Commission is conducting a Level 1 watershed improvement study, which looks at a wide array of water issues and opportunities.

Topics at the meeting include an update on the project status, examples and cost estimates of some proposed water improvement projects for the Beaver Creek watershed. Also, Tina Krueger of Steady Stream Hydrology, the project geomorphologist, will present the results of a stream assessment describing the characteristics of the major streams and tributaries in the watershed.

All are welcome to attend. More information can be found at the Weston County Natural Resource District website: <http://www.westoncountynrd.org>



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A beginner's guide to tea

What is the best tasting tea for beginners? I am going to explore some of the most common teas that I think are the best tasting for non-tea drinkers.

Mostly, it seems to me the biggest complaint about tea taste is the bitterness.

I recommend starting with teas that are a little sweet. Honeybush teas are naturally sweet and easy to avoid over-steeping. The taste of honeybush tea is similar to that of rooibos, though slightly sweeter with a fuller body. It is caffeine free. Add a little honey to honeybush to bring out the natural sweetness. Tip: try sweet teas or dessert teas first before adding sweetener so you know how much you need to add.

Secondly, in my opinion, one of the best tasting tea flavors for beginners is fruit such as oranges, peaches, berries. The tart and citrus flavor balances out the tannins in tea and can create a nice balance. This is one of the reasons why Earl Grey (black tea with bergamot, a type of orange) is perhaps the most popular tea blend of all time. White teas are often paired naturally with fruit, however, be sure not to use boiling water to avoid bitterness. Herbal teas are sometimes paired with fruit for a blend of flavor.

Another great option is to try dessert teas that have a natural sweetness and playfulness. How about one of these decadent dessert flavors: almond sugar cookie, blueberry cheesecake, carrot cake cupcake, coconut crème pie, or red velvet cake. If you are a coffee drinker select a tea with hazelnut or chocolate flavors.

Lastly, spicy chai blends are very flavorful. The traditional ingredients of a spiced tea blend usually include black tea mixed with spices, like cinnamon, cardamom, cloves, ginger, and black peppercorns. The spiced tea mixture is typically brewed strong with milk and sweetened with sugar or honey. Try several types to find the spice mixture that suits your taste.



Vicki Hayman
Extension
Notes



Now, here are some tea brewing tips.

- To make a tea stronger, don't steep it for longer. Unless it's an herbal, steeping a tea for too long will make it bitter rather than strong. Instead, add more tea leaves or bags!
- As a general rule, use one level teaspoon for every 8-ounce cup you're making. Teas with larger leaves could use an extra teaspoon.
- Tea bag teas are usually one per 8-ounce cup of tea, though you can always double-up when you want it stronger!
- If possible, use fresh cold water. Never use water from the hot water tap. Let the tap water run for a few seconds until it is quite cold; this ensures that the water is aerated with oxygen to release the full flavor of the tea leaves.
- Do not let the water reach a rolling boil, as that will release oxygen and result in a flat-tasting cup of tea.
- If brewing with loose leaf tea, there are several different types of infusers available; sometimes you'll need to experiment a little until you find the perfect one for you.
- Loosely pack the infuser. You want the loose tea to have a lot of space to expand when it is inside the infuser.

Otherwise, the water can't do its job if the infuser is too full.


• Do not leave the tea in the infuser too long. In most cases, tea should only steep 3-5 minutes. Some herbal teas can steep longer without a problem, but don't oversteep. Oversteeping equals bitter tea. This is particularly important for green teas and white teas, which are very sensitive.

• Many teas are good for a second (even third!) steeping. Multiple steepings can bring out more subtle flavors and notes. Give it a shot – you might end up liking the second infusion better than the first!

If a tea doesn't taste quite right the first time around, experiment with changing the steeping time, water temperature, and tea amount until you find the flavor you enjoy. For those that have not yet embraced a tea-drinking habit, it is never too late to start brewing a batch! Explore the various types, flavors, and brands to find your tea-mate. Good luck in your tea tasting!

(Sources: *the.republicoftea.com*, *bonappetit.com*, *the.republicoftea.com*, *theodysseyonline.com*, *williams-sonoma.com*, *wholefoodsmarket.com*)

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February 25 Ruth 1:1-22	<i>Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society</i>

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Obituary

**DELVEN DUANE BROWN
1943-2018**

Delven Duane Brown passed away at home on Feb. 7, 2018. He was born in Dunn County, Wis. Delvin moved to Wyoming in 1979, and worked as a logger until retirement.

He is preceded in death by four brothers, his parents, his son, Kelly Brown, and a daughter, Sheila Brown. He is survived by his wife, Diane, and daughter, Holly, both of Newcastle; three sisters, all of Wisconsin; along with several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Birth

**MADALYN JOYCE
COCHRAN**

Ella and Lane are pleased to announce the arrival of their new sister, Madalyn Joyce. Madalyn is the daughter of Travis and Shawna Cochran of Newcastle. She was born on Feb. 3, 2018, at 12:30 p.m. at Campbell County Health in Gillette. She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth. Grandparents of Madalyn include Allen and Mary Cochran of Wheatland and Gerald and Patti Bolstad of International Falls, Minn. Great-grandparents are Jon and Joyce Larscheid of Cheyenne, Denzil and Dorothy Cochran of Wheatland, and Bill and Maxine Scholler of Weslaco, Texas.



**Recapture
A PIECE OF HISTORY**

February 24, 1893

During a part of the past week a night watchman has been on duty to guard against fire.

A.P. Hewes left on Tuesday for Spearfish where he will visit friends for a week.

Quite a number of recruits from St. Louis passed through on Wednesday mornings trains, bound for Ft. McKinney.

Mr. J.B. Drew of Elk Mountain, was in town on Thursday. Mr. Drew is quite an enthusiastic collector of natural and geological specimens and tells us he has a fine collection of Black Hills specimens which he has personally collected.

The bank was closed on Washington's birthday, but the business houses generally transacted business as usual. Several flags were displayed in recognition of the day.

E.P. Bowman departed on Sunday's train for Deadwood and Spearfish where he is visiting friends.

February 28, 1918

C.C. Macoubrey was a city visitor for a few days last week.

Neva Brennaman came in from Howard Friday, to attend the dance.

P.L. Shields was an over Sunday visitor in Newcastle from the Hampshire country.

Roy Young, of wildcat, was trading with our merchants a couple of days this week.

M.J. Kohns returned Monday evening from Moorcroft, where he went to spend Sunday at home.

Claude Howey, of the Limestone Country, was transacting business in the county seat last Saturday.

Miss Katie Kipping & Miss Olive Silvernail, of the Mead ranch, came into town on the 22nd and spent the week-end.

Ward, the little son of Mr. Mrs. W.R. Evarts is very ill with inflammation of the bowels.

Arthur & Ben Wooley, of Upton, who were arrested last week on the charge of attempted murder & placed in the county jail, were able to secure the necessary bonds last Saturday and were released, pending the hearing of their case at the March term of District Court.

February 25, 1943

Two local men from Weston County who were inducted into the armed services several months ago returned home this week, with an honorable discharge.

During the past few days, a count has been made of the antelope in Weston County. This work is being conducted by the Wyoming Fame & Fish Commission as part of a state-wide antelope census,

under the supervision of Gail M. Thomas, coordinator of the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration.

The Peerless Bar, formerly owned and operated by Max Lamson, is now under the new management of Tom Graham who took over the management Friday.

Funeral Services were conducted at the Jackson Chapel Sunday afternoon for Charles S. Stewart, who passed away at his home here last Tuesday. February 16, following a brief illness. Burial was made in the Greenwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Keith Mead & daughter are spending the week in Deadwood, S.D., at the home of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Cooper.

Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Wake & family spent Sunday visiting in Edgemont, S.D.

Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Cotton & family, Joe Childs & Mrs. Elizabeth Fulton were guests with Mr. & Mrs. Johnnie VanHerwynen Sunday.

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A heard of antelope in the Clareton oil field. Weston County, Wyoming. (Photo Courtesy of Anna Miller Museum)

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February 2018

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thurs 22	11:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	WC Health Service Foundation Meeting AA Meeting	WC Health Services Board Room WC Senior Center, Family Room
Fri 23	9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Cinnamon Rolls WC Library Board Meeting Dance - Music by Western Ramblers Bingo	WC Senior Center WC Library WC Senior Center VFW Hall
Mon 26	1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Low Vision Support Group AA Meeting	WC Senior Center WC Senior Center, Family Room
Tues 27	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Alzheimers/Dementia Support Group Eastern Star #30	WC Senior Center Masonic Lodge
Wed 28	1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Creative Handicraft Group Understanding Islam From the Outside WC School District #1 Board Meeting	WC Senior Center Weston County Library WC School Administration Building

March 2018

Thurs 01	1:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	VFW Auxiliary City Planning and Zoning Meeting Salt Creek Water District Meeting WC Museum District Meeting AA Meeting Masons #13	WC Senior Center City Council Chambers District Office Anna Miller Museum WC Senior Center, Family Room Masonic Lodge
Fri 02	9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Cinnamon Rolls World Day of Prayer Bingo	WC Senior Center First United Methodist Church VFW Hall

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For a complete listing of events, for more information on these events, or to list your own event, visit the Chamber website at newcastlewyo.com

Birthdays & Anniversaries


- Feb 22**
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Shane Sweet
- Feb 23**
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Main Street's block 7, lots 14 and 15 once housed the Red Owl Super Market, beginning in 1941, and the location maintains tradition today, as the building is now home to Patty Cole's Something Healthy, the local health food store. (Submitted Photo)

Red Owl comes to town

By Bri Brasher
with Leonard Cash
NLJ Reporter

This week's Main Street story holds special memories for Leonard Cash, who once worked for the Red Owl grocery store in Newcastle. Red Owl occupied the downtown building that today houses Something Healthy and Lonesome Spur Antiques. Cash recounted the history of block 7, lots 14 and 15, starting in 1891. The historic Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps show that as of 1891, the lots were sold separately, though they later combined to house a larger building spanning the two lots.

In the early days, the building on lot 14 was separated into two businesses. That part of the building that faced Main Street housed a barber shop, while the back half of the building was a boarding house for women. A saloon was added in 1896, and that same year, the Lincoln Land Company sold to A.P. Long, according to Weston County Courthouse records.

In 1903, a cobbler shop was located in lot 14, along with a dime store. O. Neill owned the cobbler shop and, in 1905, the News Letter Journal reported that he charged 75 cents for a half-sole sewed, \$1.50 for a half-sole sewed and 50 cents for girls' and boys' half-soles.

Then, part of the building was vacant in 1907, while the other half had an electric supply shop, run by a man with the last name of Kirkwood. Cash said the electric supply shop also had electric motors that Kirkwood sold and repaired.

As of 1912, the Sanborn maps recorded that the building was home to a saloon and restaurant. The News Letter Journal then reported in 1917 that George Halterman of Edgemont, South Dakota, purchased the Palace Saloon — located in block 7, lot 14 — but



Halterman sold the building the same day. George Garvey, the former owner, took his business back. Cash clarified that there were several Palace Saloons in Newcastle around this time.

Lot 15 was a vacant lot until the Lincoln Land Company sold to Louise Faehndrich on Jan. 31, 1916. However, Faehndrich too chose not to build on lot 15. Kalil and Mary Farah bought the lot from Faehndrich in 1924, and the couple contemplated erecting a one-story building in the fall of that year, but a structure was never built.

Meanwhile in lot 14, courthouse records show that owner A.P. Long leased to E.P. Coyle. The first-story metal frame and iron-clad structure was known as the Palace Building. Coyle leased from December 1919 to December 1922, during which time the Sanborn maps note that the building was used as a restaurant.

Cash speculates that A.P. Long passed away when his ownership of lot 14 transferred to his wife, Karrie E. Long, in 1931. The building was then one of the five that burned on Main Street in the fire of 1933.

Courthouse records show that Karrie E. Long sold to Preston T. McAvoy in 1935. McAvoy was a prominent lawyer and the judge in this district for several years, according to Cash. McAvoy then purchased lot 15 for

\$2,000 from the Farah family in 1940 to own both lots 14 and 15 on Main Street.

Around the same time, the Red Owl chain of grocery stores came to town. Merrill Coursey, the district supervisor for Red Owl Stores, Inc. announced the opening of a store in Newcastle in the near future, as reported in a Nov. 16, 1935, issue of the News Letter Journal. Coursey was already remodeling the inside of the store's first local site on the Fendrick Block, what is now Perkins Tavern, at the time of the announcement. The store was ready for business on Nov. 22, 1935, and managed by Joe Cummings, formerly of Upton.

Cash provided some backstory on the Red Owl chain. He said the man responsible for starting the Red Owl was down on his luck as the owner of a coal company and spent his last pennies to start a store and later the chain, according to Cash, though he does not know the man's name. Cash said a fellow named Ford Bell supposedly took over the store in the early 1920s and made the business into a popular chain in the Midwest through the 1980's. The first store opened in Rochester, Minn., and there were later seven Red Owl stores in the Black Hills area with over 400 stores scattered about the Midwest. A few Red Owl stores still exist today in Wis. and Minn.

"When Red Owl came, they were really ahead of their time in a lot of things. They had a lady manager in the '40s, which was unheard of at that time. They had a frozen fish case, and frozen foods didn't come in until about the 1950s!" Cash said.

A 1939 article in the News Letter Journal titled "Self-Service Go-Carts To Be Used" said, "Rubber tired go-carts carry two light steel baskets and are provided for the customers thus eliminating the burden of carrying merchan-

dise in their arms. The 'shopping on wheels' method has proved to be a big hit in the larger food markets throughout the nation."

Stayed tuned for more Main Street history and the story of Red Owl in next week's issue.


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February 26	
Osteo Exercise	9 a.m.
Visually Impaired Support	1 p.m.
February 27	
Dominoes	1 p.m.
Dementia Support	3:30 p.m.
February 28	
Osteo Exercise	9 a.m.
Manor Here for Lunch	
Creative Handcrafts After Lunch	
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February 23	
Greedy	10:30 a.m.
Pizza party	12 p.m.
Bingo	2 p.m.
Movie	6 p.m.
February 24	
Quizball	11 a.m.
Movie	2 p.m.
Bingo	6 p.m.
February 25	
Who am I	11 a.m.
Church	2 p.m.
February 26	
Wii	10:30 a.m.
Tony's Tunes	3 p.m.
Bingo	6 p.m.
February 27	
Ceramics	10:30 a.m.
Keepsake Krafters	2 p.m.
Cards	6:15 p.m.
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Catholic Study	10 a.m.
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Young scholars



Treyden Purviance reads his selection, "The Day It Rained Hearts," to the Weston County School District #1 Board of Trustees at their meeting on Feb. 14 while fellow first-graders Svannah Lorenz and Davyn Hoffman follow along. Ashlyn Leonard, not pictured, also read to the board to kick off the annual first-grade readers presentation. Go to wcd1.org and click on the link at the top of the page to see and hear Newcastle Elementary School's young scholars in action. (Photo by Bob Bonnar/NLJ)

Family

from Page 1

reminders. "Everyone should go into business at some point. It forces you to see both sides."

Even with her hands wiped clean of the business on paper, Huckins is still the heart of the West End as the boss' boss — both in business and in life. She and Gordon still get their hands dirty when Hokanson needs help, and together, the first three generations are teaching the fourth the ins and outs of the trade.

Hokanson's two teenage daughters, Paige and Rya Liggett, help out at West End in the summer and with catering events, though each prefers very different capacities. Paige, 16, likes to stay behind the scenes washing dishes or helping out in the kitchen. In contrast, 14-year-old Rya likes to be front and center with customers.

"Rya can't get her hands wet. She's a princess," Hokanson joked.

Hokanson said Rya loves running the coffee shop during the summer, and is very enthusiastic about the drive-up customers. She knows everyone's drinks and creates different specials. Along with her coffee shop duties, Rya cooks, waitresses and does whatever needs doing.

"She's (Rya) the second boss," Huckins said proudly. "She knows how to run the show too. That must have skipped two generations."

With Huckins as their leader, the three generations to follow grew up at the West End, learning to cook, serve, manage and everything in between. This is a well-oiled family machine with an all-hands-on-deck approach. Each member of the crew is able to float and work in any capacity. Gordon said that growing up in the business, with her folks running the bar, made her want a restaurant of her own someday, so the restaurant and the coffee shop were her expansions to the business.

"We just got into it as a family business. We just wanted something that we could all do together," Gordon said.

"We've all had our hands in every single part of this business," said Hokanson, whose cousin Ray Huckins also works as her kitchen manager and maintenance man.

The family-owned atmosphere of the business is clear in the management's interaction with customers. Even during the interview, Hokanson was attentive and personable with anyone that walked through the door, often filling orders for regulars before the orders had actually been placed. Huckins said the art and importance of customer connection has always been consistent for her family and their work.

When asked what they remember most about their years at West End, Hokanson and Huckins both responded with fond memories.

"I think just watching it grow over the years — watching it turn from a bar into a restaurant," Hokanson said. "The loyalty of the customers that we've had throughout the years is just great."

"I would have to say all the friends that we have met through the years. When we moved here, we didn't know diddly," Huckins recalled. "We've met a lot of nice people, customers, and friends. I think that's the thing I remember the most."

Despite the stresses of running a business, the family keeps life at West End separate from life at home, closing the business on Sundays to have a day together and away.

Through the generations, the West End somehow has always been turned over to another family member at just the right time, and Hokanson is happily taking her turn at the helm.

Gordon says it is a natural fit for her.

Partnership

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system, the hospital is working with Eastern Wyoming College to provide CNA II and med aide classes, which allow employees to work toward higher pay and more responsibilities. Med aides, or medication aides, are primarily used in the nursing home, Sindlinger said. Med aides assist in administering drugs at the direction of registered nurses.

"We are budgeted to employ about 190 people. With about 55 of those being CNA's, that's almost 30 percent of our workforce. So the need is amazing. These are hands-on caregivers that are crucial to the patients, residents and clients we serve," Sindlinger said. "Just to clarify, we use CNA II and medication aides only on the long-term care side. Medications on that side take considerable time each day, and the med aides free up the nurses to allow them more face-to-face time with residents. Also, as an added perk, the med aides typically get interrupted less often while passing meds than would a nurse who is trying to run their floor, so the med aides are able to stay focused and have great accuracy in their task."

Sindlinger explained that the facility would like to see as many of the CNAs as possible work toward becoming CNA IIs or med aides by taking classes offered in town by the college.

"EWC did not have CNA II or med aide classes. We called and asked how many students they would need to offer the classes. They said they could run through with four," Sindlinger said, noting that WCHS had worked with EWC on and off for at least the past seven years.

Kim Conzelman,

Hospital Happenings
Notes from the Feb. 15 Weston County Health Services Board of Trustees Meeting

- CFO Lynn Moller reported that WCHS saw a positive net income for the month of January of \$144,645, making the net income for the year a positive \$263,097. He noted that due to the increase in manor beds there is now a strong income coming from the Manor in the amount of roughly \$400,000 a month.
- The board approved a pay application for Scull Construction of \$85,045.84 for the ongoing expansion and remodel project at the facility. The board also approved a retainage payout of \$61,999.82 for completed work.
- Moller reported that the final inspection of the remodel and expansion project will be either the first or third week of March, pushing the grand opening to sometime in April.

Newcastle's outreach director for the college, told Weston County School District No. 1 trustees on Jan. 31 that the college had agreed to partner with the hospital to offer the classes.

CNA classes are offered several times a year in Newcastle, either through college or the hospital. The CNA II and med aide classes will be new classes offered in the community.

Federal law requires that certified nursing assistants receive training of at least 75 hours of both classroom and clinical time, according to Sindlinger. A minimum of 16 of those hours must be clinical. Students must be 16 years old to take the CNA certification course. CNAs with basic certification help with healthcare-related tasks and act as a liaison between patients and nurses.

In order to move up to the CNA II level, students must be 18 years old with a high school diploma or general education diploma, have their CNA license in good standing and have 1,500 work hours as

a CNA. CNA IIs can perform more tasks, under the direction of a registered nurse, than a CNA, including taking urine samples and removing catheters, according to the Wyoming State Board of Nursing. The training for CNA II consists of a minimum of 30 hours, 15 hours of classroom time and 15 hours of skills training.

Students can go directly from CNA II to med aide classes as long as they have their CNA II certification in good standing. Training consists of a minimum of 100 hours, 60 in the classroom and 40 hours of supervised clinical practice.

"It's a good amount of money for a little bit of schooling, and it's a stepping point into the health care business," Sindlinger said. "We are paying for the classes and the books. They are also getting paid to go to school. They are on the clock."

Conzelman reported that she is unsure of enrollment numbers for the classes, but that she has scheduled the first CNA II class for March with the med aide class to follow that.

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Dixon Bros. helps produce guide to the legislature

KateLynn Slaamot
For NLJ

Knowing who is representing us in our state is an essential piece of knowledge that has value for voters, and that is why the Wyoming Legislative Directory has been produced and distributed since 1963, and a Newcastle business is one of those responsible for making the reference booklet available for Wyoming residents. Assembled by the Wyoming Trucking Association and cosponsored by the Wyoming Contractors Association and the Petroleum Association of Wyoming, the directory offers much useful information about the state and national governments. It is also partially sponsored and funded by Dixon Bros. Inc. in Newcastle, Casper, Cheyenne and Gillette; by Eitel Trucking in Kaycee; by Evans Construction in Jackson, and by Sage Truck Driving Schools in Cheyenne and Casper.

The Wyoming Trucking Association's administrative director, Kathy Cundall, said

the directory is a hands-on handbook that gives the state's residents, lobbyists and members of the Legislature useful information on elected officials, as well as other state and national legislatures. It presents biographical information on each member of the Legislature, Wyoming's congressional delegation and the state's top five elected officials. It also provides seating charts for the House and Senate, as well as floor plans for the capitol building, along with much more, making it both informational and educational.

An addendum has been prepared for the booklet, according to Cundall, as three new legislators joined the ranks in recent months. The addendum also includes changes to various committee make-ups.

Copies of the reference book can be obtained by contacting Cundall at (307)234-1579 or emailing her at khcundall@aol.com to place an order. There is a cost for the booklets, and to cover shipping, but those interested in obtaining a copy may also stop at the WTA office at 555 North Poplar in Casper to pick one up.

County to create mitigation plan

Bri Brasher
NLJ Reporter

Weston County's emergency management coordinator, Denise Bradshaw, told the News Letter Journal that the county is working on a state-funded mitigation plan that will allow the county to compile all its hazards into categories and coordinate with the five other counties in Region I. That region comprises Crook, Sheridan, Johnson, Campbell and Weston counties. Bradshaw said that the hazards in northeastern Wyoming are all very similar.

An informational meeting for all city, county and elected officials, as well as stakeholders in the county will be

held at the Newcastle High School auditorium on Monday, February 26, from 2 to 5 p.m. School will be in session at the start of the meeting.

Stakeholders include those interested in doing a mitigation project or those currently working on one. Bradshaw specifically mentioned power companies, gas companies and the refinery as stakeholders that are invited to attend.

According to Bradshaw, Weston County has never had a mitigation plan and that it is the only county in the region without one. The state of Wyoming received funding for regional plans three years ago, and the state has been working through the different regions since that time. This year is Region I's turn to be updated.

"The state of Wyoming is currently bearing the cost for the local mitigation planning, which up until three years ago, was born by locals. All that is asked of local jurisdictions is their participation in the planning process. It is our plan. It cannot be completed without our expertise and input," Bradshaw wrote in a notice announcing the mitigation meeting.

Mitigation plans and projects that could be possible with a plan in place range from water and fire hazards to storms and many other potential disasters. For instance, with flooding, Bradshaw explained that mitigation projects could include installing culverts, raising buildings that are in a flood zone and building a pond-type park in places with an excess of flood runoff. Flood-related mitigation projects would focus on minimizing the effects of flash flooding to lessen the amount

of damage to the community.

"The biggest part is, the state is funding it, and we (Weston County) don't have to fund it. We had the option of creating our own previous to this, but now they are doing the Region I mitigation plan that includes the five counties," Bradshaw said.

She explained that a report from the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency estimates that for every dollar spent on mitigation, the county saves six dollars. The plan not only allocates where dollars would go when and if disasters strikes, but also opens doors to other state funding for mitigation projects.

"This particular plan is our plan. This is for us. This is going to save us money in the future," said Bradshaw, who encouraged the county to provide input to the plan.

Those involved in mitigation planning are gathering the necessary information to draw up plans, including historical records on damages, current infrastructure and critical facilities material, and data on government buildings. Anything that is hazardous in the county or could be damaged in a hazard must be included in the plan.

Anyone with questions or interested in learning more about the plan can call Bradshaw at 746-4315. Other points of contact include the city clerk's office in Upton, as well as the Upton Superintendent. Newcastle contacts include Don Stevenson, Greg James, and Mayor Deb Piana. Bradshaw has also posted links with information on the Weston County EM Facebook page.

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News Letter Journal

Schedule

High School Boys Basketball
2/23/18 Worland Warriors 4/5:30/7PM
2/24/18 Thermopolis Bobcats JV-11AM
V-2PM

High School Girls Basketball
2/23/18 Worland Warriors 4/2:30/5:30PM
2/24/18 Thermopolis Bobcats JV-11AM
V-12:30PM

High School Wrestling
2/23-24/18 3A State Championships, Casper

Mascots provide funny stories

Nicknames and mascots for schools in Evanston, Jackson,



Bill Sniffin
My Wyoming

Gillette, Greybull and other places in the state provided some funny stories as a result of a recent column about school names. Lex Cornia says that Red Devils is an old railroad term for sparks that would fly out of the engine to the coal car. Thus, the sports teams in the long-time railroad town, Evanston, go by that nickname.

Gillette goes by the name Camels and one local legend says that the petrified bones of a camel were found during the excavation of a building back in 1938, which helped give them their high school mascot.

Most folks assume it is Camel because you pronounce their county name of Campbell as "camel," occasionally.

Tom Lubnau shares this story about playing for the Camels back in the day:

"I played on the second worst football team in Gillette history. One game, against one of the big schools from Casper, the line coach came into the halftime locker room. He gave us a pep talk to go out and rally, so we would not continue to get killed on the football field.

He said: "You are better than this. You are tough. You can compete. You ARE Camels! Go out there and [pregnant pause] spit on them! It was at that point I knew the joy of having a camel as a mascot."

A fellow named Wesley Kempton wrote in a 2014 blog that the new high school in Gillette should use Frackers as their mascot.

So what does a borough of New York City have to do with Jackson Hole?

Centuries ago, a part of the future New York City was settled by Dutch folks named Bronck. Ultimately that place

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One more title to claim

■ *Four regional champions set their sights on state tourney*

Sonja Karp
Sports Reporter

For four members of the combined Newcastle/Upton Wrestling team, this past weekend signaled the biggest moment of their high school career thus far — and set them up to achieve the goals they set for themselves when the season began.

Trayton Dawson, Alan Baker, Wyatt Corley and Teigen Marchant all wrestled their way to 3A East Regional Championships and have earned the first seed heading into the State Tournament next weekend.

Thus far for each of these athletes, a state championship that has been within reach has eluded them, but after last weekend they have each put themselves in the best position possible to make that goal a reality.

"Wyatt blew through his weight class, and didn't spend more than a minute and a half on the mat all weekend," head coach Lee McCoy smiled. "He's just at a different level than everyone else right now, and kids are scared of him."

Corley (152) bested opponents leading up to the championship match in 28, 34 and 15 seconds, and took the title with a 1:28 match. McCoy contributes his dominance, not only over the weekend, but throughout the season, to the fact that the state championship narrowly eluded him last season. That loss has driven the senior to be at his best.

"His time wrestling in Germany last summer and his approach after he lost in the finals last year combined to make him hungry this season. He realized how close he was last year to a state title, and how much that hurt to be that close and lose," McCoy nodded.



Above, Trayton Dawson racked up 19 points in both his semi-final and final round matches in Worland on his way to the title at 113 pounds, scoring technical falls over both opponents. Below, Wyatt Corley has been a man on a mission, and his final round opponent from Douglas only made it 1:28 into the first round before the Dogie senior stuck him. None of Corley's other opponents survived longer than 34 seconds on his way to the regional title at 152 pounds. (Photos by Alex Kuhn, Northern Wyoming Daily News)

"This year, you can just see that anyone he's about to wrestle is beat before they even walk on the mat, and that's a testament to his preparation and what he does and what he has done on the mat all year long. He hasn't given kids any hope that they can beat him."

Dawson went into the weekend ranked first in the state at 113 and admittedly did not have a tough road at the Regional Tournament. However, he did run into a tough opponent from Worland in the championship match, whom he was able to dispatch in 5:18 through a technical fall.

"We knew the Worland kid was in the top of the rankings as well, and that he had a good record with wins over some quality guys, but the way Trayton is wrestling this year left us pretty confident," McCoy began. "His attitude this season is one of dominance, where it used to be that



he was just happy to get a win. Now he expects to dominate his opponents, and that gets into their heads."

Alan Baker (145) of Upton was, as McCoy stated, a spec-

tacular surprise at the tournament. He was ranked seventh overall coming into it, so was on no one's radar. However, Baker wrestled with confidence and finished the weekend with

a regional title.

"It really was the perfect situation, where he believed in himself and was confident

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Swimmers set the table for next year

Sonja Karp
Sports Reporter

The 2017-2018 season is in the books for the Newcastle Dogie swim team, and while they weren't able to come away from the State Meet with any placings in the finals, the squad made huge gains throughout the season. Head coach Doug Scribner feels confident those will carry over

into next year. "After losing two of our best swimmers over the last couple of years, I put it to the team that they would have to step up if we wanted to be represented at State this year," he nodded. "We ended up with three qualifiers and realistically should have had a fourth, and that's the most we've had in several years."

Individual qualifiers included

Austen Kenney in the 100 Freestyle, James Cox in the 100 Backstroke and Garrett Merchen in the 100 Breast Stroke. Conrad Prell ended his season a mere tenth of a second away from qualification in the 500 Freestyle, and had he not suffered an injury to his knee late in the season, Scribner was confident he would have easily come in under the mark.

As it turned out, Merchen was

unable to compete at the State Meet, so the Dogies went in with five events on their slate in the preliminary round on Thursday in Laramie.

In addition to Kenney and Cox in their individual events, the team also participated in all three relays — the 200 Medley, 200 Free and 400 Free.

Competition began on Thursday

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Dogie men lose in double OT

Dogie Boys Basketball
 Douglas 2-17-18: 70-76

Cam Quigley: 5 points, 5 rebounds, 6 assists, 2 steals
 Cade Ostenson: 2 points, 1 assist, 2 steals, 1 block
 Lyle Whitney: 8 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal
 Sawyer Roberson: 5 rebounds
 Jake Lacey: 28 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 blocks
 Dylon Tidyman: 21 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals, 1 block
 Dylan Talley: 6 points
 Bryson Tidyman: 1 rebound
 JV: Douglas: 47-58
 Freshmen: Douglas: 32-40

Sonja Karp
 Sports Reporter

For the second week in a row the Dogies faced adversity on the road, this time as they traveled to Douglas to take on the Bearcats. Early foul trouble and an opponent who shot the lights out resulted in an epic battle, as the two squads slugged it out through double overtime. In the end though, the Converse County squad was able to prevail, handing the Dogies their second consecutive loss 70-76.

"It was a heck of a ball-game, especially for the fans, and it kept you on the edge of your seat," head coach Allen Von Eye admitted. "We always know we're going to get everybody's best, and Douglas played the best game of their season in my opinion."

Despite being the worst shooting team statistically in all of 3A, the Bearcats made shots when it counted, especially in the second half. That's when they were able to pull ahead to a 10 point lead before the Dogies began to chip away and even it out at the end of regulation.

"That second half they were in attack mode. They made some adjustments and did a good job of getting into the paint, especially because we were in some foul trouble in some key positions," Von Eye stated. "They put us in some tough situations, and they had some kids knock down some shots."

The foul trouble that really impacted the Dogies was, once again directed at Cade Ostenson. After sitting much of the second and third quarters, Newcastle's leading scorer sat for the final time with his fifth foul with six minutes to go in regulation. Averaging a little over 18 points per game, Ostenson was out with only two on the night.

Not only did the Dogies miss his offensive presence in the game, but his absence from the court for much of the game and all of the final 14 minutes of play impacted the roles of all other players.

"Jake [Lacey] really put us on his back and did some fabulous things offensively for us down the stretch and Dylon [Tidyman] did some great things for us offensively too, but it's really difficult when you're in your second game in a row without one of your best offensive weapons," Von Eye sighed. "Even if they do shut Cade down offensively, when he's on the floor that takes a defender away and a helper away, which opens things up for our other guys who can



Dylon Tidyman showed his skills in the air as he got past a big Bearcat defender to hit the layup and the and-one opportunity late in the game last Saturday in Douglas. (Photo by Sonja Karp/NLJ)

score to do so. He is our best creator, and we are at our best when he's on the floor for a reason."

Lacey and Tidyman did indeed pick up the offensive load for the Dogies, finishing with 28 and 21 points on the night respectively. However, Von Eye pointed out that down the stretch, the Dogies' struggles to create things offensively for the last six minutes of regulation and eight minutes of the double overtime contributed to the six point loss.

"We had a lot of kids playing out of position. Dylan Talley came in and did a great job for us, but we just didn't execute as well as we could have. We didn't screen well for most of the game, so when you're asking kids to create when it's not their forte, it's understandable," Von Eye explained. "At that point in time, all eyes were on Jake, so they were helping and sagging and that put stress on other kids who aren't used to being in that scoring role in that situation."

Fortunately, the loss will not have an impact on Regional seeding, as the Dogies have secured the number one spot for post-season play. In addition, the team will also use what they learned in the loss going forward. One lesson that Von Eye identified as vital is that his team's defense has not been up to par over the last couple of weeks, and that must be rectified.

The team struggled to close out on shooters and were sometimes caught on their

heels. Had it not been for Lyle Whitney's excellent help side defense, where he took six of the team's seven charges on the night, the game could have been over with the same result during regulation. "Lyle puts his body on the line every single game, and without some of those charge calls he got we wouldn't have been in the situation we needed to be down the stretch," Von Eye declared. "We weren't playing the best on-ball defense, so him taking those charges was key for us to be able to stay in the ball game and give ourselves a chance at the end."

The Dogies are looking to get back on the winning track as they take to the road this weekend to meet Worland and Thermopolis for the first time this season.

"The Worland game is scary because they are similar to the Douglas team we just played," Von Eye admitted. "They are improving each week and they will be ready for us and will be confident, so we've got to match that."

"Thermopolis will also be tough because it's an overnight trip and that throws all of our routine out the window, so we have to figure out a way to win," he continued. "We will see them again on Thursday in the first game at Regionals, so it will be nice to have that game so fresh as we get things started."

The Worland game will begin at approximately 5:30 p.m. on Friday, and the Saturday contest in Thermopolis is expected to begin at 2 p.m.

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Wrestlers

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1. Worland 199	6. Wheatland 123
2. Douglas 190	7. Buffalo 120.5
3. Rawlins 140	8. Thermopolis 101
4. Torrington 133.5	
Individual Tournament Record	
106: Blake Durfee DNP 0-2	
106: Jory McFarland 5th Place 1-2	
113: Trayton Dawson 1st Place 2-0	
120: Kale Corley 3rd Place 3-1	
138: Gavin Durfee 7th Place 3-2	
145: Alan Baker 1st Place 3-0	
145: Skylar Jenkins 5th Place 1-2	
152: Wyatt Corley 1st Place 4-0	
182: Teigen Marchant 1st Place 3-0	



Above, freshman Kale Corley had a good weekend finishing third in his first 3A East Regional Tournament. Below, Skylar Jenkins qualified for the State Tournament last weekend by taking seventh at 145. (Photos by Alex Kuhn, Northern Wyoming Daily News)

that he could do it," McCoy grinned. "It was great for Alan because he has worked hard, but has always come up short. He was starting to doubt himself a little bit, but he got himself on track in the last couple of weeks."

Baker's title match was against an opponent who has gotten the best of him over the last four years, but in the third period Baker was able to turn the tables and stick him for the win.

"His mental toughness just took over, and he ended up pinning him," McCoy nodded. "It's definitely the right time for him to peak, and I know his family and everyone here in Upton is super proud of him. His family has always been really supportive, and it's great to have them see his hard work pay off."

Marchant (182) also had a pretty easy go in the tournament until the final round. Like Dawson, it was a Worland opponent who gave the Dogie his toughest match of the weekend. However, Marchant took the title with a 4-2 decision.

Having wrestled most of the season at 195, and even a couple of times at 220, Marchant may have an advantage heading into the State Tournament this weekend.

"After the Riverton kid was out, a few kids have moved

around and into 182," McCoy explained. "Teigen has had to make sure his technique was firmly in place given he wrestled up most of the season, and he's pretty smart with what he does on the mat so that makes a big difference."

Freshman Kale Corley (120) also had a good weekend, but a couple of mistakes meant he left with third place instead of first. McCoy is confident that Corley learned from those mistakes and will use that knowledge to his advantage at State.

"When you're wrestling someone who is good, you can't make those little mistakes and expect to win," he sighed. "The match left a pretty bad taste in his mouth, because he knew he could beat the kid. He should get a chance for a rematch in quarterfinals or semifinals next weekend, and I think he'll get the better of him there."

Jory McFarland (106), Skylar Jenkins (138) and Gavin Durfee (145) also will be representing the Dogies at the state tournament, though they will



not be seeded going in.

With eight of the nine Dogies extending their season another week, McCoy is looking forward to having several on the podium in Casper.

"We had a goal of bringing home five state championships at the beginning of the season, and we have set ourselves up pretty good to make

that happen," he declared. "Regionals was our practice run for State, and we're going to carry that momentum into this weekend where I think good things will happen."

The State Tournament begins with weigh-ins at 7:00 a.m. and action starting at 9:00 on Friday. Finals will take place on Saturday at the Casper Event Center.

Swimmers

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Dogie Boys Swimming	
3A State Meet 2/15-16/18	
Team Results:	7. Worland 98
1. Lander 325	8. Riverton 90
2. Lyman 197	9. Buffalo 59
3. Powell 189	10. Cody 25
4. Kemmerer 125	11. Newcastle 16
5. Rawlins 124	12. Douglas 9
6. Sublette Co. 121	
Individual Results: Prelim: Finals	
200 Medley Relay: 2:20.73, 2:25.97	
12. James Cox, Jae Hyun Lee, Zach Benshoof, Kaden Curren	
11. Dalton Parsons, Jae Hyun Lee, Zach Benshoof, Kaden Curren	
100 Free Prelims:	
19. Austen Kenney 59.01 PR	
200 Free Relay: 1:52.55; 1:52.35	
11. Dalton Parsons, Zach Benshoof, Conrad Prell, Austen Kenney	
100 Backstroke Prelims:	
15. James Cox 1:08.93 PR	
400 Free Relay: 4:23.61; 4:15	
9. Zach Benshoof, Dalton Parsons, James Cox, Austen Kenney	



with the 200 Medley Relay consisting of Cox leading off in the back stroke, Jae Hyun Lee on breast stroke, Zach Benshoof on the butterfly and Kaden Curren anchored in the freestyle. The team dropped some time and finished 12th which qualified them for Friday's final event. On Friday, Scribner made one change, replacing Cox with Dalton Parsons in order to give the latter an opportunity to improve his time in the 50 backstroke, which he did. In the finals, the team moved up a spot to finish 11th overall.

Austen Kenney was up next in the 100 Free, and entered into the competition seeded pretty low. In order to make it to finals on Friday, Kenney needed to drop quite a bit of time. Although he did drop two seconds and set a new PR, he finished in 19th which wasn't high enough to advance.

The 200 Free relay of Parsons, Benshoof, Prell and Kenney finished 11th both Thursday in the prelims and Friday in the finals. In doing so, they also set a new best time in the relay for the year. Given qualification was no longer a possibility for the lead leg in the relay, Scribner changed up the lineup, which may have contributed to the improved time.

"Usually Austen leads the relay as we were trying to get him a qualifying time for the 50 free. However, since that wasn't an issue anymore I moved him to the anchor leg," Scribner explained. "Ironically, he ended up swimming his fastest 50 free ever, dropping two seconds from his best by the time we were done on Friday."

Cox was seeded 12th going into the preliminaries of the backstroke on Thursday, but two swimmers who were below him performed very well at State, with one carving

off six seconds. Though Cox was able to take two seconds off, setting a new PR, he ended the race in 15th and out of the running for moving on to finals.

Benshoof, Parsons, Cox and Kenney made up the 400 Free Relay team on Thursday and Friday, and it was this team that ended the meet with the team's overall best finish in ninth place.

With the season coming to a close, Scribner reflected that there were some definite challenges that had to be met throughout, but feels his team improved tremendously over the three and a half months of competition.

"This was a tough season for sickness and injuries, but the kids all worked hard and we had a really nice State Meet so I was really pleased with how that went," he nodded. "Kids really stepped up and we had significantly more qualify for State than we have in the past. I think the way we finished has the kids excited and ready to work in the off season for next year."

INSURANCE *Common Claim Tips*

RISK MANAGEMENT
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You've purchased your policy, paid your premiums and unfortunately, you have suffered a loss. Once a claim is reported with your insurance company, you expect to be made whole quickly...but the claim process may not go the way you anticipated. The following are some common claim tips from the Wyoming Department of Insurance (DOI).

Auto Insurance

Pay your monthly premiums to keep your policy active. Deductible limits for comprehensive and collision coverage are determined when you purchase a policy. Selecting a higher deductible might lower your monthly premiums, but you will have to pay the higher deductible amount when a claim is filed. It may not make sense to file a claim if your repairs cost less than your deductible.

Claim delays are a frequent claim complaint. If you're involved in a two or more vehicle accident, your insurer and the other insurer(s) will conduct a liability investigation. You can help by taking photos of your damage, showing the area where the accident took place, and providing witness contact information. The NAIC's WreckCheck at: www.insureonline.org/auto_wreckcheck_guide.pdf walks users through what to do after an accident. If there is a dispute about what happened, a police report may be necessary before making a liability determination, but police reports may take weeks to get.

Homeowners Insurance

Determine whether your policy requires insurer notification within a designated timeframe. Some policies may also require that you immediately mitigate damages to protect property from further loss. For example, cover a broken window so water can't get inside the home and cause additional damage.

Make a home inventory now so you can provide information in the event of damage or loss. A home inventory with photos can help expedite the claims process. Also, take photos to document your loss and damage. If you have sufficient proof to show you've done everything in your ability to prevent damages and that the damages are not due to negligence, you'll have an easier time with the

claims process.

Many homeowners policies will pay for living expenses including hotel and meal costs when you can't live in your home. Remember to keep receipts for reimbursement.

Finally, your homeowners settlement check may include your mortgage company's name, which may require extra steps with your bank to collect the payment.

Health Insurance

It's your job to verify your health care providers and facilities are in-network. In-network health care providers have contracted with your insurer to accept certain negotiated (discounted) rates. If you've scheduled a planned procedure or office visit, verify the provider and facility accept your insurance. If your procedure includes an anesthesiologist or other specialty staff, try to determine if those providers are also in-network.

If you receive a surprise bill or have unresolved questions, contact your insurer or the Wyoming DOI. Consumer representatives may be able to help determine whether there's been an error or to resolve an issue.

Life Insurance

Life insurance claims can be denied for a variety of reasons including material misrepresentation. Be honest and truthful on your applications. Insurers may deny claims for omissions or false information regarding such things as your smoking habit or employment history on your application.

If you think you might be the beneficiary of a life insurance policy and don't know how to begin the collection process, the NAIC's Life Insurance Policy Locator at: <https://eapps.naic.org/life-policy-locator/#/welcome> may help, especially if you don't know the policy number or have much information about the life insurance company. You can also contact the Wyoming DOI for assistance.

Prepare Ahead of Time

Read your insurance policy and ask questions before a loss occurs. Know what your policy covers and talk with your agent or insurer to make sure you have the right plan or appropriate coverage. Understand the covered perils and any exclusions in your policy. Knowing your insurance coverage can provide peace of mind in the event of an emergency.

More Information

If you're having serious concerns with how an insurer is handling your claim, call the Wyoming DOI. They may be able to assist you with a resolution or with filing a complaint.



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Blotter

February 11, 2018
Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued. Traffic hazard reported. Welfare check requested.

February 12
Assist other agency. Traffic hazard reported. Assist other agency. Abandoned vehicle reported.

February 13
Minor accident reported. Found property reported. Parking complaint. Assist other agency. Traffic complaint. 911 misdial. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued. Medical assist.

February 14
Theft reported. Traffic hazard reported. Minor accident reported. Minor accident reported. Arrest

Warrant issued. Assist other agency. Paper service requested. Phone harassment reported.

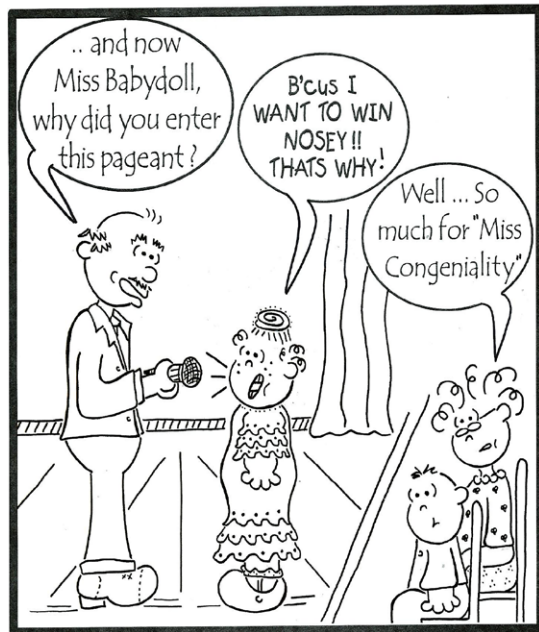
February 15
Medical assist. Medical assist. Medical assist. Medical assist. Assist other agency. Traffic complaint. Traffic assistance. Motorist assist. Civil problem reported. Traffic hazard reported.

February 16
Domestic problem reported. Assist other agency. Five VIN inspections requested. Found property reported. Assist other agency. Minor accident reported. 911 misdial. 911 hang up. Domestic problem reported, one arrest. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

February 17
Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Drunk driver reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Verbal warning. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.



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Public Notice

HEARING NOTICE

Notice is given that the City of Newcastle, Wyoming will hold a public hearing on March 5, 2018 at 7:15 p.m. in the meeting room located on the 2nd floor of the City Administration Building, 10 W. Warwick, Newcastle, to consider the application of the Danny B. Decker Living Trust (Applicant) to the City to vacate: (1) all of that portion of the platted North Railroad Street running westerly from Roby Avenue; and (2) all of the platted alley running westerly from the southwest corner of Crabtree 3rd Addition to Newcastle. North Railroad Street running westerly from Roby Avenue and the part of the alley running westerly from the southwest corner of Crabtree 3rd Addition are undeveloped, and Applicant owns the land immediately adjacent to the north and south right-of-way boundaries of North Railroad Street running westerly from Roby Avenue and the land immediately adjacent to the north and south right-of-way boundaries of the part of the alley running westerly from the southwest corner of Crabtree 3rd Addition.

CITY OF NEWCASTLE
Greg James
Clerk/Treasurer

(Publish February 22, 2018)

Meeting Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Weston County Predator Board will hold their regular monthly meeting on March 6, 2018 at the Upton branch of the Weston County Library at 6:30 p.m.

(Publish February 22, 2018)

Foreclosure Notice

FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note (the "Note") dated 05/27/2009 executed and delivered by Cris Gay to Bank of Colorado and a real estate mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by Cris Gay (the "Mortgagors"), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Bank of Colorado, and which Mortgage was recorded on 06/01/2009, as Document No. 712304 Book 315 Page 0304 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: Citi Mortgage, Inc.
Assignment dated: 09/28/2016
Assignment recorded: 10/04/2016
Assignment recording information: Document No. 762016
All in the records of the County clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, Wyoming.

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

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$ 96,118.17 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$91,252.20 plus Interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$4,444.93 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 CitiMortgage, Inc., as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Weston County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 am o'clock in the forenoon on 04/03/2018 at the located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, Wyoming, Weston County for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

A tract of land commencing at the NE corner of Lot 15, Block 14, Neiman Addition to the Town of Upton, Wyoming. Running North 89°32'W for a distance of 80 feet to the point of beginning of this tract; thence continuing North 89°32'W for a distance of 132.9 feet to the NW corner of the tract; thence South 48°45'E for a distance of 175.5 feet to the SE corner of the tract; thence North 0°28'E for a distance of 129.9 feet back to the point of beginning of this tract. Also known as a portion of Lot 14, Block 14, Neiman Addition to the Town of Upton, Weston County, Wyoming.

With an address of : 1010 4th Avenue Upton, WY 82730.

Together with all improvements thereon situate and all fixtures and appurtenances thereto.
Date: February 9, 2018

Brian G. Sayer
The Sayer Law Group, P.C.
925 E. 4th St.
Waterloo, Iowa 50703
319-234-2530
319-232-6341

(Publish February 22, March 1, 8 and 15, 2018)

Foreclosure Notice

THIRD 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 March 13, 2015, was executed and delivered by J. Brandon Workman, an unmarried man ("Mortgagor(s)") to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS") acting solely as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., its successors and assigns, as security for the Note of the same date, and said Mortgage was recorded on March 27, 2015, at Reception No. 758848 in Book 358 at Page 133, in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: Quicken Loans Inc.
Assignment dated: December 22, 2016
Assignment recorded: February 6, 2017
Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 762619 in Book 371 at Page 75

All in the records of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston, Wyoming.

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

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$99,615.50 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$93,861.13 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$5,623.42, plus other costs in the amount of \$130.95, 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 search the status of title before submitting a bid;

NOW, THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Wyoming Statutes Section 34-4-109 (2003) that the foreclosure sale of the above Mortgage, scheduled for 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on January 16, 2018 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, Wyoming, Weston County, has been rescheduled to 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on March 6, 2018 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, Wyoming, Weston County, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

LOT ONE AND THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 2, BLOCK 37, FOREST HILL PARK ADDITION TO NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING; ALSO,

A TRACT OF LAND BEING THE S1/2 OF THE FORMER STREET OR ALLEY LYING BETWEEN BLOCK 37 AND BLOCK 38, FOREST HILL PARK ADDITION TO THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING, SAID STREET OR ALLEY HAVING BEEN ABANDONED BY THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE ON MAY 1, 1956, AND SAID TRACT ALSO SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT TO THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, FOUND AT BOOK 24, PAGE 406 OF MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING;

with an address of 134 7th Ave., Newcastle, Wyoming 82701.

Together with all improvements thereon situate and all fixtures and appurtenances thereto. Dated this 23rd day of January, 2018.

Quicken Loans Inc.
By: Tamara Schroeder Crolla, #6-3976
Weinstein & Riley, P.S
123 West 1st Street, Suite 433
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Meeting Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

Wyoming Refining Company (WRC) is hosting a public meeting to discuss the progress of remediation activities at WRC's Newcastle refinery that have been undertaken as part of WRC's participation in the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality's Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP), and pursuant to the Public Participation Plan.

The meeting will be an open house from 5 to 7 p.m. on February 22, 2018, at the WRC Training Center, located at the corner of US Highway 16 Truck Route and Fairgrounds Road.

Public documents related to WRC's participation in the VRP are available for review at the Weston County Public Library.

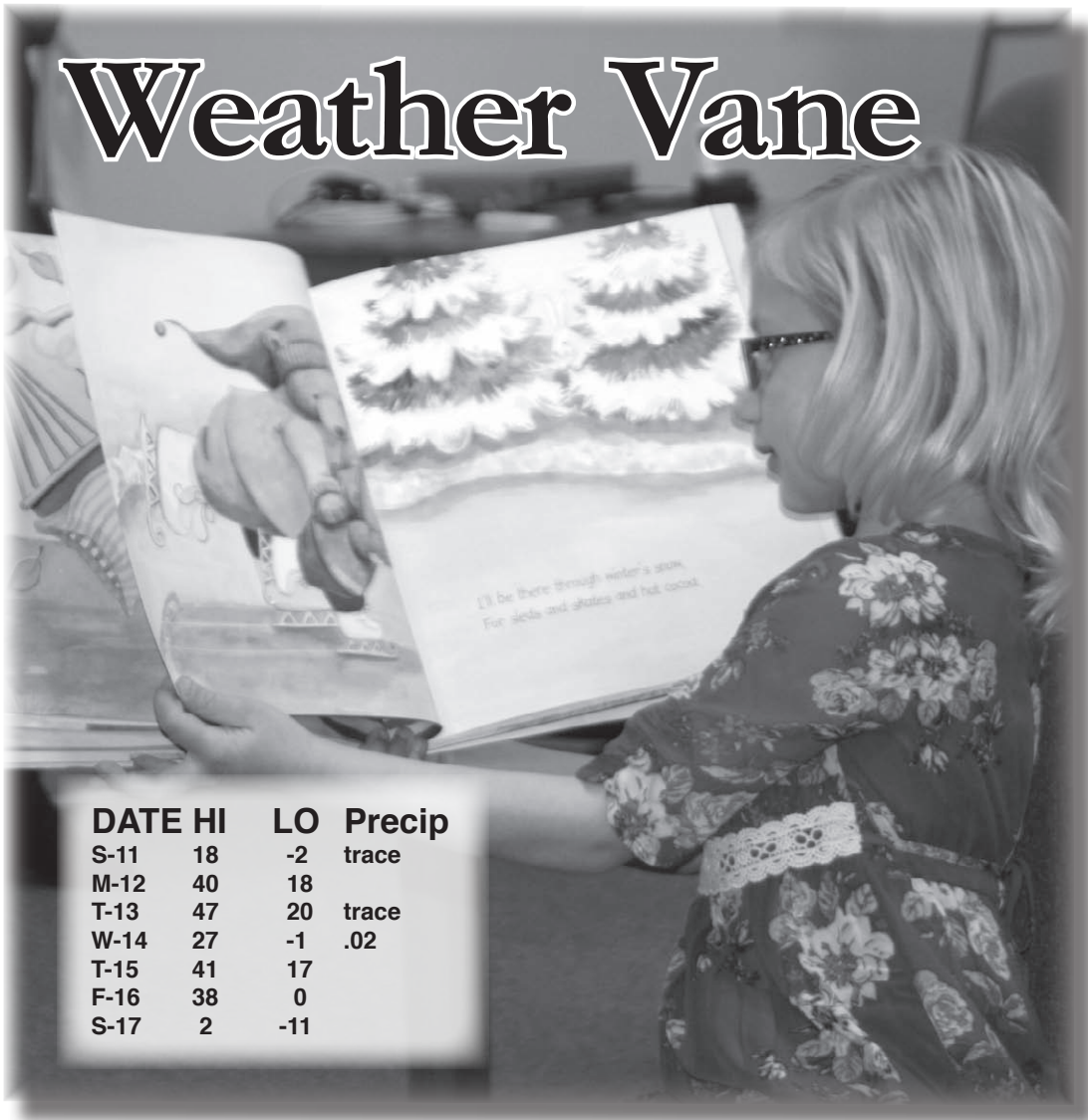
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Legal Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, notice is hereby given that a public hearing is scheduled regarding the Application of Black Hills Power, Inc. d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHE or Company), for authority to decrease its Energy Cost Adjustment (ECA) for the period of September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018, and upon the intervention the Wyoming Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA). The public hearing is set to commence on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commission's hearing room located at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

BHE is a public utility, as defined in Wyo. Stat. §37-1-101(a)(vi)(C), subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Wyo. Stat. §37-2-112.

On July 17, 2017, BHE filed an Application requesting authorization to decrease its electric rates through its Electric Cost Adjustment (ECA) by \$0.0022 per kilowatt-hour (kWh), to be effective for service rendered from September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018. The ECA Application includes a decrease to system delivered power costs of \$235,217 for revenue from the sale of Company owned Renewable Energy Credits (REC). The proposed ECA is (\$0.0017) per kWh, while the current ECA for all customer classes is \$0.0005 per kWh, resulting in a total decrease of \$0.0022 per kWh. The Company states the customer impact is a decrease of 1.69% per month for the average residential customer and a decrease of 2.05% per month for the average general service customer. Actual figures may vary by usage.

Pursuant to the Commission's October 11, 2017, Order Approving Rates on an Interim Basis, the Commission granted BHE's request for an interim rate decrease of \$0.0022/kWh, effective for use on and after September 1, 2017, subject to refund and further change based on the determination and order of the Commission.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing which will be conducted in accordance with the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission Rules. Interested persons may appear and be heard, either in person or through counsel, as provided by Commission Rule.

The Commission's hearings are open to all persons. If you wish to attend the hearing and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427 (Voice or TTY) in Cheyenne during regular business hours or write them at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay (TTY) by dialing 711. Please mention Docket No. 20002-104-EP-17 (Record No. 14800) in your correspondence. If you wish to listen to the hearing scheduled in this matter go to <http://psc.wy.us> at the appropriate time and follow the instructions to connect to the hearing.

Dated: February 13, 2018.

(Publish February 15 and 22, 2018)

Legal Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) approved the Application of Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHE or the Company) to pass on to its Pass-On Rate [Regulated Rate] Option customers in the Gillette Division a net decrease of \$0.0291 per therm, effective on and after December 1, 2017. The Commission's approval is subject to notice, protest, intervention, refund, change, further investigation, opportunity for hearing and further order of the Commission.

The average BHE Small General Service Pass-On Rate [Regulated Rate] Option residential customer using a monthly average of 112 therms may expect a monthly gas bill decrease of approximately \$3.27, before taxes, during the rate-effective period of December 2017 through February 2018. Actual bills will vary with usage.

The proposed retail rate decrease results in a projected dollar-for-dollar decrease of approximately \$67,424 in the Company's December 2017 through February 2018 total revenues, using projected sales volumes. The decrease does not change the Company's authorized rate of return.

Commission Rule Chapter 3, Section 26 allows a utility to pass on to its customers known or projected commodity cost increases or decreases on a dollar-for-dollar basis, subject to public notice, opportunity for hearing and refund.

BHE's Application is on file at the Commission's offices, located at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming and at the Company's offices. The Application is available for inspection by any interested person during regular business hours or online at: <http://psc.state.wy.us/>.

Anyone desiring to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must file in writing with the Commission on or before March 20, 2018. A proposed intervention or request for hearing must set forth the grounds under which they are made and the position and interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing that you will attend, or want to make a statement, a protest or a public comment, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications-impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 711. Please mention Docket No. 30022-301-GP-17 (Record No. 14868) in your communications.

Dated: February 20, 2018.

(Publish February 22 and March 1, 2018)

Deadline for Legals is noon on Friday

Fun and Games

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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- Russian mountain chain
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- Musician's exercise
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- Capital of Ukraine
- Like some rumors
- Shakespeare's tragic monarch
- "Don't give up!"
- Olfactory property, pl.
- Funeral lament
- Chop off
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- Finno-_____ language
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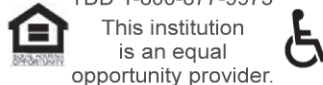
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became known as the Bronx. When Brad Mead was playing for the Jackson Broncs, they ordered new uniforms from some outfit back east. The Jackson team ended up playing the entire season as the Jackson Bronx.

Julia Stuble writes: "I always felt out of place as a Green River Wolf. Today, we think of wolves as mountain animals, though the pioneers trekking across Wyoming's plains in the 19th century identified them as scavengers of those unfortunate folks who didn't survive the perils of wagon train or handcart travel.

"I doubt the school district was making a political commentary about wolf re-introduction or re-placing the wolf as a predator of our sage hills. Anyway, I always thought the Green River mascot should be the Engineers, or the Calciners (after the equipment that processes trona), or maybe the Brakemen and Brakewomen. Mascots should strive for gender neutrality.

"To be kind, today it would be fitting to call the Rock Springs players 'Roustabouts' after that essential, doughty, and resourceful oil and gas field contractor. I really wanted to be a Calciner — it would have made my dad proud."

The Greybull Junior High team was known as the Dinosaurs. From a former Greybull Dinosaurs cheerleader Diana Schutte Dowling: "Rumor was they changed our mascot name when none of us dinosaurs could any longer spell it - long after my time. Don't remember what they changed it to, but come to think of it the Junior High is no more either - now that we have middle schools — the students of which will never be able to

read cursive! "Oh my gosh. After 55 years the Junior High Fight Cheer going through my head, at least the first couple of lines: The Dinosaurs are hard to beat; they're just a 100 per from head to feet!"

Jim Hicks reported the following: "Some 50 years ago Buffalo and Gillette were about the same size and had a good ongoing rivalry. The late Duane Waggoner was quick on his feet and managed to steal the ball from opposing players with some degree of regularity. In one game he made two steals but got turned around and drove for perfect lay-ups.

"Problem was that both times he scored at the wrong end of the court, hence the nick-name Wrong Way Waggoner stuck for quite a while."

Retired UW professor Ken Smith is a former Green River publisher and writes about a conversation he had with fellow prof Eric Wiltsie while driving through Rock Springs around the year 2000: "Eric and I had this discussion a number of years ago when driving through Rock Springs. We questioned why Rock Springs would call themselves the Tigers, not exactly local beasts. Eric thought they should be called the Doublewides."

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

Ladies cut deep by the Bearcats

Sonja Karp
Sports Reporter

No one had any illusions of how the Lady Dogies' contest against the undefeated, number one ranked Lady Bearcats would turn out last Saturday in Douglas. While the squad entered into the game with every intention of competing, their goal was to focus on improving in areas they needed to, and to get a feel for the Regional arena that is only two weeks away.

"Douglas is just such a buzz saw," head coach Tyler Bartlett declared. "They're bigger and more skilled. They can shoot and they can go inside. They can get after you in press. They're long in their zone and they're just tough. They are deep and stacked throughout the grades, and them having only one senior is a little discouraging."

The Lady Cats dominated the contest by extending their lead to 40, enacting the mercy rule early in the third quarter, and cruising to a 70-21 win.

"I thought we were a little nervous to start the game, so that may have exacerbated things to a certain degree, but at the same time, it is what it is when you're playing those guys," Bartlett shrugged. "They're doing that to a lot of people, so you just try to take the good with the bad and learn what you can from it and move on."

Knowing that they would be back on the court in Douglas in less than two weeks, the Lady Dogies used the opportunity to get a feel for that environment, which Bartlett hopes will bode well for them during post season play.

"We talked about trying to get a feel for the gym and the hoops and the locker rooms, but also it's a daunting task when you're matched up against the best team in the state. I think that's staring you straight in the face, but I hope the girls were able to take in a little of that so that when we're playing there next Thursday, it will be fresh," he nodded.

The other goal the team had heading into the contest was to improve in areas they needed to, and despite the challenge of going up against the juggernaut that is the Lady Cats, Bartlett was pleased with some things he saw on the night.

"When our kids relax and get comfortable and do the things that we preach and the things we work on in practice, good



Carson Quigley and Sara Sweet get sandwiched by Lady Bearcats last Saturday. Though Sweet attempted to give Quigley some space to shoot against the 6'4" defender, the big girl's size was just too much. (Photo by Sonja Karp/NLJ)

things can happen," he declared. "Carson [Quigley] is just a freshman who went from playing 1A and 2A teams in middle school to going up against teams with college bound players and even Division I players. Though she started the game a little nervous, she settled in and played very well against them."

"Lauren [Lacey's] first take to the hoop was a little rushed and out of control, but we've been working on that in practice the last couple of weeks, and her next two takes to the hoop were strong, off of two feet, leading with her shoulder and she made great, hard drives against their size," he continued. "Those are the things you can show kids to prove they have some skills."

This weekend marks the final one in regular season play, and has the Lady Dogies on the road for an overnight trip as they take on Worland on Friday and then Thermopolis on Saturday. The outcome of these conference, but non-quadrant, contests will have an impact on seedings for the Regional tournament. Newcastle

and Wheatland are currently tied for the third seed.

A great deal will depend on how the Lady Bulldogs do in their final games, but according to Bartlett a win for his team this weekend will go a long way toward helping them in a tie-breaking situation.

Not only will the weekend impact seeding, but as it turns out it will also provide a bit of a practice run for the tournament due to the nature of the trip. Newcastle will see these two teams for the first time this year, and will be overnight on the road.

"There is a lot of talent on this team and places 3-8 are still wide open in our region, so we still have a chance to make a run," Bartlett nodded. "We need to know when we're doing these trips, they are business trips to try to win games, so it'll be a good little practice for our young team before Regionals."

Tip-off is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. in Worland on Friday, and there will be an early 12:30 start on Saturday in Thermopolis.

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