

# News Letter Journal

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## New host needed for pig wrestling

Alexis Shultz  
NLJ Reporter

For years, the Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce has hosted the Pig Wrestling event that takes place during the Weston County Fair, but that will no longer be the case after representatives of the Chamber informed the Fair Board that they are no longer interested in putting on the event.

"It might be better suited for another entity. We are more than willing to help anyone that would be interested," Chamber President Matt Ramsey announced at the Fair Board's February 9 meeting at the USDA Service Center.

Ramsey explained that a number of new members joined the Chamber Board at the beginning of the year, and they have turned their attention towards creating a strategic plan and

using it to guide the efforts of the organization's Executive Director. He indicated that the group has determined that their focus should shift away from taking responsibility for events like pig wrestling.

"The board that we have, most of us are business people. A couple (on previous chamber boards) used to be heavy into ag (agriculture). I gave up horses, cattle and sheep years ago. We are not a good group to ramrod

this," Ramsey reasoned. He reported that the Chamber Board voted at a previous meeting to discontinue their responsibility to host the pig wrestling and believe another group (he suggested 4-H as a possibility) would be more effective at putting on the event.

The Chamber wishes to change its involvement in the County Fair in other ways as well, and Ramsey also announced that in addition to stepping away from pig wrestling, the

Chamber Board "might not want to be in charge of the parade" either.

He maintained that "we don't want to leave anyone hanging," but the group would like the Fair Board to consider someone else taking over leadership of the parade.

"We are not going to leave you high and dry this year," Ramsey said of the parade, indicating that

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## Upton board to create a new leadership plan

Todd Bennington  
NLJ Reporter

The WCSD #7 Board of Trustees voted at their regular meeting on Feb. 17 to pursue development of a leadership governance plan for the board, contingent upon cost.

Vice Chair Lori Olson spoke in favor of putting such a document in place outlining how the school board conducts business. She said that she feels the school board is unique in comparison to the other boards on which she has served and that having a

leadership governance plan would help maintain institutional knowledge regardless of board turnover. The intent is not to make a lot of immediate changes, she stated, but instead to make sure that things are clearly documented in one place.

"Wouldn't it be nice if we had a document that says, for someone new, but for all of us, this is what we do and this is how we do it. That would have been really helpful for me," she said. "I think it's a good thing and I think the sooner we can start it the better."

Trustee Brenda Upton agreed. She said she believes that such a plan would help board meetings proceed in a more streamlined fashion and that while developing the plan might be time-consuming, the board has already done much of the necessary groundwork.

Superintendent Dr. Summer Stephens also spoke in favor of developing a plan. She said she believes it will help clarify roles and expectations as well as help focus

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## Regional pitches concussion testing

Todd Bennington  
NLJ Reporter

When the WCSD #1 Board of Trustees approved an athletic training agreement with Regional Health last fall, they were told that one of the services Regional would provide under the agreement involved a system that would provide better information for trainers and other healthcare providers in instances when student athletes suffered head injuries, and representatives of Regional Health presented the board on Feb. 10 with specifics about their proposal for the provision of concussion testing for the district.

Regional Health's Sonnie Neiman, who provides athletic training for schools in Sundance and Hulett, estimated the overall cost of the program to the district at \$600 for the first year and \$300 to \$400 for subsequent years.

The Impact computerized testing system utilized by Regional Health, Neiman explained, looks at four indicators -- verbal memory, visual memory,

processing speed, and reaction time -- in measuring neurocognitive health.

Regional Health Sports Medicine Director Ron Van Dyke told the board that the Impact system is just one tool for use by healthcare professionals in addressing possible concussions, but one that allows for a more standardized approach. He said typically all students involved in collision sports are tested immediately in order to establish a baseline for future comparison and then tested every two years after that or following an apparent injury.

Neiman said that concussions are not diagnosed solely based on Impact results and that Regional's healthcare professionals still rely on their own evaluation that takes into account other evidence. However, one of the test's benefits, she stated, is that it can help serve as a healing tool through tracking the post-concussion recovery progress, which can help determine what rehabilitative measures might need to be taken.

Parents are asked to sign a consent

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**The air up there**

**Inset above:** High School Science Instructor James Stith and Phil Bergmaier of the Wyoming-NASA Space Grant Consortium work to inflate a weather balloon with helium last Wednesday morning. The balloon, which featured several cameras and various instruments for measuring atmospheric data, was airborne for about 90 minutes and came down near Oglala, S.D. The balloon also carried a spectrum photometer for measuring wavelengths of light for junior Heather Michaelis, who intends to use the data as a basis for a future science project, according to Stith. **Inset below:** Dawson Norton helps ready the balloon for its flight. (Todd Bennington/NLJ)

## County considers public safety communications

Todd Bennington  
NLJ Reporter

In light of a recent tragedy involving a two-year-old Upton girl who died following overnight exposure to the elements, Commissioner Marty Ertman approached Homeland Security Coordinator Scott Rager at the Feb. 16 commissioners' meeting for an update regarding statewide radio communication system WyoLink.

Ertman noted that the Wyoming Public Safety Communications Commission recently trimmed several million dollars from its budget request for WyoLink and that the system's coverage is spotty in Weston County.

"I'm not a fan of WyoLink only because there has been so much money spent for a system that just can't seem to work for us," Ertman stated, though she wondered if its

greater availability might have been beneficial in the Upton incident.

Rager stated that to his knowledge the use or availability of WyoLink would not have made a difference in the Upton case, given that the search parameters were small enough that lower-tech analog radios could be utilized.

The state, Rager acknowledged, is pushing for the use of WyoLink but there is discussion of possible user fees. Because of costs, Rager continued, some agencies have discussed maintaining a smaller number of WyoLink radios while going back to the use of more conventional radios that operate on an 800 megahertz frequency.

Ertman said that it is her understanding that some communities have already given up their emergency frequencies, though Rager

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## Icy highway claims a life

Bob Bonnar  
NLJ Reporter

An early morning crash on an icy highway west of Newcastle last Wednesday resulted in the death of 60-year old Newcastle resident, Gilbert R. Maestas, making him the eighth highway fatality of 2016 in Wyoming. Three other occupants of the vehicle, all from Newcastle, were injured in the accident.

According to a press release from the Wyoming Highway Patrol, the crash occurred 32 miles west of Newcastle on Highway 450 at approximately 6:20 a.m. on February 17.

The WHP reports that at that time, a 2000 Suzuki

Vitara SUV driven by 49-year old Allen Holland lost traction on an ice-covered section of the road as the foursome was traveling west and negotiating a slight uphill left hand curve in the highway.

"The vehicle began to fishtail and eventually left the high into the ditch. After entering the ditch, the Suzuki spun, tripped a rolled," the press release stated.

WHP indicated that Maestas, who was a rear seat passenger in the vehicle, was not wearing his seat belt at the time of the crash. He remained in the cab of the vehicle during the rollover, but succumbed to his injuries after being transported by ground

ambulance to Weston County Health Services.

Holland and two other passengers, 32-year old Mark Gladue and 56-year old Sandra Duclou, were also transported by ambulance to the hospital in Newcastle to be treated for injuries sustained in the accident.

According to the press release, Holland and Gladue were both wearing seat belts at the time of the wreck, but Duclou was not.

WHP noted in the release that black ice, the use of cruise control in poor road conditions and lack of seat belt use are all being investigated as contributing factors in the crash.

<b>WEATHER FORECAST</b>	<b>Thursday</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 44, Lo 27	<b>Friday</b> Sunny Hi 55, Lo 30	<b>Saturday</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 64, Lo 33	<b>Sunday</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 50, Lo 29	<b>Monday</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 50, Lo 27	<b>Tuesday</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 48, Lo 27	<b>Wednesday</b> Sunny Hi 52, Lo 30	<b>INSIDE</b> • Middle School Musical, Page 3 • Budget Talks, Page 8 • Daffodils are Back, Page 9 • Sixth Grade Sports, Page 11





# Opinion

## News Letter Journal

### Our view

## Ted talks

There really wasn't a lot of new information to report when Newcastle Mayor Greg James and City Engineer Bob Hartley met last week with the board of the Weston County Solid Waste District, but after the duo left the meeting, WCSWD Vice-Chairman Ted Ertman dropped a few bombshells on his fellow board members. To be fair, Ertman did tell the News Letter Journal reporter who was present for the meeting that he didn't want his words to appear in this newspaper, so it isn't his fault if the people he bush-whacked are offended by his comments.

The Newcastle officials repeated their offer to donate the equipment at the city's current landfill to WCSWD, but Ertman waited until they had left the meeting to declare that "the city has junk equipment," so he can't be blamed if that angers them.

We are also surprised that his wife, County Commissioner Marty Ertman, ignored her own conflict of interest and worked so hard to have him placed on the countywide board that she and her fellow commissioners appointed in light of his apparent belief that the county has absolutely no responsibility when it comes to solid waste.

"This is the city's problem, not the county's," Ertman told the rest of his board (after James and Hartley left). "I get that everybody produces garbage, but it is their job to take care of it."

To his credit, Ertman also instructed our reporter to make sure that statement—made in a public meeting—didn't appear in print before he uttered it, so if city officials decide they have no interest in working towards a countywide solution, it's our fault, not his.

Ertman also can't be blamed if the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality is upset over his belief that the agency will arbitrarily single Weston County out for punishment for no apparent reason. After all, nobody from DEQ was in the room when he made the accusation, and he clearly instructed us not to print it.

"I'm worried the DEQ will put their finger on us, and because we aren't giving them what they want, they won't permit us for years," he said of the agency that will ultimately determine if the solid waste disposal solution chosen by the WCSWD board is acceptable. Fortunately, that shouldn't be a problem because Ertman has shown an admirable determination to thwart any proposed solution to this particular problem for the better part of two decades.

It does appear, however, that nobody bothered to inform the other members of the WCSWD board that they aren't supposed to produce a workable solution for Weston County. From what we have seen, the rest of that board is very sincere in their desire to solve this problem and we commend them for their honest approach and diligent efforts.

We think the City of Newcastle and the DEQ are genuine in their desire to address the problem cooperatively as well, but we've proven that we just can't be prevented from telling everybody when Ertman insists on sabotaging those efforts. In light of our inability to keep our big mouths shut, we ask Ertman to make any future accusations about the government entities he is supposed to be working with when they are in the room to defend themselves. If he can't muster up the courage, we strongly suggest the commissioners remove him from the board so he can openly advocate for the closure of the city landfill that is a stone's throw away from his home, and will no longer be forced by this paper to pretend that he is interested in finding a solution for anybody but himself.

## Feds shouldn't bite Apple

Apple technologies has had a long and loving relationship with the newspaper industry.

The same is true of most businesses which might be loosely be defined as somehow associated with the arts.

That's because Apple's vision was always to be user-friendly, intuitive and dependable.

How they did all that few of us know, but they did really do all that and have been the most widely-used machinery of the press since the mid-1980s.

So we're prejudiced in our defense of Apple as they stand up to our federal government, which seeks to force them to create software which would allow the Feds to unlock whatever useful data might be found in Syed Rizan Farook's iPhone.

Farook and his wife were the domestic terrorists who attacked Farook's workplace in San Bernardino last year, leaving 14 people dead and 22 others wounded.

No doubt the government hopes to put to rest any concerns that Farook was working with other domestic (or foreign) terrorists. If there are clues locked within that iPhone which could prevent further killings, the Feds argue, Apple must help unlock those clues.

Apple disagrees, and we're taking

their side.

The Feds charged last week that Apple simply wants to protect its brand, as if that's a silly notion when compared to American lives.

It's hard to defend any reason that might cost human lives, but there are plenty out there (dropping two atomic bombs which killed hundreds of thousands of Japanese citizens to prevent the further loss of American lives comes to mind).

Like most Americans, we want our government to protect us - our founders wrote as much into the preamble of our constitution, to "ensure domestic tranquility."

But with the explosion of hackers bent on stealing private information—credit cards, banking and the like—we are somewhat reassured that there seems to be at least one device, an iPhone, that appears to be hack-proof.

If the government can't get in there, good for iPhone.

Apple users have long been proud that their computers are, for the most part, free of viruses and rarely break down. And for business owners who pay a premium to use Apple products, well security and dependability are about the only justification for paying more for their product.

So to force Apple to create a back door to eliminate that protection will, indeed, ruin their business model.



Tom Mullen  
Paper Boy

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## Letters to the Editor

### Trump has little chance of winning a general election

Dear Editor,  
Donald Trump claims he loves everybody and everybody loves him. This is not indicated by results of the primaries.

He seldom rises above one-third of the people. This would seem to be because two-thirds of the voters dislike him, many vehemently. This does not bode well for the general election.

The problem started when 18 people decided to run for president.

Trump jumped in and instantly became the favorite because of his free press coverage. This delighted the liberal press because they felt it would weaken the Republicans against Hillary and made for a lot of copy.

Some of the candidates were soon eliminated, but they refused to drop out. When the real candidates started to drop, the governors, who generally make the best presidents, were eliminated and the senators, who are seldom elected, remained.

Very few have moved from the Senate to the presidency because governors are generally better decision-makers than senators.

Trump is not a desirable person to be president. He is a populist snakeoil salesman. He has no basic philosophy of government, and thinks he can decree things to be done. He wants to be king rather than president. He has always been on the democratic side of politics.

If succeeding primary voters do not wake up, we will likely be faced with him as our candidate, and probably loser, in the election.

It could be that the convention might not be decided by then, and it could fall back on one of the former governors, who would have a much better chance than Trump.

—Don Thorson

### Time to abandon labels and think for ourselves

Dear Editor,  
OMG! America has turned Socialist!  
How can that be? I'm not from Missouri but, 'Show Me!'

The highways, especially the interstates. There are a few states, back east, that came to their senses and sold them to the highest bidder, who charges for their use!

That's private enterprise at its best.

Then, there is the matter of these expensive schools. I do not have any children to educate, so why should I have to pay for them?

Our socialistic government just lets anybody in. We taxpayers have to foot the whole bill. What is wrong with us? We just let those Socialist 'neer-do-wells' take and take!

Isn't it about time to set things right and make the parents pay for the teachers and football buses? Why should we pay for their games and trips out of town? If it is so important to them they should pay.

There are so many socialist give-aways, we just can't keep track of them all. If we can just get back to our original dog-eat-dog capitalism, everything will be OK.

We could reinstitute debtors prison for those who resist the rules of the socialism we already have in this country—not to mention those very expensive hospital emergency rooms.

We haven't even mentioned all those many subsidy programs! Don't bother to begin enumerating all the taxes you pay!

The purpose of this whole letter is to demonstrate that our American economy and any other economic system is far more complex than one word or title can accurately describe.

Still, we have nationally syndicated scribes, talk show hosts and especially the guy who sits on the other side of the coffee table carrying on about how this -ism or that -ism is superior or inferior to all the others.

A colossal waste of breath.

What we need to do is discuss and compare the merits of each system without resorting to blindly condemning or praising the other system or party.

The elected "spin-meisters" obfuscate the issue so they can put their interests into your head without even asking permission. As always, the spin-meisters attempt to control, for their personal benefit, the money that flows through our government. This is not a new situation. The recent electoral campaigns reveal this corruption.

Some time ago, Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis said: "We may have democracy, or we may have wealth concentrated in the hands of a few, but we can't have both."

Evidently, while the village was sleeping, the oligarchs took control of our government's economy, enriched themselves enormously while our masses suffered bankruptcies, evictions, reposessions, and the humiliation of being blamed for their plight.

Almost needless to say, the oligarchs could not have accomplished this grandest of larcenies

without the able assistance their 'elected' minions.

Now, when one of the downtrodden "masses" dares complain of inequity or unfairness, he is rebuked with accusations of being a lazy lay-about or, even worse, a "socialist."

Are there any differences or similarities between Flint and Jonestown? Did the politicians facilitate moving the "Flint" jobs overseas, leaving the residents unemployed? Did they "save money" by putting poison water in their pipelines? Did the Bay Area politicians "save money" by denying aid and assistance to the "down and out," leaving them victims to a homicidal maniac named Jones?

The only difference I can see is a matter of degree! The arrogance of nearly unlimited power corrupts so completely that the perpetrators feel justified in blaming their victims.

The rest of us are not blameless. We uncritically accepted the politicians' lies, half-truths and innuendo while re-electing them to high office. It is high-time that we begin thinking for ourselves.

We could even throw in a modicum of so-called Christian charity.

So many of us give it lip service.

—Jerry Baird

### All lives matter

Dear Editor,  
Black lives matter, yes they do, but so do those of the red, white and blue. Innocent black fetus' lives, they matter too, but to point that out, the pot stirrers won't do.

Why on earth have there been so many labors, invested in getting people to hate their neighbors? By getting more folks dependent on the government, a very ugly camel's nose is being forced into the tent.

The race baiting wolves hide behind their sheep's clothes, and it seems every day we get more of those. They seek wealth and power for themselves with their evil games. They may not have built the racial fire, but they're stoking the flames.

It's sad when our Divider in Chief won't show respect, to those who sign up to serve and protect. He says things like "the cops acted stupidly," just for a sample. Whether he admits it or not, he sets an example.

The future will be full of even worse quarrels, the more we abandon our faith and our morals. When the masses resort to guns and brass knuckles, the evil one just rubs his hands and chuckles.

Sometimes it all seems this is part of a much larger plot, when the Golden Rule is ignored or forgot. From an early age, our youth need to be taught, if you act like a rabid dog, you just might get shot.

—Jim Darlington



Bob Bonnar  
Publisher and Editor

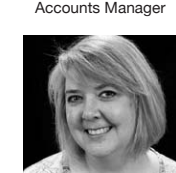
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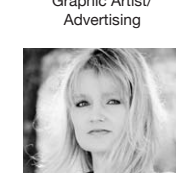
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Newcastle Middle School eighth graders are excited to perform the school's first musical in more than 25 years next Monday. (Sierra LaCroix/NLJ)

# Lights, Camera, Action!

Abby Gray  
NLJ Reporter

For those who have an interest in musicals, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, or Newcastle's eighth grade class, the perfect combination of all three will be coming together on Monday, February 29. With the help Lindsey Burling, Jan Ellis, Ryan Whipple, Bryce Hoffman, and Sheila Munger, local eighth grade students will be performing Washington Irving's play in the form of a musical.

"Lindsey Burling, the art teacher in the middle school, has been directing during rehearsals. I have been doing the music work, and Ryan Whipple is working with the band. Bryce Hoffman has constructed the scenery, while Mrs. Burling art's students are doing some of the smaller pieces, and we are getting costumes from Sheila Munger and her students, who have colonial night costumes," Ellis revealed.

Twenty-two of Newcastle's eighth grade students are participating in the play, and they have been working hard in rehearsals for the past few weeks.

"Most of the practices take place during school, when the eighth graders have their choir and art classes. However, sometimes we even have rehearsals after school, and the kids are working very hard on this," Ellis beamed.

The students are working so hard to make the play great because they really enjoy doing it.

"I think it is really fun! Rehearsals are going great, and I would definitely do this again," performer Sara Sweet smiled. Both Burling and

Ellis anticipate the production being a huge hit, and are optimistic that this is something that middle school students in Newcastle can do again in the future— hopefully more than just the eighth grade class.

"We are hoping to make the musical an annual event. We haven't had a musical here for a very long time. In fact, the last middle school musical took place in 1990, so we're hoping that our production of The Legend of Sleepy Hollow will gain some interest," Ellis disclosed.

The musical did not pop up out the blue, but it is something that Lindsey Burling has been dreaming of for quite some time.

"I knew that I had a small eighth grade class, so I had been looking for something fun for them to do. We threw ideas around, but then we remembered that Mrs. Burling had been looking to start a drama club. Last year Lindsey was a para (professional), but this year when she became an art teacher I thought it might be a bit more difficult to make it happen. However, her eighth grade art class takes place the same time as my eighth grade choir class, so we decided to make the production a collaboration between the two classes. Right now is a perfect time for the musical to take place, because I do not have to get really busy with my spring programs yet, so we knew this would be the perfect opportunity," Ellis professed.

It appears as though everything has fallen into place to make this production work, and Newcastle community members are encouraged to come enjoy the free production being put on by the eighth grade class at 7:00 pm at the Crouch Auditorium on Monday, February 29.

## Pigs

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if another group can not be convinced to take responsibility for the parade, the Chamber will put on that event for one more year. He indicated that his board believes the logical entity to take over the parade that kicks off fair week may well be the Fair Board itself.

Later in the meeting, Fair Board Chairman Zane Marty noted that the parade issue would be addressed at the group's March meeting and a route would be discussed and determined at that time, but there was considerable discussion about pig wrestling and most were confident that it wouldn't prove difficult to find another group to seize the opportunity to host the event.

"I think there is someone out there that will pick up the pig wrestling," Ramsey predicted, although he indicated that the Chamber encountered an issue with the pigs that used to be utilized for the event, noting that the individual who previously supplied the pigs was no longer in the business.

He did, however, report that the event, which consists of teams in different age divisions catching and containing a pig in a pit of mud, produced a profit between \$1,000 and \$5,000 over the course of its history. A significant amount of that revenue is generated through a Calcutta auction in which sponsors "purchase"

teams, and the pot is then divided between the event sponsor and the "owner" of the winning team.

The Fair Board expressed interest in attracting some of the revenue from the event to benefit the fairgrounds budget.

"Part of the reason it has gone to other people doing it is we are short-handed, and there is not a lot of people to organize and put this thing together. I guess we've got to figure out as a board what works with our staff because I think we are letting some money slip away from us," Fair Board member Justin Mills suggested. He suggested that fairgrounds staff may want to manage at least part of the event and mentioned the possibility of their taking over beer sales and other concessions. He expressed the belief that the fairgrounds may be losing out on a significant amount of revenue by allowing other entities to operate on the grounds without some form of partnership.

The Fair Board discussed a number of groups that could potentially take over the pig wrestling, but chose not to make a determination on a specific group to offer the event to at that time. The board will entertain suggestions and proposals from interested groups at their March 9 meeting.

### Fair Facts

Notes from the February 9 meeting of the Weston County Fair Board

- Check-in for the Dog Show during the Weston County Fair will move up to 10:00 a.m to 10:30 a.m to allow for contestants to compete in the dog show, as well as attend the awards for Horse Show.
- Colleen Donaldson approached the board to express concerns regarding the Wyatt Pillen Memorial Fun Day and the rates they are being charged. According to Donaldson, organizers for that event have not had to pay a fee for using the fairgrounds, aside from the cost of liability insurance. The event is held on the first Saturday of the County Fair, and she suggested the board should be concerned due to their expressed desire to stay true to their new fee schedule. She also expressed the belief that since the event is not a "true fair event," it should not take place on the first day of the Weston County Fair.

everyone else and have it a different week besides fair," declared Donaldson. She received little feedback from the board after her statement, but Chairman Zane Marty said that her concerns had been noted. Board member Ellen McKenzie reported that the Pillens were told last year that the specifics of the event needed to be revisited prior to this year's fair, and it was noted by the board that the Pillens were not present at the meeting to engage in a conversation about the event.

• McKenzie asked the board's permission to bring the Horse Show back into fair week. McKenzie expressed that she would like to host the Horse Show on the same Saturday as the Wyatt Pillen Memorial, and after the parade. Due to other events being held that day, McKenzie said she made the decision to have the event take place in the indoor arena

to leave the outdoor arena open for those events.

- Junior Rodeo Committee Chairman John Riesland asked the Fair Board to approve Cassie and Matt Hayman as superintendents of the Junior Rodeo for the 2016 Weston County Fair. The board unanimously approved to allow the appointed. The Junior Rodeo will take place August 6-7.
- It was announced that the official Weston County Fair dates are July 30-August 7.
- Jill Pischke requested that the Fair Board consider purchasing additional sets of both the Wyoming State Flag and the American Flag. She expressed the need for multiple sets, and noted that the fairgrounds used to have flags flying on a daily basis. The board approved the purchase of a couple of sets of the flags.
- At the end of the meeting, the board held an executive session to discuss personnel.

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**Obituaries**

**Miiralyne Kay Williams**  
**Jul. 15, 2013-Feb. 14, 2016**  
 Miiralyne Kay Williams, 2 of Upton, passed away on February 14, 2016 in Newcastle. Miira was born on July 15, 2013 in Spearfish, S.D. to David and Maci (Toth) Williams.

She is survived by her parents, David and Maci Williams; brothers, Daesyn Williams, Deklyn Williams and Dridyn Williams; grandparents, Tim and Nicki Toth of Upton, Lisa and Bob Fluty and Alan and Sarah Williams all of Saratoga Wyo.; great-grandparents, Betty Benedick of Gillette, Martha and Dick Perue and Frances Kirby all of Saratoga Wyo.; aunts and uncles, Nickolas and Brenna Williams of Milliken, Colo.; Darian Williams of Saratoga Wyo.; Erik Toth, Logan Toth and Crystal Douglas all of Upton; and numerous cousins, friends and extended family.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday,

February 19, 2016 at the Upton Community Center, 916 Ash Street in Upton. Burial followed at Greenwood Cemetery in Crook County. There was a lunch and gathering at the Upton Community Center following the burial, provided by Assembly of God. In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established to benefit the Upton Fire Department and Weston County Search and Rescue.

Arrangements were under the care of Fidler-Roberts & Isburg Funeral Chapel of Sundance. Online condolences may be written at [www.fidler-isburgfuneralchapels.com](http://www.fidler-isburgfuneralchapels.com)

**Ronald Tully Clements**  
**Jan. 12, 1961-Feb. 17, 2016**  
 Ronald Tully Clements, age 55 of Newcastle died February 17, 2016 at Weston County Hospital.

Tully is preceded in death by his father, Ronald Clements and his wife, Tina Marie.

His mother Judy Dabney and step-father Charles Max

Dabney reside in Newcastle. His sister Debbie lives in Gilbert, Ariz., and his nephew Justice is in Casper, Wyo.

Tully is survived by three daughters. His oldest Deja resides in Neb. and is the mother of his three grandchildren. His daughter Hannah is a christian missionary currently in Cambodia. Ariel is a student in New Jersey.

Tully's love of his motorcycle to ride or build was as great as his ability to play the guitar, sing or make jewelry. His artistic ability was phenomenal. Tully loved his hunting trips with his step-father Max and Tully never missed a shot.

A private funeral will be held.

**Walter E. Lake**  
**Jun. 13, 1938-Feb. 21, 2016**

Walter E. Lake, born June 13, 1938, peacefully passed away at his home in Elko, Nev. on February 21, 2016. Mr. Lake was born in Laramie, Wyo. to Mr. & Mrs. Fred Lake. He was raised in Wyoming and attended

the University of Wyoming.

In 1957 he married the love of his life, Barbara Lee, and together they had four children. He enjoyed being a pilot, music, dancing, tinkering in his garage, building and racing hot rods. In 1988 Mr. Lake moved to Elko, Nev., where he worked at Newmont Gold and later retired from Komatsu Equipment.

Services will be held at Burns Funeral Home in Elko, Nevada on Friday, February 26, 2016, at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to [www.thetearsfoundation.org](http://www.thetearsfoundation.org), Wyoming Chapter, The American Cancer Society, or the charity of choice.

Mr. Lake is survived by his wife Barbara, son Troy (Holly), daughters Nancy Tanner (Mark), Amy Hicks (Corey), Brandi Kroese (Kent), nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, and one grandson, Tennyson Hicks.



**Walter E. Lake**

**Community Center will be part-time Harley shop**

**Todd Bennington**  
 NLJ Reporter

The Upton Town Council voted at their Feb. 9 meeting to approve the use of the Upton Community Center gym for the display and sale of Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

The approval is contingent on the gym floor being protected from potential damage and that the bikes' engines are only run out-of-doors. The motion passed by the council also included a provisional approval of alcohol sales.

The vote came at the request of Cheryl Burr, who works for the Sundance branch of Gillette-based Deluxe Harley-

Davidson. Burr said the retailer plans to utilize the community center one or two Sunday's per month, depending on community response, to display and sell the motorcycles as well as t-shirts, parts, and other accessories.

Free lunch will be provided to those who attend, she said, and the company has contacted an Upton drinking establishment, Sunset Amigos, about serving as a caterer of alcoholic beverages.

Burr anticipated a number of the council's concerns about the proposal, telling them that only trained store staff will be allowed to handle the motor-

cycles and that precautions will be taken against any potential leaking fluids or scraping of the floor from kickstands. The bikes' tires do not have a tendency to leave marks on the tiled floors of either the Gillette or Sundance stores, according to Burr.

Evenso, City Superintendent Mark Lindstrom said the community center's gym floor has a problem with attracting black marks, even from shoes, which are time-consuming to remove, and it was agreed that plastic will have to be utilized to protect the floor from potential damage.

Lindstrom also objected to the bikes being started inside

the center due to concerns about getting exhaust fumes in the building's ventilation system.

Burr, who is originally from Upton, told the council that the town was selected as a midway point between other local communities such as Moorcroft, Newcastle, and Custer. She said she anticipates that the sales events will benefit Upton businesses by bringing in additional customers.

No exact date for the first event has yet been scheduled, she indicated, and the number of motorcycles on hand will depend on how much space is available after catering tables and accessory stands are set up.

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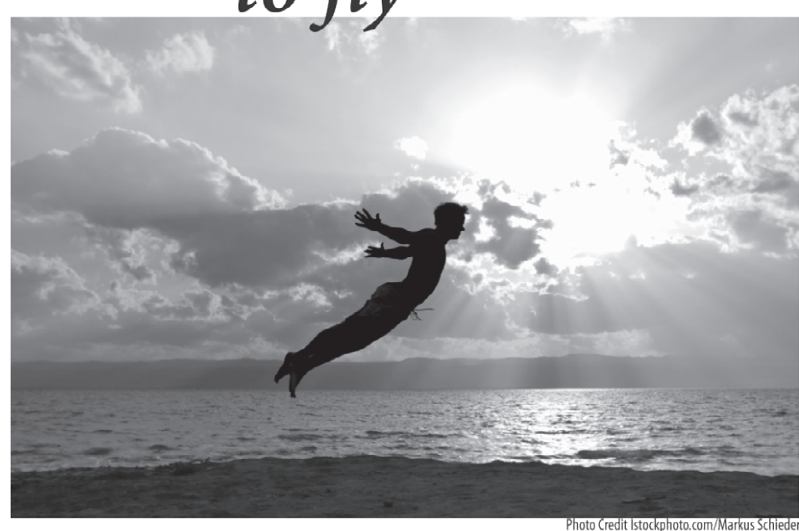
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- CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH:** 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9 am.
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- COUNTRY CHURCH:** Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley, 746-9712, Worship 10 am.
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- FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH:** Mike Wiles, 301 Delaware, 746-9663. Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship 10:45 am; Prayer Service 5 pm; Eita Nova Youth Group Wednesday 6:30 pm Christian Academy.

- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Mark Thurman, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Adult Bible Study 8:45 am; Traditional Church Services 10 am; 10:15 a.m. Children's Church and 11:45 am. Contemporary Praise & Worship Service.
- GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Jon Andersen, Evangelical Free Church meets at the Weston County Senior Services; Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship 11 am. Call 746-8091.
- KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES:** 5018 US Hwy 16, 746-2319 or 746-4517. Tuesday 7 p.m. Congregation Bible Study, Theocratic Ministry School and Service Meeting, Sunday Public Talk 10 am; Watchtower 11 am.
- NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sun. Worship 10 am; Wed. Night Prayer.
- NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Wayne Wilson, meets at Haydis Hall (Next to Christ Episcopal Church), 746-5542. Sunday Worship 6 pm.
- OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH:** 348 Sheridan St. in Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm.
- SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST:** Pastor Gary Force, 78 Old Hwy 85, Pastoral Assistant Matt Dooley 949-0831 and Joe Story 605-891-9954. Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11:00 am.
- ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Killian Muli, Upton. Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
- VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH:** Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366.
- UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Rev. Sharee Johnson, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Worship 9 am; Fellowship 10 a.m.; Adult Study 10:30 a.m.; 1st & 3rd Wed Evenings Prayer and Praise Service 7 pm.

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Weekly Scripture Reading						
Psalm 36	Psalm 136	Psalm 79	Psalm 80	Psalm 84	Psalm 85	Psalm 86

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# Recapture

## A PIECE OF HISTORY

February 24, 1916  
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Dr. Dewitt removed the toes from the right foot of Ezra G. Mattson last Sunday. Mr. Mattson filed on a home-

stead adjoining Bert Maxwell's place in the early part of the winter. On January 4th, he left Mr. Maxwell's house at 9 a.m. to go to his shack about half a mile away. He lost his bearings and wandered about all night until 3 p.m. the next day when he arrived at J.C. Minter's place with badly frozen feet. He is 73 years old & a veteran of the Civil War.

Ted Eslick has sold his ranch on Beaver Creek and left

for Montana. We are sorry to have Mr. & Mrs. Eslick move away.

Mrs. John Fawcett gave a farewell party last Monday evening for Edward Marlow. She invited his old school-mates in and all had a lovely time.

### February 27, 1941 75 Years Ago

Forty-nine enlisted men & two officers donned Army uniforms here early Monday morning & cheered "We're in the Army now." After induction ceremonies of the 2nd Motorcycle Platoon, Troop F 115th Cavalry, to the regular Army for a years' military service.

Game Warden Frison accompanied Earl Pote to Clareton Friday night where they showed several reels of wildlife pictures to local folks'.

Governor Nels. H. Smith announced last week the appointment of Herbert B. Fowler of Newcastle, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the 1939 Legislature, as his private secretary, effective April 1st.

The Adventist Chapel is undergoing a little remodeling to make more room for the crowd that will attend a series of weekend prophetic lectures Friday, Saturday, & Sunday nights of each week.

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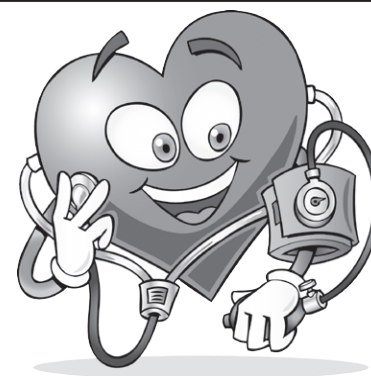
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## Accomplishments

### Lacey makes the list

Madison Lacey of Newcastle was among those students honored for academic achievement during the Fall 2015 semester of study at Southwest Minnesota State University.

She was named to the Honors Dean's List, which is for students who achieve a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher. To be eligible, students are also required to complete 12 or more A-F graded credits in the semester.

### Jones promoted to Colonel

James M. "Mike" Jones, of Cheyenne, was promoted to colonel in the Wyoming Army National Guard effective Dec. 6, 2015.

Jones is a field artillery officer serving

in Joint Force Headquarters - Wyoming. He has been a member of the Wyoming National Guard for 28 years. He was recently selected to be the director operations and training for the Wyoming Army National Guard.

Jones lives in Cheyenne. He attended Natrona County High School, including its JROTC program, in Casper, and ROTC at the University of Wyoming, in Laramie.

He is married to Darcy R. Jones (Peterson), formerly from Newcastle, and has two sons - Joss and Hayden. His parents James E. Jones and Nickie D. Jones are formerly from Casper and now live in Benton, Kentucky, on Kentucky Lake.

### EWC Honor Rolls

Eastern Wyoming College recently

announced the honor rolls for the Fall 2015 semester, and a number of local scholars were among the 75 students receiving recognition for achieving high scholastic grades.

Josie Tracy, of Newcastle, joined Upton's Kayla Caylor and Ashley Knowlton in being named to the President's Honor Roll, while Kaylee Arthur, also of Upton, was listed on the Dean's Honor Roll, along with Newcastle's Summer Cole.

The President's Honor Roll recognizes students that are full time (12 or more credit hours) and achieve a 4.0 grade point average. To qualify for the Dean's Honor Roll, students must also be full time and achieve a grade point average of 3.5, but less than 4.0.

## WHAT'S UP February 2016

### Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thurs 25	11:45 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	WC Health Services Foundation Chamber General Membership Mtg. AA Meeting	Hospital Board Room Chamber Office, Visitor Center WC Senior Center, Family Room
Fri 26	11:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	WC Library Board Meeting Western Ramblers Dance Bingo	Library WC Senior Services VFW Hall
Sat 27	9:00 a.m.	Healthy Hearts Fun Fair	NHS Commons
Sun 28	2:00 p.m.	Bingo	Corpus Christi Catholic Church
Mon 29	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room

## March 2016

Tues 01	9:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	WC County Commissioners Mobile Vets Center AA Meeting WC Travel Commission	Court House Family Dollar Parking Lot Hospital Board Room Upton Food Bank
Wed 24	12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.	Newcastle Lions Club Creative Handcrafts	WC Senior Center WC Senior Center
Thurs 25	6:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	4-H Leader Training Chamber Board Meeting VFW Auxiliary Meeting FOCUS Board Meeting Salt Creek Water District AA Meeting WC Museum District Masons	USDA Building WC Senior Center WC Senior Center FOCUS Office District Office WC Senior Center, Family Room Anna Miller Museum Masonic Lodge #13

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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](http://newcastlewyo.com)

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

**February 25**  
Mark Yeatman  
**February 26**  
Danny Williams  
Courtne Ondriezek  
Camren Doell Shrader  
**February 27**  
Rod Petranek  
Corbin Doell  
**February 29**  
Jack Holwell  
**March 1**  
Logan Hershey  
**March 2**  
Cathy Butler Aldrich  
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Dayne Wammen  
**March 3**  
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# Upton

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WCSD #7 Elementary and Middle School Principal Clark Coberly congratulates sixth-grader Madeline Stephens on being one of the district's students of the month at last Wednesday's meeting of the board of education. (Todd Bennington/NLJ)

the board's efforts on student needs.

Stephens added that she feels the board's meetings often go long because the board meets only once per month. She broached the possibility of conducting two board meetings per month or the addition of a committee of the whole meeting where ideas are discussed but no formal action is taken. Open-session board dinners for discussion of non-actionable topics are an additional possibility, Stephens noted.

Olson concurred, saying she thinks the board should consider meeting twice a

month, at least until the board governance plan is completed, which is expected to take up additional time.

Chairman Gene Knapp and Board Clerk Woody Gaughenbaugh, however, said they are disinclined to commit to meeting regularly twice a month, citing other obligations. They said, though, that they would agree to meet if the board deemed it necessary.

Olson agreed that making such a commitment is difficult, though she noted that WCSD #7's board is one of the few school boards in the state that only meets once per month.

In answer to a question

from Treasurer Debra Helwig, Trustee Upton said she believes the Wyoming School Boards Association would charge the district about \$5,000 for providing assistance in putting together the leadership governance plan. Upton said that amount is less than it might otherwise cost because the district already has some of the basic work done.

Chairman Knapp believed seeking guidance from WSBA would be beneficial.

"It can't do anything but broaden our knowledge and give us a better idea of what we need to do as a school board," he said of the process

of developing the plan.

In answer to a question from Olson, there was general agreement to go ahead with pursuing the plan and that separate work sessions focusing on the plan would likely need to take place.

Dr. Stephens told the board she will look into getting an exact cost figure from the WSBA and establishing workable dates.

Upton noted that the to-be-developed plan is not intended just for the benefit of current board members. Instead it is meant to provide a guide for how the board will be run for years going forward, she said.

## Upton School Notes

Discussion items at the Feb. 17 meeting of the WCSD #7 Board of Trustees included the following:

- Elementary/Middle School Principal Clark Coberly reported enrollment is currently at 175 students. Parent-teacher conferences saw turnouts of 98 percent and 66 percent of parents for the elementary and middle schools respectively, he said.
- Coberly noted that on March 9 an assembly is scheduled to be held for middle and high school students with Holocaust survivor Eva Mozes Kor. A public presentation with Kor will take place the evening prior on March 8 at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.
- High School Principal Linda Crawford reported that a handful of Upton area students are competing for the title of Rising Star of the West. The public can vote for the students at the website of KEVN television, she said. Winners receive scholarship money.
- Crawford stated the advisory board meeting for the Career and Technical Education program attracted 18 participants in total. Another meeting for CTE is scheduled for April.
- About half of the parents that most needed to be seen by their children's teachers were in attendance for parent-teacher conferences, Crawford stated, a turnout she characterized as good.
- Para-Professional Sarah Gebhart reported that, along with a high school volunteer,

she'd taken two athletes, middle school and elementary students, to a Special Olympics skiing event at Terry Peak. Both athletes received medals.

- District Superintendent Dr. Summer Stephens presented an overview of an AASA national superintendents' conference she'd recently attended.
- The board discussed "Inevitable: Mass Customized Learning in the Age of Empowerment" by Charles Schwahn and Beatrice McGarvey, a book dealing with contemporary educational theory. The trustees considered how some of its concepts regarding personalized learning might apply to the district.
- Dr. Stephens reported to the board that the district's staffing situation and insurance expenses for 2016-17 should become clearer by March.
- Vice-Chair Lori Olson, the board's legislative liaison, noted that the Joint Appropriations Committee has plans to cut education expenditures one percent by fiscal year 2017 and two percent by fiscal year 2018. The Wyoming School Boards Association, she continued, is arguing for no cuts to be made, claiming the current funding model, which is based on enrollment, provides for an automatic decrease in expenditures if enrollment declines.
- Dr. Stephens brought to the attention

of the board a board policy dating from 2012 regarding senior class ranking and the identification of the valedictorian. The policy states that class ranking is to be computed on the basis of GPA in required courses at the end of the first semester of senior year, with eligibility for valedictorian status dependent on the student having been enrolled during the previous spring semester. In the past ranking has been calculated based on overall GPA, Stephens indicated, but the written policy will be adhered to going forward.

- Following an executive session for the discussion of personnel issues, the board voted to approve contract extensions for Principal Clark Coberly, Principal Linda Crawford, and Transportation and Special Education Director Gary Glodt. The board also accepted the resignation of Instructional Facilitator Randy Ludeman, whom they expressed gratitude toward for his service.
- There was discussion of a potential policy honoring district staff members on a monthly basis for their work. Principal Coberly interjected that he had at one time initiated a similar policy that had not been well received. Trustee Brenda Upton agreed, saying it had tended to be divisive. Coberly said he favors alternate ways of recognizing staff achievements.

# Testing

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form allowing their children to be tested and few choose to opt out, according to Neiman. Van Dyke stated that among those schools that Regional Healthcare serves, participation is close to 100 percent.

District Superintendent Brad LaCroix asked whether it might be prudent to test middle school athletes as well as those at the high school. Board Chair Bob Bonnar said he is in favor of doing so, especially considering the recent addition of soccer as a middle school sport.

Neiman answered that middle school testing is pos-

sible, though most of the schools she has worked with have opted only to test at the high school level.

LaCroix also asked if those students involved in activities that are not directly sponsored by the school district would be eligible for testing.

"I think you as a school district have that ability to decide who gets tested and if it's available to other students who are maybe in club sports or high school rodeo or things like that," Neiman answered.

Athletic Trainer Nicole Ackerman suggested that those who sustain an injury

during PE could also be tested.

In answer to questions from Trustee Tom Wright, Neiman said it isn't necessary to have a baseline test for every student. If a student injured in PE, for example, is a non-athlete who does not already have a baseline test of his or her own for comparison, test results could still be compared against average information for the demographic within which the student falls.

Neiman went on to say that typically the only athletes she tests are those involved in collision sports, which she described as sports such as

football, basketball, wrestling, soccer, and pole vaulting.

"I don't typically test my cross country kids or golf kids ... but most of those kids do other sports anyway, so I end up testing [many of] them," she explained.

Questions regarding Regional Health's protocol for the return of student-athletes to play following injury and the district's own policy on the matter, which requires a physician to approve a student's return, were also broached in the course of the discussion.

No vote was taken by the board.

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# Project Valentine



Newcastle High School Student Council members Wyatt Voelker and Kolby Pisciotti make valentines for Project Achieve. The council delivered the valentines to RENEW on February 11. (Sierra LaCroix/NLJ)

## Communications

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responded that isn't the case locally to his knowledge.

Rager told the commissioners that the main obstacle to the implementation of WyoLink in Weston County is cost. However, the sheriff's department has been able to purchase WyoLink compatible radios for its vehicles and the county has one WyoLink transmission tower, Rager said, though he figured the county could use another towards the south. The towers are cost prohibitive, he added.

It was estimated by Rager that there is WyoLink coverage over about 85 percent of the county. He likened the system to that of cellphones, in which proximity to a tower affects coverage.

The Highway Patrol is exclusively using WyoLink, according to Rager, who figured that the county would need to maintain a dual system going

forward to facilitate communications with federal and state authorities.

Quality WyoLink compatible radios cost about \$7,500 a piece, said Rager, and the county has only been able to purchase their supply with the use of grant funds.

Rager said he figures there is no way that the police departments of Newcastle and Upton will go to WyoLink unless there is no other option available.

"By the time Wyoming gets the whole WyoLink thing going I think it's already outdated," Rager further opined.

He said he believes that so much money has been invested in the system by the state that it would be unfeasible to back away from it now and that authorities are likely to be saddled with it for the foreseeable future.

"The thing that they pushed for with WyoLink is the capability for us to be able to sit right here in this office and be able to talk to your counterparts in, let's say, Utah," Rager explained, "anywhere in the United States if you know their frequency... But a lot of times, though, you don't have the ability to talk to a guy you're actually looking at. There's a lot of holes in that system and a lot of money has been thrown into it."

Ertman expressed concern that WyoLink will become an unfunded mandate in the foreseeable future, and the commissioners resolved to speak with relevant local officials in order to get further input on the system.

A proposed budget amendment brought by Rep. Hans Hunt that would have reinstated funding for expansion of WyoLink failed in the House last week.

### Commission Clips

Discussion items at the Feb. 16 meeting of the Weston County Commissioners included the following:

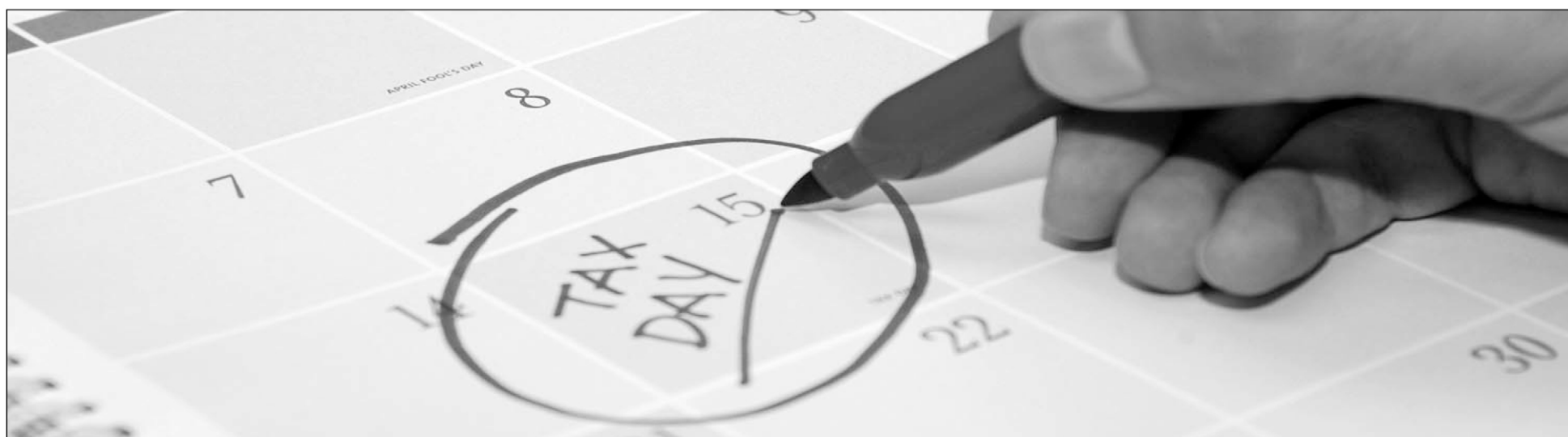
- The commissioners voted to appoint Troy Lynch to the Weed and Pest Board, Nicky Groenewold to the Predatory Animal Board, and Hale Redding to the Fair Board. Mary Capps was reappointed to the Historic Preservation Board. A discussion occurred as to whether some or all board applicants should be interviewed by the commissioners. County Attorney William Curley suggested that any interview policy should be consistent across the board, though Commissioner Tracy Hunt said he believes an interview might be necessary only in specific cases, such as when an applicant isn't personally known to the commissioners.
- The commissioners and Attorney Curley held an extended executive session in order to discuss the updated employee handbook currently being drafted by the county. The commissioners opted to hold the majority of the discussion in closed-door session, as allowed under Wyoming Statute 16-4-405, because details related to specific employees needed to be considered.
- Rare Element Resource Contract Consultant Linda Tokoarcyzk appeared before the commissioners to discuss the recently announced suspension of the Bear Lodge Mining Project. The suspension is anticipated to last between six and twelve months, she said.
- The commissioners voted to authorize the chairman's signature on an inter-county mutual aid agreement presented by Homeland Security Coordinator Scott Rager.
- Upton City Councilmember Mark Mitchell presented the commissioners with copies of an emergency plan he has put together for the Town of Upton. The initial impetus for its creation was the Oil Creek Fire of 2012, he stated.
- The commissioners voted to authorize Pamela Brackett, secretary for the County Attorney's office, to purchase a laptop computer for the purpose of playing videos in court. Brackett indicated she is seeking a low-cost, refurbished laptop for the purpose.
- A letter from the county in support of the Wyoming County Commissioners Association's Wyoming Public Lands Initiative, which seeks to eventually influence legislation at the federal level in regard to Wilderness Study Areas within the state, was authorized by the commissioners. Chairman Bill Lambert stated that he believes exploration of more in-depth county involvement with the WPLI is warranted beyond simply sending the letter.
- The commissioners authorized the chairman to sign an annual memorandum of understanding with Weston County Public Health. Attorney Curley said he continues to have a number of concerns about the contract, which is drafted by the state, but said he sees no immediate remedy to the issues based on his conversations with state officials.
- Attorney Ray Hunkins advised the commissioners against agreeing to an unconditional release requested by subcontractor Vertex and general contractor Paul Reed Construction for the sanding and polishing of the main floor of the Weston County Event Center. "It just is not a good idea to approve something that hasn't been done yet," Hunkins stated. It was determined by the commissioners that Hunkins would have Architect Scott Riley draft a letter making it clear that the commissioners will not sign off until they've had the opportunity to inspect the finished work on the floor.
- Randy Hein, an architect hired by the commissioners to perform a historical assessment on the Weston County Courthouse, provided a draft of a long-term multistage plan for the building's renovation and restoration. New fire sprinklers and HVAC renovation are including in the first stage recommended by Hein, both of which are currently being pursued by the county.

### Correction

A photo that appeared on page 7 of our February 18 issue contained the wrong headline. The photo that depicted Black Hills Energy's rebate presentation at Crossroads Cantina was in reference to an event celebrating the rebate earned by a local business as a result of energy efficiency programs promoted by Black Hills Energy, and should have been titled "Efficiency education." We regret the error.

# INSURANCE

## Tax Forms For Health Insurance



The deadline for filing 2015 income taxes is approaching. Under the ACA, taxpayers must report their health insurance coverage for the tax year. These tips from the Wyoming Department of Insurance will help you determine the forms you need to use. For specific tax advice, please consult your tax advisor.

**Form 1095-A** is a statement from the federal health insurance "Marketplace." You'll receive this form if you bought health coverage through the Marketplace at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov). This form reports the monthly premium and monthly advance payment premium tax credit (APTC) which reduced out-of-pocket payments to your insurance provider. Since the APTC is based on your estimated annual income when you signed up for coverage, you must calculate the actual credit you're allowed.

**Form 1095-B** is a statement from your health insurance company verifying that you and other members of your household have insurance coverage that meets the Affordable Care Act (ACA) requirements. This form is for people whose insurance is not purchased from the Marketplace. This form reports which months you (and any covered dependents) were covered by a qualifying health insurance plan. If you didn't receive health insurance through an employer but purchased it privately, your insurance provider will send the form to you. This form will prove you have a qualified health insurance plan so you won't be fined.

**Form 1095-C** is a statement from your employer providing details about your employer-sponsored health insurance benefits. If your employer has at least 50 full-time employees, this form must be sent to the IRS and you. Smaller businesses aren't required to send this form, so you will have to ask your employer for this information. The deadline for large group employers to mail these forms is March 31. Some taxpayers may receive both 1095-B and 1095-C in combined form, depending on how your insurance is set up.

**Form 8962** - If you bought your health insurance from the Marketplace and received a premium tax credit, you will need to complete this form and file it

with your tax return. Under the ACA, a premium tax credit is available to help certain people pay the costs of health insurance. Form 8962 relates to that credit and is also used to reconcile excess payment of advance premium tax credit.

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If you did not receive the proper form, contact the Marketplace, your insurance company, or your employer. Additional information and instructions are also available on the IRS website at: [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). The Wyoming Department of Insurance cannot provide tax advice. Consumers are encouraged to seek tax guidance from their tax advisors or tax specialists.




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**Mason Wilkes - 3rd Grade, Mrs. Wynia**




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**McKenzie Rose - 4th Grade, Mrs. Ragland**



February holds a special meaning for many of us. It's a time to show others we care and appreciate the difference they make in our lives. Our class has such a person, someone we truly admire and respect. Someone who finds the best in every situation and makes the most of it. A person who is an eternal optimist! Someone who is dedicated and committed in their everyday work. An individual who strives for excellence not only for themselves, but for their classmates as well. Someone who you can count on to be an honest and genuine friend. A person who treats ALL fairly, never is anyone excluded from the group. Someone who will grow up one day and be the model citizen that we all desire our own children to be. Someone who knows what's right and takes action in her own quiet way. She will be a leader. One who leads with compassion and hope. Our "someone" has a spirit of generosity and caring few children this age possess. Congratulations for being our "someone" ... February's Good Citizen of the month.

**Storee Tupa - 5th Grade, Mr. Soriano**



Over the past few months, I've observed students in my class and throughout the school in hopes of identifying the behaviors and characteristics inherent to a Good Citizen. This is what I found: First, Good Citizens are TRUSTWORTHY. I don't have to worry about these students misbehaving in the hall, or at recess, or in specials. These are people who I can count on-people who give me honest answers. If there is something important to do, my Good Citizens are my first choice. Next, they are RESPONSIBLE and HARD WORKING. Good Citizens aren't lazy. They are more than willing to do their part and they do their best on every task set before them. And if something isn't up to a high enough standard, they work to rectify the error. Lastly, Good Citizens are RESPECTFUL. Not only are these students polite to teachers and adults, they respect other students as well. Good Citizens would never disrupt class or distract another student because they respect everyone's time and learning. This month's Good Citizen is a truly special young lady who exemplifies all of these characteristics of good citizenship each and every day. And although she may think her good deeds go unnoticed, people around the school can't help but be amazed and inspired by her kindness and support to those around her. I truly appreciate all that you do and thank you so much for being a good influence and positive role model to those in your life.

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# Road unknowns

## County ponders solutions to easement conundrum

Todd Bennington  
NLJ Reporter

At the Weston County Commissioners' Feb. 16 meeting, officials mulled over the problem of how to go about tackling the countless easement agreements on roads within the county on which landowners have yet to sign off.

County officials expressed hope that a recently initiated road identification process might help pave the way forward in terms of securing landowner agreements and clarifying the legal status of roads within the county.

Citing Skull Creek Road as an example, Geographic Information System Coordinator Fran Lehman told the commissioners that she has not received many responses to her mailings in regard to road easements. She said the next step will have to involve calling or otherwise contacting each individual landowner.

County Attorney William Curley speculated that a lot of landowner dissatisfaction may stem from specific language on older easement agreements.

"They gave the easement but they didn't like the language, or they would give the easement but they didn't like the old language. Can we put something out there that says we're ready to deal with that now?" he asked.

Commissioner Tony Barton suggested that in many cases landowners just aren't prioritizing signing easement agreements. Calling and talking to each one will be necessary in order to determine whether they actually have objections or have simply forgotten, he said.

Road and Bridge Office Manager Becky Hadlock argued that arranging town-hall-style meetings might be one way of addressing the issue, a suggestion to which there was widespread agreement.

Hadlock said she hopes that the process can move forward quickly now that it's being given priority. She described the situation with the easements as a big mess.

Lehman wasn't immediately sure of the exact number of easements in question, though she had a list several pages in length on hand. Hadlock noted that in many cases several easement agreements are being requested by the county of the same landowner.

Attorney Curley expressed confidence in the

road identification project, which initially aims to tackle the area of two townships.

"That's going to get us to all these questions, township by township," he stated "... and the county will get into the habit for a number of years before it finishes that process of identifying, vacating, establishing or amending, and it will clean it up. I'm a lot more comfortable today than I was a year ago."

Curley further suggested that a working group recently established by the county to oversee the road identification process could take on other road-related projects.

"RIP really raises up all the other questions when you get to different townships," he noted.

Rick Williams, head of Road and Bridge, stated that a great deal more information will be known after the road identification working group attends a scheduled meeting with Crook County Attorney Joe Barron, a statement to which Lehman and Curley agreed.

Crook County has already undertaken the road identification process. However, Hadlock maintained that Weston County actually has the advantage of having far better road history documentation on hand than Crook County did when it began to undertake road identification.

Commissioner Marty Ertman cautioned that, based on her conversations with Barron, the road identification process is not a catch-all solution to all questions surrounding roads within the county, a statement which Lehman acknowledged as true.

Commission Chairman Bill Lambert asked about the status of a dispute related to an easement on Salt Creek Road, and Curley answered that he is not opposed to taking legal recourse against the landowners in question.

"On the Ackerman place, we can start a court action. Maybe we ought to just do it," Curley said at one point.

Lambert told those present he is generally optimistic about the easement process, believing that most landowners want to come to an agreement with the county. He further stated that easement agreements in many cases benefit landowners by ensuring they have direct access to their own property when they might otherwise have to come to arrangements with adjacent landowners.

Lehman, however, expressed doubts about the level of landowner awareness, saying many people have been driving for so long on certain roads that they take for granted that they are county roads, even when the road's actual legal status may be uncertain.

# Focus turns to budget

Todd Bennington  
NLJ Reporter

The 2016 Legislative Budget Session is now into its third and final week, and in written updates Rep. Hans Hunt (House District 2) and Rep. Tyler Lindholm (House District 1) provided accounts of how the second week of the session, which saw a turn toward focus on the budget, unfolded.

On Monday, Feb. 15, after tackling a list of bills on second and third reading, including HB 67, which allows for a tax exemption on delivered meals from senior centers, and HB 2, which seeks to require an annual decal for electric vehicles, the House got down to the budget's first reading.

Led by members of the Joint Appropriations Committee, Hunt wrote that the House worked through the bill section by section, making it through about a third of its entirety.

Hunt reported that later that day the Education Committee met to discuss HB 105 and HB 118. HB 105 would create a state savings account for the families of developmentally disabled children that could be used to pay for their care when parents become too old to continue caring for dependents or pass away. HB 118 clarifies that foster parents can allow foster children to participate in extracurricular school activities when a permission slip from the parent is required. Both bills passed the committee, Hunt noted.

The Ag Committee met Tuesday morning to discuss HB 104, HB 117, and HB 97. HB 104 adds meat products to last year's Food Freedom Act; HB 117 creates a fee increase from \$75 to \$90 for pesticide applicator licenses; and HB 97 creates a fund to compensate livestock owners for losses from wolf predation. All of these bills passed the committee unanimously, Hunt wrote.

The House spent most of the remainder of Tuesday finishing the first reading of the budget. Upon completion of the budget reading, reported Hunt, a handful of regular bills were brought up for their first reading. Among these

were HB 51, which allows for a change in the funding model for direct local funding to cities and counties; Joint Resolution 4, which calls upon Congress to fund the control of gray wolves and grizzly bears; and HB 31, which was a bill brought by the Corporations Committee to update the Uniform Securities Act.

On Wednesday the House met to discuss the amendments that were brought to the second reading of the budget bill. Aside from a handful of bills, which were also up for second reading, budget amendments were the only business conducted, according to Hunt.

There were more than 50 amendments brought to the second reading. Many of these failed, however, including an amendment brought by Hunt himself to attempt to reinstate funding for expanded WyOLink coverage, a statewide public safety communications system.

Hunt reported that the overall budget ended up being reduced a further \$3 million beyond the cuts already instituted by the Joint Appropriations Committee.

"The hard reality is, we just don't have the money to spend like we used to, even on the programs and agencies that are most important to us all," Rep. Lindholm wrote of the cuts.

On Thursday the House took a break from the budget to work on regular bills, Hunt mentioned. Some of the bills which passed third and final reading included HB 9, which allows for a tribal license plate design; HB 52, allowing for funding for school facilities; and two joint resolutions supporting the control of gray wolves and grizzly bears as well as the induction of basketball great Kenny Sailors into the Naismith Hall of Fame.

Bills up for first reading on Thursday, Hunt continued, included HB 86, which allows for public meetings to be gun free zones; HB 97, which creates a compensation fund for those who have lost livestock to wolves; HB 41, which funds all state water development projects for the next year; and HB 104 (Food Freedom Act amendment).

Because Wednesday's House proceedings ran late, the Education Committee met during Thursday's lunch hour to discuss education funding with school superintendents from across the state.

On Friday, Feb. 19, the House convened to consider the third and final reading of the budget. 54 amendments were brought, almost all of which failed, Hunt reported. The House spent the entire day working on the budget and no other bills were considered.

In total over 100 amendments to the budget bill were introduced in the House and over 70 were introduced in the Senate, Rep. Lindholm noted.

Writing in his update, Lindholm continued to express objections to what he described as efforts to limit open and fair discussion of Medicaid expansion, which ultimately failed in the Senate by a vote of 10-20.

"Those in favor of expansion ... chose ... to play a game to limit debate even further by attempting to only pass an expansion amendment in the Senate, forcing it through a small conference committee, and forcing members of the House to either fund the state with expansion in place or reject the budget and thereby defund state government," Lindholm wrote critically.

"Their excuse in this regard," he continued, "was that they've already tried bills and amendments in both houses before, why try that tactic again? My answer has been and always will be, that we have a responsibility to the people of Wyoming to not play political games, and to fully debate and consider every option."

Lindholm went on to mention that he and Sen. Ogden Driskill (Senate District 1) were successful on both sides of the Legislature with the passage of an amendment funding the state's Pine Beetle program, albeit at half its normal amount.

Of those bills personally forwarded by Lindholm, he noted that only HB 104 and HB 16, which would mandate that state agencies plan for a potential reduction in federal funding, survived as of last Friday.



# Little Dolittle



Dr.'s Lindsey Marrotte and David Sudbrink were back to work at Salt Creek Veterinary Clinic last week. They brought their newborn son, Grayson, along to help man the front desk and greet their patients. (Pam Penfield/NLJ)

# Daffodils return!

Alexis Shultz  
NLJ Reporter

Residents of Weston County have been able to purchase bouquets of daffodils through the American Cancer Society for years, and after that fundraiser was discontinued Carol Underberg and the Helping Hands Foundation of Weston County decided to continue the money maker. After receiving numerous phone calls from people who wanted the daffodil sales to continue, the Foundation picked up the ball and took advantage of the opportunity to keep the money raised right here in Weston County.

"This is the first year for Helping Hands. We are going to give it a shot," announced Underberg, the chairman of the Daffodil Sales Committee, who noted that she received at least five calls after she discontinued the annual American Cancer Society fundraiser from people who wanted daffodils to be for sale in Weston County again.

"Everyone loves a daffodil," Underberg said of the beautiful yellow flowers.

Helping Hands also plans to use a local supplier to get the flowers, instead of outsourcing to Rapid City or another large city.

"We thought, let's get someone from Newcastle to get us our flowers, so Suzie Gibson, with Flowers and Things, is going to get us the flowers this year," reported Underberg.

She said that flower orders must be placed by March 7 in order to comply with Gibson's timeline for getting them to her store, and noted that Flowers and Things is only charging the Foundation her cost for the flowers so everything above and beyond will go to Helping

Hands.

Underberg said the flowers will be available on March 22, and depending on where your order is placed, they can be picked up at Flowers and Things, the Senior Center, or at the business where your flowers were ordered. She indicated that the different pick up locations are necessary to make the sale as convenient as possible for both business owners and the individuals who order the bouquets.

According to Underberg, order forms for the daffodils can be found at the Senior Center, First United Methodist Church, Christ the King Lutheran Church, Corpus Christi Catholic Church, First State Bank, Pinnacle Bank, all three Newcastle Schools, the Weston County Children's Center, the Strawberry Patch, Studio 21, Ahead of Our Time, Totally Groom 'n Tanz, Newcastle Motors, Trendz, and the Archery Range. She noted that Pat Townsend has order forms for residents of Osage and order forms have been placed in various places around Upton as well.

"Some people choose to pay when they place their orders. Others choose to pay when they pick them up. Either works," professed Underberg, who explained that those who place orders can listen to the radio for the announcement that they have arrived and are ready to be picked up at the Senior Center, although some will receive a call from the business where they placed their order that their flowers are available at the specified location.

Checks and cash are both accepted for the flower bouquets, and Underberg said checks should be made out to The Helping Hands Foundation

of Weston County. Costs for the flowers vary based on the number of bouquets purchased. One bouquet will cost the purchaser \$10, while three bouquets will be \$25, five bouquets will sell for \$40 and 10 bouquets can be purchased for \$75.

Regardless of where or how the flowers are purchased, the proceeds from the sale will benefit only local residents.

"The money stays in Weston County. That is the one requirement to get money from the Helping Hands Foundation of Weston County," admitted Underberg, who reported that the organization was formed in 2012 and focuses on providing funds to those who need help with expenses associated with medical problems.

"They fill out an application and have a doctor's note that says what is going on with the condition or illness, and then we look over the application once it is filled out. It makes no difference to us if they have insurance or millions (of dollars). You just have to live in Weston County. The money is for the people of Weston County," Underberg asserted.

Last year, the Foundation provided assistance to 44 people throughout the county, and according to Underberg that number usually runs between 45 and 50. She said Helping Hands would really like more people to access the program.

"We would like more people to fill out applications, so we can give more money away. That is why we are here. We don't want to keep the money. We want to give it away, so people that need it can get helped out a little bit," insisted Underberg.

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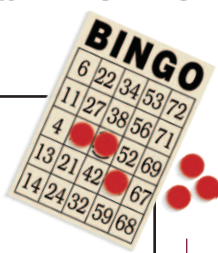
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Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.	<b>February 28</b>		Movie
Ceramics	After Lunch	Trivia	11:00 a.m.	Bingo
<b>February 26</b>		Church	2:00 p.m.	<b>March 6</b>
Rolls	9:00 a.m.	<b>February 29</b>		Proverbs
Blood Pressure Check	9:30 a.m.	Bowling	10:30 a.m.	Church
Bridge Ladies	1:00 p.m.	Anna Miller Museum	3:00 p.m.	<b>March 7</b>
Dance	7:00 p.m.	<b>March 1</b>		Wii
<b>February 25</b>		Ceramics	10:30 a.m.	Tony's Tunes
Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.	Keepsake Krafters	2:00 p.m.	Bingo
Ceramics	After Lunch	<b>March 2</b>		<b>March 8</b>
<b>Manor</b>		Catholic Study	10:00 a.m.	Ceramics
<b>February 25</b>		Crossword	10:30 a.m.	Keepsake Krafters
Staycation Washington	10:30 a.m.	Bingo	2:00 p.m.	Stories
Manicures	2:00 p.m.	<b>March 3</b>		<b>March 9</b>
<b>February 26</b>		Noodle	10:30 a.m.	Catholic Study
Greedy	10:30 a.m.	Al and the Gang Party	2:00 p.m.	Kickball
Bingo	2:00 p.m.	<b>March 4</b>		Out for Lunch
Movie	6:00 p.m.	Greedy	10:30 a.m.	Bingo
<b>February 27</b>		Bingo	2:00 p.m.	<b>March 10</b>
Name 10	11:00 a.m.	Movie	6:00 p.m.	Food Fancy
		<b>March 5</b>		Manicures
		7th Day	10:00 a.m.	



Jerry Baird has led an eventful 80 years, and despite his exciting time spent in California, he found himself back in his hometown of Newcastle. (Donna Gochanour/NLJ)

## How he got to 80

**Donna Gochanour**  
NLJ Senior Reporter

Jerry Baird's name is familiar to many of you because he appears as a regular writer in the "Letters to the Editor" section of our local newspaper.

Baird was born and raised here in Newcastle and he received his education here, graduating from Newcastle High School in 1954 and then going on to Black Hills State College. His sister, Diane Hudson, shared the family story of how Jerry managed to be born during a snowstorm.

The doctor was ten miles away and a rider on a horse was sent to bring him. Jerry's second name became 'Sheldon' after the kind gentleman who braved the storm to bring this baby into the world.

That was 80 years ago!  
During the war years, Baird's father worked in Civil Defense, an organized non-military effort to prepare Americans for military operations. Most notably, he was involved in the Black Hills Ordnance Depot that became the town of Igloo and the work included building aircraft landing strips in different places.

Hudson estimates that her brother attended at least five different schools those early years, and later on, in high school and college, Baird enjoyed acting in plays.

In 1957-58, Baird joined the Air Force and was assigned to POL...Petroleum, Oils and Lubricants. Without the service of this branch of the Air Force making all aircraft ready to fly, pilots would just be pedestrians. No aircraft left the ground until they had made it ready to go.

When his enlistment was up and he came back to Newcastle, he and his brother Dave moved to California in the 60's. It was an exciting time in California, more so because Baird had to drive through the area where the famous Watts Riots were going on to get to work. Baird married during the California

years, and his wife "was a banker," he tells me. He became widowed, and his sister recalled that "he became very saddened by her death."

During his time in California, he worked for quite a long time for Honda American with developing and distribution. This company had opened in the United States in 1959, and by 1964 represented nearly half of the motorcycle market. Baird's uncle, Jim Baird, had settled in California also and worked in the motorcycle industry. He and his children loved motorcycling and enjoyed riding their bikes in the Mojave Desert. That became an enjoyable weekend hobby for Jerry as well.

One of the things Baird mentioned during this interview was the way he towered over his Japanese employers, all of them fairly small people. He enjoyed the job and his time in California and hadn't quite planned to move back to Wyoming, but his sister implored him to come back. They were planning a 50th wedding anniversary for their parents, and she said, "If he hadn't come, I would've gone down there and drug him back!"

When he first came back, both he and his sister volunteered with a group that was involved with planting trees around town as part of an economic development project. The project also involved the various gardening clubs, the forestry service and even the fire department in some controlled burns. He had come back to Wyoming as a Libertarian disillusioned by the mass of regulations in California, but while working with this beautification project, he finally had to admit to Diane that some regulations are necessary.

It didn't take long for Baird to fit in with old schoolmates and family. He volunteered for Meals on Wheels, and also as a driver for the Senior Center. He can often be found helping at Mondell Heights Retirement Home, and he admits that he stays pretty busy.

When asked how it feels to be 80 years old he says, "I don't know how I got here!"

## Hillbilly South

Arkansas is south, but it's Hillbilly South.

We spent seven years there, and I got to thinking about it last week— about the people we met there and how strange the whole lifestyle was compared to North Dakota. Some of it baffled me, and some just made me speechless.

We had lived in North Little Rock at first, but when the last baby seemed to be about to invade us, we had to move out of our trailer house and into a bigger place. It turned out to be an old sort of farmhouse not too far from the brand new Little Rock Air Force Base. There was a tiny little grocery store down the road, a small creek across the road and you could see the ground through the boards in the floor.

There was not a single closet in the place and no shower or bathroom of any kind, but there actually was hot water to the kitchen sink and for the wash machine. There was a fireplace in the living room—and nothing else! I guess you heated with imagination. I dreamed of wall-to-wall linoleum so I wouldn't see the chickens through the floor, and longed for a couple of closets.

We planted a very big garden and got a freezer. Horror of horrors, the garden produced all right, but I had 105 heads of cabbage!

I was drowning in cabbage. There was cabbage in the freezer— huge amounts of it— and even more under the house in crocks turning into sauerkraut.

I still have a problem eating sauerkraut!

Among our neighbors was a guy that they called "Red." He wore a bib overall and not another thing, that I could tell. He also had trouble talking and he liked to go out to the clothes lines and peek in all of the ladies underwear that was hanging on the line. I was reassured by locals that old Red was harmless but I had my doubts, and if I saw him coming I'd lock all of the doors and we'd all hunker down and be quiet until he left.

This is also a place where we met people who

made their living boot-legging whiskey and lo and behold, women chewed tobacco! One day when I was riding with my neighbor somewhere, I nearly kicked over her spit can sitting on the floor of the car.

Eewwww!

And then there was Mrs. MacPherson, who told me one day that "None of mah girls chew and Ahm juss so proud!" I weakly replied that it surely was nice.

It was also here that I learned that when they got done visiting and got up to leave they would say, "Ya'll come go home with me now." The first

few times I kind of stuttered and said well I didn't think I could right now, "lot of stuff to do." Finally some kind soul told me that it just meant that they had enjoyed the visit and were sorry they had to leave. That took a lot of the pressure off!

And there were bugs here, lots of different kinds, but the house in particular was infected with ants. I remember the day that I sat the baby down on the living room floor and went off to do some other

chore. All of a sudden ear-splitting screams sent me running back to the living room. Since all that she was wearing was a diaper, it didn't take long to find out her whole bottom was covered in ants!

I plunked her into a sink full of water in the kitchen and drowned all of the ants, but she claims she still has nightmares about bugs to this day. I can understand why, I would too.

The military had some marvelous bug spray if you could get hold of it, and I used up a whole lot of it. It's been outlawed since then I believe, but boy did it ever work!

It sure was different, but it never was dull. Two of my children were born here— real hillbilly Arkansans— but it didn't seem to hurt them any, I have yet to see the girls chewing tobacco!



Donna Gochanour  
I Remember When

## THE HAMPSHIRE STAGE

The Hampshire Stage  
Is a big Chevie truck  
If you ever rode on it  
I'll say your in luck.

This morning in question  
She was loaded to the brim  
And people that passed us  
Would look up and grin.

Loaded with boxes  
Cream cans and mail

With Statler at the wheel  
It never could fail.

The passengers hung on  
Wherever they could  
Some on the fender  
Up near the hood.

He crossed Oil creek  
Like a bird on the wing  
And when we got over  
I wished I could sing.

He never missed mud holes  
But, 'bout that I'll not say  
The darned thing did bounce some  
And how it did sway.

For he hit mud holes  
With a rush and a jolt  
Mud packed in the fender  
And broke off a bolt.

E'er Deep creek was reached  
She stopped with a jerk  
He stepped on the gas

But the thing wouldn't work

Statler looked out with a smile  
Then with a frown  
For he had discovered  
That the Stage was broke down.

He plodded on along the road  
A phone if he could find  
To call for help  
That would relieve his mind

It came at last four hours wait

A little Ford truck strong  
The load was changed, a chain was  
hooked  
And we were toed along.

In years that will come  
A story – a page  
With grandchildren round me  
I'll tell of this Stage.

Tom Dutcher  
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# Sports

## News Letter Journal

### Schedule

<b>Girls Basketball</b>			
02/26	V9	Douglas Bearcats	A 4 PM
03/3-5		3A East Regionals at Rawlins	
<b>Boys Basketball</b>			
02/26	V9	Douglas Bearcats	A 4 PM
03/03-5		3A East Regionals at Rawlins	
<b>Wrestling</b>			
02/26-27		3A State Championships at Casper	9 AM
<b>Boys Swimming</b>			
02/25-26		3A State @ Gillette	A TBA

### Scores

<b>Fall Guys Wrestling</b>			
02/13 Custer Tournament			
Scottie Larson	1st	TJ Harrington	3rd
Anthony Wineteer	3rd	Ty Stith	4th
James Brown	1st	Adryan Wolfe	4th
Lukas Sandness	3rd	Jonathan Bainer	4th
Kaden Miller	4th	Lucas Benshoof	3rd
Kyah Miller	4th	Dylan Foster	2nd

## Senior night and beyond



Sonja Karp  
Karpe Dogie

As we come down to the final stretch of the regular season, we are once again on the Senior Night circuit. I've been privy to the celebrations in Worland and Rawlins, and will experience Senior Night at Douglas this Friday. It's always cool to see all of the seniors from around the conference that my children have been playing against, and it's always a little bittersweet to see these athletes go.

Of course, when it's your own child's senior night, the emotions take on a little more significance. The weekend before last, our own Dogies and Lady Dogies were honored prior to the girls' last home game. Though I knew that my son still had one more opportunity to play in the Dome, knowing that his days of wearing the black and orange were drawing to a close certainly got me a little choked up. I was not alone in feeling that way, as 10 other basketball parents and three wrestling parents were in the exact same boat.

For these seniors, this season is the culmination of years and years of commitment, dedication, hard work and passion for their sport, and for the parents of those athletes it is the culmination of years and years of supporting, cheering and following their child all over the big, beautiful state of Wyoming.

Both my son and I have experienced a lot of lasts over the course of this year. Some of the lasts are ok, I will admit. I'm not even a little bit sad that I never have to go to Rawlins again if I don't want to, and I can't imagine I ever will. I no longer have to go over the mountain in the middle of winter if I don't want to, and I'm getting out of traveling to watch out of town games right when Thermopolis is coming back into the 3A East. Perfect timing if I do say so myself.

However, I know I'm going

— See **Karp**, Page 18

# Part-Time Dogies

Abby Gray  
NLJ Reporter

In recent years, a few Dogie athletic programs have had the pleasure of intertwining with fellow Weston County competitors, the Upton Bobcats. The Bobcats have competed alongside the Dogies in Cross Country, Swimming, and Wrestling.

The addition of a few blue and white competitors to the normal black and orange athletes was a huge hit for not only the sports themselves, but the Upton athletes who participated in Newcastle.

"I really enjoyed running as a Newcastle Dogie. It was fun being a part-time Dogie. I had my school day in Upton, and then I looked forward to

running in Newcastle afterwards," Upton cross country runner Catherine Orban smiled.

Orban was not the only Bobcat with raving reviews. Another Bobcat who is wrestling as a part-time Dogie, Payton Connolly, also loved the merger.

"It is great. They made me a part of their time like I was always part of it," the senior revealed.

For the most part, these Bobcats-turned-Dogies enjoy participating in black and orange, but the travel situation can prove to be less than desirable on occasion.

"I hate the traveling back and forth from Upton to Newcastle for practice, but I have to do whatever it takes to be better," Connolly confessed.



Payton Connolly is one of five Bobcats that travel from Upton to practice every day during the wrestling season. (Cody Tucker/Douglas Budget)

Fortunately, Connolly is not in it alone, as he has five fellow Bobcats traveling with him to practice every day, including head coach Lee McCoy.

Another Upton wrestler, Alan Baker, has similar views on the traveling that takes place to compete with the Dogies, but

feels the quality of Newcastle's wrestling facility helps make the miles a bit easier to take.

"I feel okay about the traveling to and from practice because we don't have a big enough practice room to fit all of us combined, so it is okay that we have to travel back and

forth," Baker disclosed.

Many of the part-time Dogies have made the most out of an inconvenient situation, and do not mind the 30 minute drive at all.

"I didn't mind driving from

— See **Upton**, Page 18

## Good shape for State

Sonja Karp  
NLJ Sports Reporter

Post season competition is upon the combined Newcastle/Upton wrestling squad, and the hard work the grapplers have been putting in over the last few months appears to have paid off, given their impressive individual performances at the 3A East Regional meet last Friday and Saturday in Torrington.

"It was a good weekend," assistant coach Matt Clark smiled. "We had the goal of getting as many people qualified for State as possible and our second goal was to get as many as we could in the top four to give us favorable seeds at state, and we did pretty well achieving both of those goals."

In order to advance to the State Meet, the athletes had to place in the top eight in their weight class, and the Dogies/Bobcats succeeded in filling 11 weight classes for the culminating event, though they had

hoped to fill 12. "Most of the kids who advanced were expected to make it, but there were a couple who surprised us," Clark declared.

"For example, Reid Holmes, who has struggled so far this year facing up against competition that was usually much larger, took what he learned throughout the season and bested enough of his opponents at the regional contest to advance to state as a freshman in the 106 weight class."

As the tournament kicked off on Friday, the Dogies/Bobcats were determined to make the most of the first round in order to make it into the quarterfinals to keep their chances of ultimately competing in the championship for a title alive, and many put themselves in that position to move on.

"We did really well through the first day," Clark smiled. "In the last round we were wrestling the semi-finals and we had seven

kids competing there with hopes of advancing several to the championship round."

Unfortunately, the squad ran into a rough round and lost all but one of their matches. Teigen Marchant (182) was the lone Dogie to make it into the championship round for a shot at first place honors. The others had to go back to wrestle in the consolation semi-final round, which began early on Saturday morning.

As the action got started the second day, there was a notable switch in the Dogies/Bobcats' performances.

"We had seven kids in that round and we won every single match we were in. The only match we lost was when we had two of our own kids wrestling against each other. Trayton Dawson and Dillon Jeppeson faced off in the 113 consolation match with Dawson taking the win," Clark proclaimed.

— See **Wrestlers**, Page 12

## No sports in sixth grade

Todd Bennington  
NLJ Reporter

The potential expansion of district-sanctioned interschool sports to sixth-graders, a topic broached by Trustee Tom Wright, was discussed at the Feb. 10 meeting of the WCSD #1 Board of Trustees. Most school officials, however, said they are not inclined to support the idea.

Wright said he thinks the district policy of limiting interschool sporting activities to the seventh and eighth grades might stand to be reexamined based on what he feels are low participant numbers and the fact district teams play against opponents who field sixth-graders.

Superintendent Brad LaCroix spoke against the potential move, however, saying he believes it would effectively work against an existing district policy aimed at maximizing student participation.

"It's going to be the opposite of what we expect of our 'no cut' policy in high school, because the minute a sixth-grader is playing and a seventh-grader is on the bench, we have [effectively] created a cut," LaCroix suggested.

Middle School Activities Director Robert Munger, who is involved in coaching basketball and track, also spoke against the idea. He said that there is currently a turnout of 35 boys for seventh and eighth grade basketball, which means there is already a 'B' team with 15 players in addition to the seventh and eighth grade teams with 10 players apiece.

"The schools around us that are playing sixth-graders are doing it out of necessity, because they don't have enough kids to field a seventh grade team and an eighth grade team," stated Munger.

Munger further noted that limited gym space, especially at this time of year, is also a concern.

Middle School Principal Todd Quigley said that large incoming class sizes are expected at the middle school for the next five years, making it unnecessary for sixth-graders to fill out rosters.

Board Chair Bob Bonnar responded that,

— See **Sixth**, Page 18

## First State Meet in three years

Sonja Karp  
NLJ Sports Reporter

With the Conference Meet in the books and the State Meet looming, the resurrected Newcastle Dogies Swim team had one final opportunity to qualify in their own pool last Thursday as they hosted a Last Chance Qualifier in the Kozisek Aquatic Center.

The meet also gave the team the opportunity to honor their three seniors - Matt Tidd, Jacob Hobbs and Jesse Kopp.

Unfortunately, the squad was unable to

advance any more than the four that had previously punched their ticket to State, but according to head coach Doug Scribner, most of his athletes either dropped time in their regular events or performed well swimming in off events.

"Mostly I had them swim off events, except for Jacob Yeatman. I put him in the races that he was likely to swim next weekend hoping to get him a better seed, but unfortunately he was unable to better his position," he admitted.

Freshman Eythan Riley

was one of the athletes that was entered into off events at the meet, and he made the most of the opportunity by qualifying in the 200 IM by dropping an impressive 10 seconds off his previously posted time.

Jacob Hobbs also improved his time in the breaststroke by dropping a second to go from a 34 to a 33. Scribner was pleased with his performance as he is swimming faster and stronger than he has thus far, and just in time for the state competition.

While the swimmers were improving their times, Jesse Kopp—the squad's

lone diver— put up his best score by improving his career high from last week to 250.70.

"Jesse dove very well and he's learning a lot each time he performs his 11 dives. This is his third time executing all of them, and he is planning on doing those same dives at State," Scribner nodded.

In addition to his individual competitors putting up strong performances, the relay teams are also taking shape.

"The Medley Relay looked very good,"

— See **Swim**, Page 12

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# Boys win finale on their home court

**Sonja Karp**  
NLJ Sports Reporter

The struggle is real for the Dogies. They experienced yet another weekend trying to fight off a late-season offensive slump, but great defense by the squad contributed to a 45-35 victory over the Glenrock Herders in their last home game of the season on Friday. Unfortunately, despite another pretty decent defensive effort, the lack of scoring by the Dogies led to a decisive 34-73 loss against the Rawlins Outlaws on Saturday.

The Herders came to Newcastle with an overall record of 7-10, but head coach Allen Von Eye knew that they were not a team to be taken lightly, given they have handed some of the best teams in 3A East a run for their money.

"We knew Glenrock was going to be scrappy and was going to get after it. They're one of those teams that are scary going into the Regional Tournament. They were without one of their better players, so we knew we had to take advantage of that. They don't shoot the ball overly well, but they are a tough defensive team," he analyzed.

Though his squad didn't shoot the ball the way they wanted to, their defensive effort made up for lack of scoring.

"We played a pretty good basketball game," Von Eye began. "We missed quite a few shots that we don't normally miss, but I thought our kids played a

pretty darn good game."

Von Eye went on to explain that Glenrock has given all of the teams the Dogies have struggled with some fits because they are a good defensive team.

"It was a tie ball game going into the fourth when the Herders played in Worland, and Buffalo beat them by only single digits, but I thought we handled them really well," he nodded. "That was promising, and I really thought we defended them well to hold a team to 35 regardless of who they are. We also held their leading scorer to seven points."

Taylor Allen led his team with 25 points, five rebounds and two blocks, and he was followed by Cam Quigley with nine points, eight rebounds and five steals. Triston Roberson contributed four points and six rebounds, Cade Ostenson had three points and six rebounds, Dawson Norton added three points and Vincent Oedekeoven rounded out the scoring for the Dogies with one point.

Putting a win under their belts was definitely a positive as the Dogies headed to Rawlins bright and early on Saturday morning, but coaches and players alike understood that the opponent they were about to face was a much different beast than the one from the night before.

In addition, this would be the first and only time the two teams would meet prior to the Regional Tournament, so there was an element of mystery.

While the squad went into the contest with confidence, the offensive

monkey was still riding on their backs, and despite a good defensive effort, the Outlaws took a large early lead that the Dogies were unable to overcome.

"We felt really good going into Rawlins and still do, despite the lump that we took there," Von Eye claimed. "Realistically, Rawlins would battle for the fourth spot in the Northeast, but in my mind Worland and Buffalo are heads above them. It's Rawlins, us, Douglas and Wheatland that are in that middle tier and who will be fighting for a spot in the State Tournament."

Von Eye attributed the loss partially to the lack of offensive execution. Not only did the team struggle to score, but they also struggled against the defensive pressure of the Outlaws. The Dogies committed 10 turnovers in the first quarter and 10 more in the second, which led to Rawlins putting up 23 more shots than Newcastle in the first half.

"Actually, I'm not sure what to attribute our performance to. Granted, the trip is terrible. We leave at 5:30 a.m. and don't play until 4:30 p.m., but we usually play very well in Rawlins so I'm not sure what to attribute the loss to. We felt okay in pregame, and then it just fell apart," Von Eye sighed.

The Dogies were not helped out when Allen picked up two quick fouls, which took him out of the game with six and a half left to go in the first. His absence was obvious, as the squad struggled to get the ball down the floor and

to score, and Rawlins took advantage of the situation to open up a sizable lead by the time the second quarter had begun.

Von Eye admitted that he wasn't sure what caused his team to play so out of character, and that he was very disappointed in his team's performance, but stated that after he watched the game film on Sunday, he realized that the squad had really played some pretty good defense against the Outlaws.

"They didn't shoot a high percentage at all and they had to work for their shots. They only shot 43 percent from the floor and that's not really very good, given some of the layups we gave up in transition," he reasoned. "However, we had 31 turnovers to their 12, and that adds up to 19 extra possessions that they got to have an opportunity to score buckets."

After some reflection, Von Eye stated that he doesn't believe that Rawlins is as good as his Dogies made them look in the loss, and he is confident that his team can and will get the best of them if they see them again in the post-season tournaments.

Allen once again led the team with 12 points and eight rebounds, and he was followed by Quigley with five points and four rebounds. Norton also added five points and three rebounds, while Cooper Karp contributed four points and four rebounds. Cade Ostenson, Oedekeoven, Kaullen Sundstrom and Derek Lewis each added two points to their team's

final score.

Lewis' bucket came near the end of the ball game when he nabbed a steal at the point and got out in front of the defense to shoot a fast break layup. Though he was a bit off the mark on his first attempt, a rebound by Quigley resulted in an assist as Lewis made good on a shot from the block.

The Dogies have only one more regular season game this Friday as they travel to Douglas for a rematch against the Bearcats. When the two teams met early in February, Douglas came out the victor, but only by a narrow five point margin, so the Dogies are eager to even the score.

## Basketball

**Newcastle v. Glenrock 2-19-16: 45-35**

Taylor Allen: 25 points, 5 rebounds, 2 blocks  
 Cam Quigley: 9 points, 8 rebounds, 2 assists, 5 steals  
 Cooper Karp: 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal  
 Triston Roberson: 4 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 block  
 Cade Ostenson: 3 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals  
 Vincent Oedekeoven: 1 point, 2 rebounds  
 Dawson Norton: 3 points

**Newcastle @ Rawlins 2-20-16: 34-73**

Taylor Allen: 12 points, 8 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals  
 Cam Quigley: 5 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal  
 Cooper Karp: 4 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 block  
 Triston Roberson: 4 rebounds, 1 assist  
 Cade Ostenson: 2 points, 1 rebound, 1 steal  
 Vincent Oedekeoven: 2 points, 4 rebounds, 1 block  
 Dawson Norton: 5 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal  
 Kaullen Sundstrom: 2 points  
 Derek Lewis: 2 points, 1 steal  
 Lyle Whitney: 2 rebounds

## Wrestlers

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The Dogie/Bobcat coaches were certainly in a conundrum as their two guys competed against each other for placement at 113, and as the two faced off head coach Lee McCoy and Clark just sat back and watched, letting their athletes battle it out. In this case, Dawson got the better of Jeppeson, which meant a big difference between each athlete's finish overall.

"Lee is usually very vocal during our kids' competition, but in this situation we both just kind of sat back and were quiet, because the reality comes down to the fact that the kids know what they should be doing right now and they know what the other is capable of, so in this type of situation, we coaches would just rather let the athletes battle it out," Clark grinned.

Because the Dogies/Bobcats won every match they could have in the consolation semi-final round, the

team advanced six kids into the third and fourth place matches, where they ultimately won five third place titles.

That put an exclamation point on a great day for the team, but the finest moment for the Dogie/Bobcat squad probably happened the night before. According to Clark, the highlight of the Regional Tournament was Marchant's semi-final match at 182.

"He was wrestling a kid from Rawlins, J.D. Smith, and he's a tough competitor," Clark began. "We knew Teigen would have to wrestle very well going out and he did just that. The match was a battle the whole way with Teigen wrestling hard with a whole lot of energy, and in the end I think it really came down to the fact that Teigen was just in much better shape than his opponent and it paid off with a win by decision 12-9."

"It was an exciting match to watch because neither kid was stopping nor was willing to give

up the match. Teigen has done a really good job of getting in shape and it showed as the match wore on. His opponent was gassed and Teigen was able to take advantage of that."

Marchant headed into the championship match up against another tough opponent from Worland, and this time he was not able to overcome his foe and settled for second place. Dawson (113), Dennon Parks (132), Ricky Larson (138), Wyatt Corley (152) and James Moberly (160) all claimed third

place, while Payton Connolly (126) and Bryce Womack (285) finished fourth. Holmes (106) and Alan Baker (120) each got fifth and Jeppeson (113) rounded out those who will advance to State by taking eighth place.

With the five third place qualifiers added to the second place and two fourth place finishes, eight of the 11 Dogies/Bobcats will find themselves with relatively good seeding as they head into the State Tournament this weekend.

## Wrestling

**Newcastle/Upton @ 3A East Regionals 2/19-2/20/16**

1. Worland 180	3. Torrington 165.5	7. Wheatland 99
2. Douglas 173	5. Buffalo 142	8. Rawlins 84
3. Glenrock 165.5	6. Newcastle/Upton 134.5	

106: Reid Holmes	5th	1-2	132: Zach Schuessler	DNP	1-2
106: Aaron Fullerton	DNP	0-2	138: Gavin Durfee	DNP	0-1
113: Traylor Dawson	3rd	3-1	138: Ricky Larson	3rd	5-1
113: Dilon Jeppeson	8th	2-2	145: Marshall Rhoades	DNP	0-2
120: Alan Baker	5th	1-2	152: Wyatt Corley	3rd	4-1
120: Jacob Chavez	DNP	0-1	160: James Moberly	3rd	3-1
126: Payton Connolly	4th	3-2	182: Teigen Marchant	2nd	2-1
126: Lovell Prell	DNP	0-2	285: Bryce Womack	4th	2-2
132: Dennon Parks	3rd	4-1			

## Swim

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Scribner began. "Dalton Parsons swam the backstroke in that race and put up his best time, as did Jacob Hobbs in the breaststroke. I think this relay is shaping up for next week and those two will probably be swimming those legs of the relay because of the times they put up."

In their final week of practice before the State Meet, Scribner is pleased that all of his swimmers, with the exception of Tidd, are back and healthy and are going in to the culminating event rested and ready.

"Taper is going well and we're working to be ready for State in Gillette next Thursday and Friday," Coach Scribner determined.

The meet will begin on Thursday afternoon and will conclude on Friday morning and the Dogies are looking to bring home some hardware and prove that. Though young and inexperienced, those involved with the program agree that it has a bright future.

## Swimming

**Newcastle @ Last Chance Qualifier 2/18/16**

<b>200 Free:</b>	2. Zach Benschhof	2:48.69
<b>200 IM:</b>	3. Eythan Riley	2:29.89
<b>50 Free</b>	1. Jacob Yeatman	24.84
	6. Kyle Allard	30.16
	7. Flint Hossfeld	32.43
	9. Kaden Curren	39.46
<b>1 Meter Diving</b>	1. Jesse Kopp	250.70
<b>100 Butterfly:</b>	2. Eythan Riley	1:07.14
<b>100 Free:</b>	1. Jacob Yeatman	55.73
	6. Jacob Hobbs	1:06.15
	7. Kyle Allard	1:11.95
	8. Garrett Merchen	1:16.45
<b>500 Free:</b>	2. Dalton Parsons	7:32.17
	3. Kaden Curren	9:15.91
<b>200 Free Relay:</b>	3. Eythan Riley, Kyle Allard, Zach Benschhof, Jesse Kopp	1:58.38
<b>100 Backstroke</b>	3. Dalton Parsons	1:22.20
<b>100 Breaststroke:</b>	3. Jacob Hobbs	1:20.74
	6. Garrett Merchen	1:30.87
	8. Flint Hossfeld	1:34.81
	9. Zach Benschhof	1:39.92
<b>400 Free Relay:</b>	2. Eythan Riley, Jacob Yeatman, Garrett Merchen, Jacob Hobbs	4:26.10

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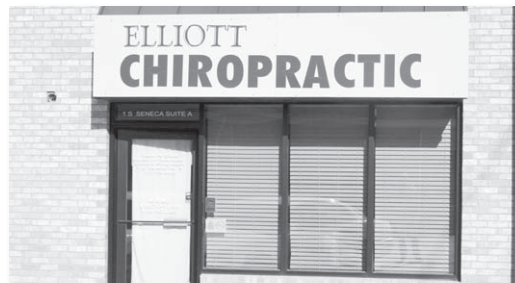
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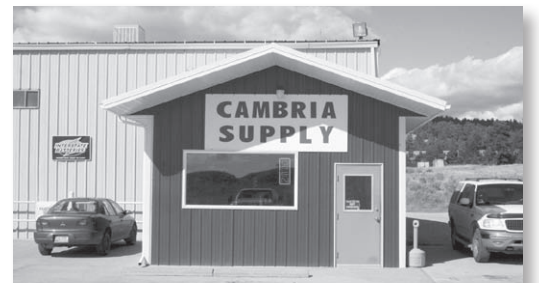
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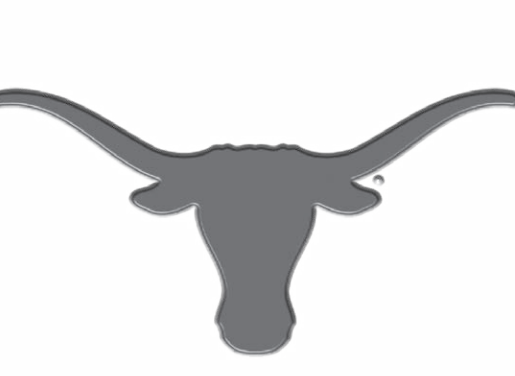
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### Newcastle City Council Minutes

#### NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016

Mayor James called the regular meeting of Tuesday, February 16, 2016 to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were: Mayor James, Roger Hespe, Steve Ladwig, Kara Sweet, Don Steveson, and Todd Quigley. Absent: None. Also present Department Heads: City Clerk/Treasurer Brunner, Engineer Hartley and Deputy City Attorney Don Hansen. Absent: Police Chief Owens.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mayor James noted that Jessica Troftgruben would not appear under Citizens Business Verbal as originally scheduled; he also added under Mayor/Council Reports consideration of approval of an appointment to the Newcastle Planning & Zoning Commission. Roger Hespe moved and Kara Sweet seconded to approve the Agenda for Monday, February 16, 2016. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Kara Sweet moved and Steve Ladwig seconded to approve the Minutes for the February 1, 2016 Regular Meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**NOMINATIONS FOR RECOGNITION:** Mayor James nominated Wyoming Refinery for the new reader board sign on the west side of the high school.

**CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION:** Mayor James read Certificates of Appreciation for Rita Kokes, Amanda Bench and Ginger Franklin. None were in attendance to receive their certificates.

**CITIZEN'S BUSINESS – IN WRITING:** 1. Mayor James read a request from Kevin and Charmaine Kringlie regarding the sewer charge forgiveness for extensive charges when Mr. Kringlie had a water leak. Don Steveson moved and Roger Hespe seconded to approve the request as read. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**CITIZEN'S BUSINESS – VERBAL – 1.** Roger Hespe stepped away from his chair on the Council and gave a report on the Newcastle Ambulance. The ambulance service has served the community for 15 years and has never missed a call.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS:** - 1. Mayor James read an invitation to the 2016 Governor's Prayer Breakfast. 2. He read an application from Patricia Smith to fill a vacancy on the Newcastle Planning Commission. The position was for a 3 year term. Roger Hespe moved and Steve Ladwig seconded to appoint Patricia Smith to the Newcastle Planning Commission. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:** City Clerk/Treasurer- 1. Requested approval of First State Bank as an official depository for

City funds. Kara Sweet moved and Todd Quigley seconded to approve the request. **MOTION CARRIED.** 2. Treasurer Brunner stated that she has made initial contact with a CPA from an audit firm in Gillette, WY. She is waiting for their proposal regarding the FY 2015-16 audit. That CPA firm was to consider the City's request at a meeting they had on Friday, February 12, 2016. Mayor James also made initial contact with a second firm from Rapid City. Treasurer Brunner will follow up on that contact as well. 3. She read the list of WAM award categories for the 2016 WAM convention. Mayor James instructed Treasurer Brunner to gather information regarding those who initiated and created the pond at Newcastle Country Club for nomination.

Deputy City Attorney Don Hansen – 1. Reported on behalf of Attorney Peck that Mr. Peck is still working on the water well easements.

City Engineer Robert Hartley – 1. Stated that FEMA showed up 2 months ago and began auditing the funding the City received two years ago for flood recovery; as of today he completed the requirements for that audit. 2. He reviewed a permit list that he gave the council regarding the building permits that were given out in 2015. 3. The crews installed a culvert on Wolcott; 4. He is working on the bike path design.

At 7:30 p.m. Mayor James stopped the meeting to hold a hearing for renewal of the 2016-17 liquor licenses. He read the following list:

Liquor License #1: PERKINS TAVERN, LLC, d/b/a Perkins Tavern

Liquor License #2: T&A BREWING COMPANY, LLC d/b/a T&A Brewing

Liquor License #3: BARBARA A. & WILLIAM H. BROWN d/b/a The Little Ceramic & Smoke Shop

Liquor License #4: CAP & BOTTLE, LLC d/b/a Cap N Bottle

Liquor License #5: HEIDI CLEVELAND, d/b/a The Antlers

Liquor License #6: MINI MART INC. d/b/a Loaf & Jug #167

Liquor License #7: FRESH START CONVENIENCE STORES INC. d/b/a Fresh Start

Liquor License #8: MAVERIK, INC. d/b/a Maverik #458

Restaurant License #1: HIGH PLAINS PIZZA INC. d/b/a Pizza Hut #211

He noted that Isabella's has withdrawn their application for renewal of the restaurant license

and is in the process of application for a bar and grill license. A hearing for that application will be held in March prior to the expiration of Isabella's current restaurant license.

**Restaurant License #3: CROSSROADS CANTINA, LLC /b/a Crossroads Cantina LLC Microbrewery #1: T&A BREWING COMPANY LLC, d/b/a T&A Brewing Company Club License #1: NEWCASTLE COUNTRY CLUB, d/b/a Newcastle Country Club**

Mayor James asked twice for any public comment regarding renewal of the stated liquor licenses. There was no public comment.

Roger Hespe Moved and Steve Ladwig seconded to approve the liquor license renewals as read for April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mayor James returned the meeting to regular session at 7:35 p.m.

Police Chief Jim Owens - 1. Was not in in attendance and had no report.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT:** None.

Todd Quigley moved and Don Steveson seconded to pay claims dated February 16, 2016. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Roger Hespe moved and Steve Ladwig seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**CLAIMS:** 21 Electric, repairs/installs, \$3307.50; Alpha Communications, tower rent, \$95.00; American Business Software, domain registration, \$35.00; Anderson Contracting, remove water meter, \$324.00; B&K Cleaning, clean City Hall, \$360.50; Becky Vodpich, reimb mileage to Gillette Court, \$82.08; Big Horn Tire, repairs, \$974.40; BH power, electricity, \$1933.32; Camp Creek Engineering, WA Imp. 2015 engineering, \$3789.04; Collins Comm., surveillance/ Customer Care, \$3600.00; Derek's Field Service, repair work, \$10017.00; John's Electric, City Hall

exterior outlet, \$434.51; Karen's cars, seat repair, \$175.00; Louie Doell, retapping charge, \$664.00; Meadowlark Counseling, test/Muschick, \$210.00; Newcastle PD, petty cash reimb, \$78.99; News Letter Journal, publishing, supplies, \$2253.24; Office Shop Leasing, copier lease, \$106.81; One Call of WY, January locate tickets, \$40.00; Petty Cash, mailings/affidavit, \$42.14; Postmaster, postage, \$340.40; Professional Dispatch, training, \$225.00; Rapid Delivery, delivery fees, \$91.46; RT Communications, tele, \$2586.71; Vail Information, credit card maintenance, \$150.00; Vanway Trophy, plaque, \$81.00; WCS Telecom, l/d tele, \$162.06; WEBT, life insurance, \$103.00; Weston Co. Road & Bridge, fuel, \$5210.51; Weston Co. Humane, food fee, \$22.00; Wireless Advanced, equipment install/PPD, \$10533.24; WY Peace Officers Assn., membership, \$130.00; SUPPLIES: Advanced Communications, \$21.20; Allen Precision Equipment, \$865.70; American Welding & Gas, \$90.25; Cakes by Charita, \$20.00; Cambria Supply, \$525.28; Culligan, \$32.50; Dale's Tire, \$839.22; Dana Kepner, \$1515.80; Darley, \$1261.73; Deckers, \$82.03; Emergency Reporting, \$1188.00; Frontier Ranch, \$210.74; Gateway Auto, \$50.95; Jenner Equipment, \$1306.13; Newcastle Hardware, \$482.04; Norco, 24.64; Northwest Pipe, 15835.09; Oil City Supply, \$94.73; Public Safety Center, \$81.34; Russell Industries, \$5574.58; Shopko, \$127.38; USA Bluebook, \$608.44; Weston Co. True Value, \$268.25; WY Automotive, 1714.11; WATER DEPOSIT REFUNDS: Todd & Janet Olson, \$100.00;

Greg James, Mayor  
ATTEST: City Clerk/Treasurer, Charita Brunner

(Publish February 25, 2015)

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Newcastle, WY 82701

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### Blotter

#### February 14, 2016

Hazard reported. Hit and Run accident reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Parking complaint. Missing dog reported. Trespass notice requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Medical assist.

#### February 15

VIN inspection requested. Medical assist. Report of a dog at large, Impounded. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued.

#### February 16

Report of a dog at large. One vehicle accident reported. Two VIN inspections requested. Traffic complaint. Domestic problem reported. Suspicious activity reported.

#### February 17

Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. 911 hang up. Assist other agency. Civil standby requested. Suspicious activity reported. Warrant arrest. Arrest Warrant issued. Arrest Warrant issued. Arrest Warrant issued. Accident reported. Assist other agency. Assist other agency. Suspicious activity reported. Drunk driver

reported.

#### February 18

Suspicious activity reported. Open door discovered. Open door discovered. Medical assist. Domestic problem reported. Arrest Warrant issued. Traffic hazard reported. 911 hang up. Traffic hazard reported.

#### February 19

Traffic control requested. Traffic stop Citation issued. 911 hang up. Hit and Run accident reported. Trespassing reported. Disturbance reported. Lost property reported. Shoplifting reported. Report of a dog at large. Suicide threatened.

#### February 20

Domestic problem reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Report of a dog at large. Medical assist. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. 911 hang up. Accident reported. Extra patrol requested. 911 hang up. Report of a dog at large.



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## Public Notice

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION BAR & GRILL LICENSE #1 2016-2017

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of February 2016 the following business Isabella's LLC d/b/a Isabella's filed an application for a Bar & Grill License within the City of Newcastle. Protests, if there be any, against the issuance of this license will be heard at the hour of 7:30 p.m. on March 21, 2016, in the Newcastle City Council Chambers at City Hall, Newcastle, Wyoming.

**Bar & Grill License #1: ISABELLA'S LLC, d/b/a Isabella's; SOUTHERLY 60' OF LOTS 1, 2,3 BLOCK 10 ORIGINAL ADDITION NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING IN A 46'X20' Room in the SE Corner of the 1st Floor of the Building.**

Dated this 11th Day of February 2016

Charita Brunner, City Clerk/Treasurer

(Publish February 25 and March 3, 2016)

## Bid Notice

### WESTON COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT BLDG ROOF REPLACEMENT

The Board of County Commissioners, Weston County, will be accepting bids for materials, labor, and equipment for the installation of a membrane roof and warranty for the Weston County Law Enforcement Building, Newcastle, Wyoming. Proposals are due by 4:30 p.m. March 11, 2016. Proposals will be publicly opened at this time. Proposals will be evaluated and awarded by the County Commissioners at a later date. Each proposal shall be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked on the outside with the name and address of the Proposer and the words:

"Weston County Law Enforcement Bldg Project"

Proposals must be submitted to:  
Weston County Clerk  
1 West Main Street  
Newcastle, WY 82701

Proposal must be received on or before the date specified above. Proposals received after the time and date listed above will not be considered. Weston County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or waive any formality of technicality in its interest.

A Bid Bond of 10% is to be submitted with the bid package.

Proposals may not be withdrawn for a period of Thirty (30) days after opening. It is to be understood that the OWNER may reject any and all proposals, make substitutions and waive any informalities and technicalities as will be in their best interest.

Bid documents may be obtained by contacting the Weston County Clerk. Any questions may be addressed to 307-746-2684.

(Publish February 25 and March 3, 2016)

## Meeting Notice

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The regular March meeting of the Weston County Fair Board has been changed to Wednesday, March 9. It will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Open Class Building.

(Publish February 25, 2016)

## Foreclosure Notice

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note and mortgage dated July 26, 2006 executed and delivered by Robert W. Gholson and Pamela S. Gholson, as Mortgagors, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. ("MERS"), as Mortgagee solely as nominee for Ditech.com, LLC f/k/a Ditech.com, Inc., recorded on September 5, 2006 as Rec. No. 687480, Book 290, Page 15, in the public records in the office of the county clerk of Weston County, Wyoming; as assigned to GMAC Mortgage, LLC, recorded November 1, 2012 as Rec. No. 739391, Book 340, Page 982, in the public records in the office of the county clerk of Weston County, Wyoming; as assigned to Green Tree Servicing LLC, now known as Ditech Financial LLC, recorded July 1, 2013 as Rec. No. 744701, Book 346, Page 114, in the public records in the office of the county clerk of Weston County, Wyoming. The premises that are described in the Mortgage are as follows:

LOT FOUR D (4D), OF THE SUBDIVISION OF LOT FOUR (4) BLOCK THREE (3), COUNTY CLERKS ADDITION TO UPTON, WYOMING;

with an address of 905 Watt Trail, Upton, WY 82730.

Ditech Financial LLC f/k/a Green Tree Servicing LLC, has served a written Notice of Intent to Foreclose the Mortgage by Advertisement and Sale pursuant to the terms of the Mortgage to the record owner or party in possession in accordance with the statute ten (10) days prior to the first publication of the sale.

The amount due and owing on the date of the first publication is \$135,927.77 which includes the unpaid principal and accrued but unpaid interest. Interest continues to accrue on the unpaid balance at the rate of \$22.74 per day.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to W.S. 34-3-101 et seq., (1977 Republished Edition) that the above described property will be at public venue sold by the Sheriff of Weston County, to the highest bidder at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the 5th day of April, 2016, on the courthouse steps of Weston County.

DATED this 11th day of February, 2016.

BY: Greg B. Asay  
Associated Legal Group, LLC  
1807 Capitol Ave Suite 203  
Cheyenne, WY 82001  
(307) 632-2888  
Attorney for Ditech Financial LLC f/k/a Green Tree Servicing LLC

(Publish February 25, March 3, 10 and 17, 2016)

## Election Notice

### PROCLAMATION & NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR CAMBRIA IMPROVEMENT & SERVICE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016

Notice is hereby given that CAMBRIA IMPROVEMENT & SERVICE DISTRICT is seeking applicants for ONE (1) DIRECTOR to serve on the Board of Directors for a FOUR (4) year term.

Any qualified elector or landowner within the boundaries of Cambria Improvement and Service District may apply for the position of Director by filing an application with the District's secretary, Sharron Ackerman. To receive an application please call 746-2205. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED BY APRIL 10, 2016.

All qualified electors and landowners within the District's boundaries are entitled to vote, either in person at the Weston County Library meeting room or by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots may be obtained by calling the secretary or by written request to Cambria Improvement & Service District at P.O. Box 91, Newcastle, WY 82701. Absentee ballots must be received no later than May 9, 2016.

(Publish February 18, 25 and March 3, 2016)

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- Use blunt end of pencil?
- \*Raunchy Amy
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- \*Sir \_\_\_\_-a-Lot
- Distinctive flair
- Symbol of strength
- Top of Kilimanjaro, e.g.
- \*Oscar Madison's employer, "New York \_\_\_\_"
- Major-leaguers
- Part of McDonald's logo
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- Scrabble pieces
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- \*Ayn Rand novel, "\_\_\_\_ Shrugged"
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- \*Annie Oakley starred in it
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- Alex Haley's "saga of an American family"
- \*Lassie and Rin Tin Tin
- Kimono tie
- Church recesses

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- Indian nursemaid
- Nonsense
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- Talk like a drunk
- American Girl \_\_\_\_ Kittredge
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- Evening in Italy
- Surveyor's map
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- Food coloring, e.g.
- \*Caitlyn nEe Bruce
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- \*Honoree of "Candle in the Wind 1997"
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- Stop the flow
- Female pronoun
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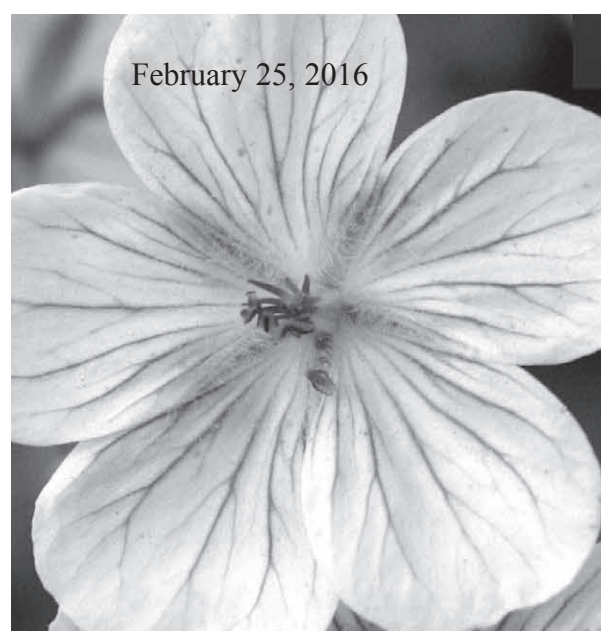
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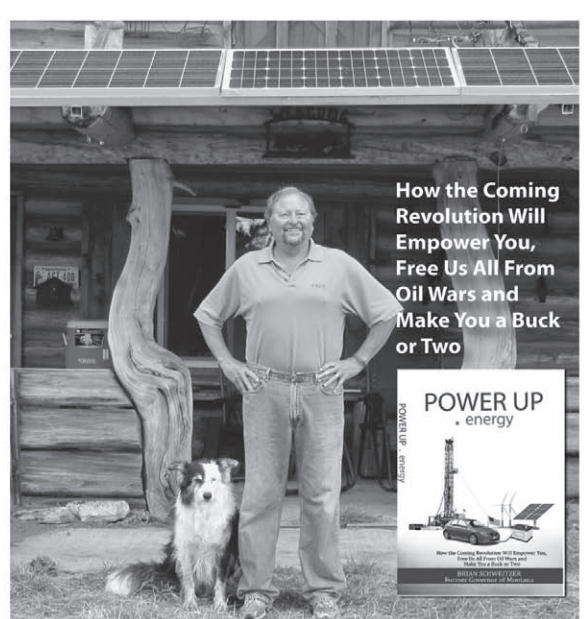
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# One more to go

## Ladies eager for a rematch

**Sonja Karp**  
NLJ Sports Reporter

An unanticipated loss against the Lady Bearcats of Douglas early in February has apparently fanned the Lady Dogies' competitive flame into a raging fire.

They have gone on a winning streak ever since, getting the best of some very talented opponents. After taking down the undefeated Worland Lady Warriors last week, they turned around and decimated the Glenrock Lady Herders last Friday and went on to Rawlins Saturday and picked up the first victory for head coach Tyler Bartlett on that court.

"The road trip with an overnight stay involved was good for us because we've got to be ready for that in the next couple of weeks," he nodded. "It was also pretty nice to get my first win in Rawlins."

The two contests that the ladies played over the weekend were very different. Glenrock has been struggling this season, while Rawlins has been playing very tough as the season has progressed, so Bartlett was curious to see how his team would respond.

"I was really pleased with the Glenrock game especially. We struggled to score the ball early, but our defense was outstanding the whole time. We really contested shots and rebounded the ball well, so even when you're struggling to score, with defense like that you will keep yourself in a good position in the ballgame," he analyzed.

The proof was in the pudding, as Newcastle's outstanding team defense held the Lady Herders to single digits late into the third quarter.

Bartlett was also pleased that other kids besides the Big Three – Abby Gray, Alyssa Dawson and Hannah Cass – stepped up during the contest.

"Kaprina [Jones] had 11 points and eight rebounds and Rachel Henkle had eight points to contribute to the team's lead," he explained. "[Abi] Dev hit some shots in the second quarter to get us moving and eight different kids got in the books and gave us some different looks, so it was a great team win."

Bartlett was also quick to give his team kudos for the way they performed in the matchup against Glenrock, noting that it could have been one of those "trap games."

"When you're coming off a pretty big weekend, and matching up with a team you're supposed to beat, can sometimes be a bad thing for your team. I was really pleased with how we came out determined to win," he grinned.

When all was said and done, Newcastle cruised to an easy victory over Glenrock by a score of 56-20. Cass put up her third consecutive double-double with 15 points and 13 rebounds. She was followed in scoring by Jones with 11 points and eight rebounds, Rachel Henkle with eight points and 11 rebounds, Gray with seven points and

seven assists, Deveraux with six points, Alyssa Umphlett with four, Rachel Ehlers with three and Dawson rounded out the scoring with two points.

Saturday's contest against Rawlins was a very different story for the Lady Dogies, and they knew they would have to get geared up to take on the Lady Outlaws. While Newcastle was getting the best of Glenrock on Friday, Rawlins was taking it to Douglas 29 miles away. Adding to that circumstance, the Lady Dogies were facing them on their home court which, according to Bartlett, is a huge advantage to the Lady Outlaws given the hostility of the home crowd.

"Any conference road win is a good win, and especially against a good team like Rawlins. They've had some momentum going so being able to go into their house and take away a victory is a good thing. To get two wins on the road after an overnight stay is a good thing, and given the physicality of the game, to get a win in those circumstances is a good thing," he nodded.

While the challenge of Friday was to keep up the intensity, on Saturday it was to hold up against the physicality of their opponent. Bartlett was pleased to see his squad not only rise to the challenge, but also hold off a fourth quarter run by the Outlaws to come out with the 51-44 win.

"In the fourth they hit a shot to go up one. We took a time out, and there was no brilliant coaching that was done. It was just a thing where we just settled them and said to go do what needed to be done, and the girls found a way," he smiled.

The Big Three once again led the way for the Lady Dogies with Dawson scoring 20 points, pulling down 11 rebounds and grabbing five steals, Gray followed with 12 points, three rebounds and one very important steal, while Cass nabbed her fourth consecutive double-double, scoring 11 points, grabbing 12 rebounds and swatting 6 blocks out of the gym.

"Alyssa's contribution was huge,"



**Hannah Cass fights through multiple Outlaw defenders on her way to the basket in Rawlins.** (Sonja Karp/NLJ)

Bartlett exclaimed. "And then Abby gets a steal and a layup and we went on an 11-0 run, which put the game out of reach. Hannah was hitting free throws when they mattered, and she had some great blocks that put Rawlins' best player in a bit of a pickle."

"I'm actually very anti-blocked shots, but Hannah has a gift. You have to be able to read and you have to control your body and she just does that very well, as evidenced by her six blocks in this matchup. She has also become a double-double machine as she has racked up those numbers over the last four games. She's really getting more comfortable going in and banging around on the inside and jumping over kids for the rebound. You can see Kendra [Back] doing the same thing, and that's a great way to get rebounds," Bartlett stated.

He went on to note that he was aware that his squad committed too many turnovers and didn't score the way they should have, but that overall

he took nothing but positives away from the contest.

"When you just keep gutting out wins like we have been, that is really great experience and these kids just have the confidence that when it comes down to the end, they are going to get those shots, those steals, those plays that will give them the win," he nodded.

With a record that has extended to 16-3 on the year, the Lady Dogies have one more regular season game this Friday as they head to Douglas seeking to even the score against the Lady Bearcats.

"I'm pretty much saying post-season starts right now," Bartlett began. "Friday's game is really the only one that matters at this point for Regionals, as everybody else is pretty much set. But this game has more at stake than just Regional seeding. They kicked our butt last time, so we have something to prove as we get our rematch with Douglas."

### Lady Basketball

#### Newcastle @ Glenrock 2-19-16: 56-20

Alyssa Dawson: 2 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal  
Abby Gray: 7 points, 5 rebounds, 7 assists, 1 steal  
Hannah Cass: 15 points, 13 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals, 3 blocks  
Abi Deveraux: 6 points, 2 rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 block  
Kendra Back: 2 rebounds, 1 steal  
Rachel Henkle: 8 points, 11 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal  
Kaprina Jones: 11 points, 8 rebounds, 1 assist  
Alyssa Umphlett: 4 points  
Rachel Ehlers: 3 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist  
Sarah Henkle: 1 rebound  
Lexus Voelker: 2 rebounds  
Mackenzie Wagener: 2 rebounds

#### Newcastle @ Rawlins 2-20-16: 51-44

Alyssa Dawson: 20 points, 11 rebounds, 2 assists, 5 steals  
Abby Gray: 12 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal  
Hannah Cass: 11 points, 12 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals, 6 blocks  
Abi Deveraux: 2 points, 1 steal  
Kendra Back: 4 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal  
Rachel Henkle: 2 points, 7 rebounds  
Kaprina Jones: 2 rebounds, 2 assists  
Rachel Ehlers: 1 steal

## Upton from page 11.....

Upton to Newcastle every day. Morgan Simianer also ran for Newcastle, so we carpoled and had a lot of fun on the way to practice," Orban exclaimed.

Although the situation may not be all sunshine and roses for the Bobcats, they have proven willing to do what it takes in order to participate in the sports they enjoy.

While the Bobcats did appreciate the opportunity to compete in their chosen sports for Newcastle, they admit that sometimes throwing on a black and orange uniform felt a little odd.

"Homecoming was a little weird because I would be showing Bobcat spirit all day at school, and then I would go run for the Dogies right after," Orban noted.

The fact that the Upton athletes who have donned Dogie colors for the past couple of years were not in it alone did make the fusion much easier to handle.

"It is not weird when everyone at school is wearing blue and white and I know that I am going to be competing in black and orange because I have some friends that are right along with

me doing the same thing," Baker professed.

The Bobcats who have assimilated into the Dogie lifestyle have done so whole-heartedly, and they are extremely pleased with the circumstances.

"I don't mind the situation at all. Like I said, I have to do whatever it takes to get better," Connolly acknowledged.

He and the other Upton athletes are hitting their stride with the Dogies, and have embraced every aspect of the combination of the two teams.

"I feel really great about the situation as a whole. It is fun going on trips and practicing with the Newcastle boys, and I also have friends from Upton that are doing it right alongside of me," Baker confirmed.

Many of the UHS athletes who joined Dogie squads to participate in select athletics have indicated they would not change anything about the conditions they have now grown accustomed to.

"All in all, I love being a part of both schools, and I cannot wait for the (cross country) season to start again," Orban smiled.

## Sixth from page 11.....

while he shares LaCroix's concerns, if the district is looking at five years of substantially sized sixth grade classes, expanded intramural league activities might be looked into.

In that vein, Quigley suggested a Saturday morning league for various sports, perhaps with Rec Director Jessica Bettorf's oversight.

Munger noted that the district's intramural programs have struggled for a number of years, and LaCroix said he thinks less organized sporting opportunities might be in order, such as open gyms. LaCroix stated his belief that affording students the chance to organize themselves teaches valuable social skills.

"Let them assemble, have some supervision, but let them enjoy the love of the game for what [is]," LaCroix said ... "Our kids have to learn to work in a collaborative effort. Open gym used to do that."

Vice-Chair Tina Chick also said she thinks it would be difficult to add sixth graders to teams due to limited spaces available.

She said she voted in favor of the recent extension of soccer to the middle school in part because she feels the track program, in which sixth graders can compete after seventh grade spots are filled, is pressured due to large student turnout. Chick stated she hoped soccer will alleviate some of those pressures by giving students an alternative sport from which to choose.

Sporting opportunities for students within the community not directly supported by the district were also discussed and considered by the board. No vote or other action on the matter was taken.

## Karp from page 11.....

to miss it.

Having two kids who graduated back-to-back, it almost doesn't seem real that I won't have one taking the court next season. I'm not sure what I'm going to do with myself. Of course, I'll still be covering games for the paper, but the connection to the team just won't be the same.

I already see that when I watch the girls play without my daughter. Granted, they all are still my students so I definitely have an interest in the outcome of their games and season, but there just isn't the same emotion.

The same thing is going to happen next season when I watch the boys play when my son is no longer among those on the court. I know that every parent who has a child end their high school career feels the same way. Like I said before, the whole thing is bittersweet. It's been a pleasure and a joy to watch both my kids play the sports they enjoy and I will miss getting to see them compete.

It's also pretty exciting to see what they go on to do.

I'm just so thankful that each had the opportunity to be a Dogie because I know they've made some great friends, and have learned great life lessons over the course of their athletic careers that will serve them well as they go forward.

All good things come to an end, but what's awesome is that these seniors are going on to bigger and better things in the years ahead. I'll miss watching all of these seniors play, but I will always cherish the many years of entertainment they gave us all.

Update: After last week's sportsmanship article, I am happy to report that the bad taste in my mouth was taken away many times over after last weekend. In games on both Friday and Saturday, the Rawlins Outlaws displayed great sportsmanship in making it possible for a special needs player from Douglas and our own Derek Lewis to score in the varsity matchups. Both situations involved layups, and for Lewis it involved a steal and a fast-break layup opportunity. Like I said last week, the instances of good sportsmanship far outnumber the bad, so I am just very pleased I got a double dose of awesomeness so soon after the disappointment from last weekend.



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