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War wages on

■ **Beating beetles before they fly this summer**

By Bob Bonnar of NLJ

The winter has customarily offered Hale Redding, the supervisor at Weston County Weed and Pest, with a bit of time to catch up on paperwork and take a few days off while the seasonal battles against noxious weeds and nuisance insects are on hold. That hasn't been the case this year, however, as Redding's new assignment — beating back the pine beetles that threaten the forests of Weston County — has required him to supervise an effort that specifically targets the pests during their winter slumber.

"We've got about another month to a month and a half that we're going to do this, and hopefully we'll get about 20 to 25,000 trees cut," Redding told the Weston County Commissioners at their Feb. 19 meeting when he reported on the effort to turn back the mountain pine beetles

"I wouldn't recommend them getting [the chunked trees] until after next fall, after the bug flight. If you're going to burn it right away, there's not a problem with it, but you really don't want to move those bugs around."

— Hale Redding, Weston County Weed and Pest

that have decimated the Black Hills and other western forests in recent years.

In the past, Redding has taken advantage of the fact that noxious weeds, mosquitoes and other pests are best battled in the summer to use up comp time that he built up during his agency's busiest months. The plan to eradicate the beetle calls for infested trees to be cut and bucked into short sections during the colder months, however, and Redding has been busier than usual this winter supervising a handful of lumberjacks who have been contracted to treat the affected areas.

"I've got several younger guys doing it," he said, noting

that 13,000 trees have already been marked in the county, and of them 10,000 are already under contract to be cut. As of last week, all but about 2,000 of those trees had been felled, but Redding explained that the work takes a considerable amount of time because each tree has to be cut down, limbed and bucked into firewood-sized chunks. The slash must also be reduced so the piles of it are no higher than 18 inches.

"The trees are running anywhere from eight to 12 dollars per tree to cut," Redding reported.

"They aren't making much

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Scores show growth

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

After the first semester at Weston County School District #1 wrapped up last month academic data was gathered from each of the three schools in the district, telling administrators and instructors how well students are grasping the material given, which was shared with the Board of Trustees at the Feb. 13 meeting of the board. Each school principal shared their perspectives and ideas about the information they received from their school.

The data presented to the trustees from Newcastle Elementary School showed growth between students taking the MAP tests in math and reading in the fall and winter of the 2012-2013 school year. Benchmarks have already been passed by some of the areas, reported Tobey Cass,



NES principal. "Really MAP is to look at growth, where they have progressed throughout the year. It also compares us to the national — I was pretty pleased for the most part. We were either at or above the national norms in all areas," stated Cass.

Kindergarten did not take the math test in the fall, but did take it in the winter, surpassing the national average by two points. Their reading level was up 7 percent between the two tests. First grade students improved 7 percent in math and 8 percent in reading. Similar scores were seen in second grade, with a growth rate between the tests — 7 percent in math and 9 percent in reading.

In the higher grades, however, the growth seen was not as significant, but each grade did

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Denice Piscioti/NLJ

Newcastle High School student scores for the last semester were a topic of conversation during the WCSD #1 meeting Feb. 13.

Change is good at the West End

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

Many changes occur in 25 years. West End owner Rhonda Gordon spent time with the News Letter Journal discussing the difference between now and when her parents, Ron and Ruby Huckins, first purchased the business, yet one of the biggest changes will begin on March 1, when the restaurant and bar will become a smoke-free establishment. Several factors were considered in the decision to not permit smoking in the West End. Requests from customers generated the idea as did the harmful effects of second-hand smoke. The choice was not to discriminate, but for health issues and because times

are changing, Gordon confirmed. It was a tough decision, but she was surprised by the number of regular customers in favor of the change when she asked their opinion. "More and more people have allergies and don't like to be around smoke when eating. My granddaughters, [Paige and Rya Liggett,] had bugged me about doing it too," stated Gordon about the choice to become a non-smoking business.

Through the years the West End has become more of a restaurant and less of a bar. The smoke from cigarettes bothers eating customers, Gordon reasoned. She expects business to change by seeing more patrons eating and less at the bar.

Although she feels the bar portion of the business is fading, Gordon knows customers do enjoy being able to order an alcoholic beverage with their meal.

"It is not the bar it used to be," she stated. "I do have days now where I sell more coffee than beer."

When Ron and Ruby Huckins bought the business on April 7, 1988, it was only a bar. At that

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Carrol Kirk is served by Rhonda Gordon, owner of the West End, which is now a smoke-free restaurant in Newcastle.



A song and a smile



Gavin Adams, lead singer of the band "They Call It Chance," performed at the Crouch Auditorium on Feb. 19 to help raise funds for Newcastle High School Choir members traveling to New York, N.Y., next month. Together with fellow band members Taylor and Aaron Hespe, the group performed a variety of their own songs. (Photo by Denice Piscioti/NLJ)

Better with technology

■ **Hospital's resources may expand with program**

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

With the implementation of electronic medical records on the horizon for Weston County Health Services, the Board of Directors is evaluating other electronic areas that would allow them to better serve their patients. At the meeting

of the board held Feb. 21 they approved to begin the process of applying for a Helmsley Trust Grant to help fund ePharmacy and eEmergency programs at the hospital through Avira. Chief Executive Officer Maureen Cadwell informed the directors how both programs would work.

"The concept behind ePharmacy is that every time an order is placed for a prescription for a patient, whether it be ER or

hospital, that it will be read by a pharmacist before that patient gets the medication. Part of that is to check interactions making sure there are no adverse reactions, etcetera. It provides us with that 24 hour a day coverage," explained the CEO.

WCHS has the option of having coverage all of the time or just when the hospital's regular pharmacist is not avail-

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New deposit on past-due

By Billy Reynolds for NLJ

After holding several discussions on the topic, the Newcastle City Council has decided that the present amount of deposits are currently insufficient to cover delinquent accounts, and it is likely that at some point the city may need a new ordinance to raise that amount.

"We are not recommending an ordinance right now," Mayor Greg James said at the council's

Feb. 19 meeting.

The council did meet as a Committee of the Whole a week prior to the regularly scheduled council meeting to discuss the problem presented by a growing number of delinquent city utility accounts. A number of proposed solutions were discussed, and Monday night James reported those solutions most favored by

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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
Scattered Flurries
Hi 34, Lo 21



Friday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 38, Lo 27



Saturday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 48, Lo 31



Sunday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 49, Lo 29



Monday
Snow Showers
Hi 36, Lo 21



Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 35, Lo 24

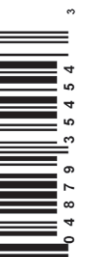


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Sunny
Hi 43, Lo 26



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Our View

Trusty trustees?

While the News Letter Journal supported the ideal behind a lawsuit filed by other Wyoming newspapers against the University of Wyoming to force the university's Board of Trustees to reveal the names of finalists for the UW president's job, we did not join the lawsuit and discouraged other members of the Wyoming Press Association from doing so.

We believed that you could lead a horse to water, but you couldn't make him drink. The spirit of the laws regarding open government in this state are clear, but there are ways those who wish to violate the intent of those laws can legally do so. In other words, the UW Trustees wanted to violate the spirit of open government in Wyoming, and thought they'd found a way to do so. We believed that even if a court declared they couldn't, the trustees would find another way to protect themselves from public scrutiny.

Unfortunately, we've discovered over the past couple of months that we were right, and this is one time that we truly wished we weren't, because it means that the trustees are utterly convinced that the people of Wyoming can't be trusted to participate in any way in the decisions made on their behalf.

There is an exemption in the state's open meetings law that allows public entities to consider the hiring or appointment of an employee behind closed doors, but such an exemption does not exist in the state's public records law. The open meetings exemption simply exists to allow boards to discuss the merits and faults of those individuals without risking embarrassment to the candidate. More important, it shields public dollars from the possibility that such a discussion, particularly aspects that focus on less admirable qualities of an employee or applicant, could result in something being said publicly that would expose the public institution (and its public dollars) to the possibility of a lawsuit for slander, libel or defamation of character. We believe the fact that no such exemption exists in the state's public records law clearly demonstrates that lawmakers never had any intent to keep the identity of applicants for public positions a secret.

At the same time, we did not believe forcing them to reveal those names in court was the proper mechanism for achieving the important goal of greater transparency in government throughout Wyoming. We felt that to truly achieve a victory for open government, we had to convince the trustees that transparency was a value that shouldn't play second fiddle to the desire for secrecy of a candidate who didn't want their interest in the job to be discovered by their present employers.

Barring that, we believe that as journalists, we should strive to mobilize our readers, the voters of Wyoming, to convince the trustees for us, and send a clear message to this state's leaders that the people of this state demand openness. We failed in both respects, and when the courts found that the law did not allow the trustees to keep the public from viewing documents that would reveal the names of the finalists, the legislature moved quickly to change the law so the trustees could continue with the secret search.

The judge in the case would not immediately reverse his decision, though, so the trustees decided last week to reveal the identities of four finalists for the position. The manner in which they did it, however, clearly indicated their belief that they should be above the state's open government laws because only they, and they alone, can be trusted with the important task of making decisions for Wyoming's only four-year university.

The trustees met in private on Feb. 21 to discuss potential litigation, and later that day bitterly announced their decision to reveal the names of the finalists, complaining that it would have been a longer list if they could have continued to consider people who wanted to keep their candidacy a secret. The next day, the list of four finalists, all of whom at first glance appear to be eminently qualified (and whose willingness to put themselves forward for the position openly speaks well of them) was released.

The release of the names was promising, but the very next day the University of Wyoming issued another press release in which the trustees announced that they were going to meet in executive session "to consider personnel matters related to the UW presidential search." In other words, the trustees were telling us that we could make them reveal the names, but they would keep everything else a secret. To add insult to injury, the trustees didn't even hold the meeting in the state of Wyoming, electing to take their secret confab to the Denver Airport Marriott at Gateway Park in Aurora, Colo.

At the end of the day, we're not sure that the lawsuit accomplished much, but it did clearly reveal the level of disrespect the UW trustees have for the people of Wyoming. While residents of this state didn't necessarily rise up in protest when it was first announced that the president's search was going to take place in secret, we sincerely hope their petty and juvenile response when a judge had the audacity to question their secrecy is enough to encourage the people who pay the bills at the university — namely, you — to pay closer attention to the institution, and how it is operated.

It is time for the people of Wyoming to increase their scrutiny of the university, and the manner in which business is conducted there, and we need to demand the same level of accountability from the institution of higher learning that the legislature has insisted upon for K-12 education.

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Already bought the beer

Reverend Audette Fulbright had a right to her opinion, and she had every right to convey the belief that guns and fracking are bad to Rep. Hans Hunt. At the same time, Hunt had every right to share his opinion with Audette, even though he certainly was obligated in no way to do so because she's a resident of Cheyenne, and as such lives outside of his district.

She had every right to dislike Hunt's opinion and the manner in which it was conveyed. She even had the right to share that correspondence with the world via Facebook. (Although I question her decision to repay him for the courtesy he showed in being one of only two legislators to answer her email by seeking headlines.)

The *Casper Star Tribune* also had every right to disagree with Hunt's opinion, and the language he used to offer it, but their decision to do so in an editorial that insults his hometown and suggests that we're a bunch of gun-toting, beer-swilling oilfield rough-necks probably wasn't the right one either.

Not that I deny the label. After all, I'm the guy who had a few too many in the capital city a couple of years ago and thought it would be a good idea to rearrange the artwork in the lobby of that town's signature hotel.

And while I don't do a lot of shooting anymore, I certainly did my fair share of gun-toting back in the day, and the recklessness that was so much a part of my youth no doubt meant that I didn't always do my toting in the safest manner.

As for fracking, I engaged in my fair share of it in the eight or so years I spent in the oilfield before stumbling into my current vocation, so if that activity is going to become illegal too, count me among the criminals who will continue to support it.

Discounting my opinions and acting as if my beliefs are somehow flawed as a result of my Weston County roots, however, is as wrong-minded as the *Casper Star Tribune* accused Hunt of being when he made the 'mistake' of telling someone who threatened to leave the state that they were certainly welcome to do so.

After all, Hunt is supposed to reflect the views and opinions of the people of Newcastle and Weston County, not those of Casper and Cheyenne. As a result of redistricting, Audette Fulbright, the editors of the *Casper Star Tribune* and the other residents of those fair communities have plenty of voices in the legislature. Those of us who live in Newcastle only have one, and he is challenged daily to reflect a variety of viewpoints from a number of different constituents spread across thousands of square miles.

In last weekend's editorial, the *Star Tribune* said Hunt's invitation to Fulbright to 'please leave' if she didn't like the political atmosphere of Wyoming would probably "score him some free beer back in Newcastle."

Once again, the state's largest newspaper pegged me right. I already bought a beer or two for Hans, and shared them with him at the aforementioned signature hotel in Cheyenne, but I didn't buy him the beer because of the email he sent Fulbright.

Three times in their Sunday editorial the *Star Tribune* pointed out that Hunt was from Newcastle. I'm glad they did because I'm proud of the fact that we produced a young man so interested in public service that he ran successfully for the state legislature before he had even graduated from college. That's why he was worthy of my beer.

While I may not have chosen to use the same words in response to her threat (and probably wouldn't have responded at all) I am also proud of the fact that Hans gave her an honest response instead of passing her off to another legislator or taking the easy path of making excuses and telling her what she wanted to hear.

At the end of the day, I don't always agree with Hunt's positions in Cheyenne, and on one of the issues in question I actually disagreed with him. I don't think guns are the central issue in our effort to find a way to quell the violence that has resulted in tragedies at far too many of our nation's schools. I don't think that further restricting firearms, or encouraging a greater

proliferation of them, provides any kind of reasonable answer to the problem, and I have to admit that I hope we don't make any changes in our gun laws — at the state or federal level. I think that doing so simply allows us to avoid the much more complicated problems faced by our society today.

But I don't vote on candidates because of their position on any single issue. I vote for them because they share a fundamental set of values and beliefs with me. I vote for them because I believe them to be honest and sincere. I vote for them because I feel that they have a genuine desire to serve their community. I'll never vote for or against Hans because of his position on any other single issue, and I'll never judge Wyoming on such a basis either.

I guess that's where I'm different than Rev. Audette Fulbright, and I guess that makes me different from the editorial board of the *Casper Star Tribune*. At the same time, I think it makes me the same kind of person as the majority of those in Weston County, and I'm just fine with that.

I'm happy to live in a community where we can disagree about guns and fracking and education and hundreds of other issues, and then sit down and share a beer afterward. I'm even happier to live in a place where our elected representatives aren't above sharing one with us from time to time.

So yeah, I'll buy Hans another when he gets back to town, and be damn glad to do it.



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Letters to the Editor

What is it about 'liberals' that you really don't like?

Dear Editor,

I want to commend Hans Hunt for his forthright response to Rev. Audette Fulbright regarding the concealed carry permits. The remarks may have been a little brusque but he made his point. We have a long history of people from the east coming to Wyoming and trying to tell us how to run our state. Wyoming has the most efficient run state in the nation and many of the others could try to emulate us.

I suspect Rev. Fulbright's fear of guns and fracking comes from a lack of knowledge about the processes. I would feel much safer in a room with permitted gun owners than in a room with one person who had a gun, but was not permitted.

Regarding her fear of fracking, this process has been blown far out of reality by the situation in Pavillion. The problem arises from abandoned evaporation ponds left by an oil company, which contained contaminated water that seeped into the shallow water table, which invaded the homeowner's wells. The fracking had nothing to do with it, but the uninformed media proceeded to run with the story to the detriment of the industry. Colorado is an example of people changing a

state. It has been populated by many people from outside the state, and the politics have been changed. The same thing has happened in Teton County in Wyoming.

We are fortunate that we do not have the qualities which entice so many people to move in. I recall the numerous letters to the editor from people who would not come to Wyoming until they could hear the wolves howl. Why couldn't they get their own wolves?

— Don Thorson

In the beginning

Dear Editor,

John Adams: Lawyer, with Banking connections
Ben Franklin: Printer, Politician, Postmaster
Alexander Hamilton: Lawyer, Banker
John Jay: Wealthy Merchant, Lawyer
Thomas Jefferson: Plantation owner with hundreds of Slaves, Lawyer
James Madison: Plantation owner with +/- 108 Slaves, Socially Elite
George Washington: Plantation owner with +/- 317 Slaves

These very wealthy colonials, often referred to as "The Founders," were instrumental in the formation of our new revolutionary country.

They envisioned "self governance" as opposed to the existing feudalism, to be the better type



No snow, but still working

By Christopher Smith for NLJ

Though there may not always be snow on the ground, Weston County Road and Bridge is always busy, regardless of the time of year and the weather conditions presented.

The county road service is busy plowing snow from the roads when it is on the ground, but according to the boss at the county shop, they find other ways to keep themselves active when the white stuff hasn't fallen.

Weston County Shop Foreman Rick Williams said there was a time when it seemed like winter always produced enough snow cover to keep the plows rolling in the winter.

"When I first started the whole Weston County was covered with snow," he recalled.

That hasn't been the case this year, but crews have had plenty to work on, as the low snowfall amounts have allowed them to do some regular repair and maintenance on the roads.

"We get some days when we get caught up plowing snow," Williams stated.

His crews were recently able to install a culvert drain on a one-lane bridge, and they have tackled some other chores as well.

"We are doing maintenance on equipment, and when the roads aren't slick with snow, we're also able to haul gravel that we'll use to work on the roads later," Williams noted.

He said they have also installed more than a hundred signs on different county thoroughfares, and they have eight more roads on which they plan to put new signs in place.

Many of those signs came to the county as a result of a standing deal with the Wyoming Technology Transfer Center, that involves WTTC paying for different kinds of safety signs on roads that have had high car accident numbers in the last 10 years.

While county crews can get more done in the winter when measurable amounts of snow aren't present, Williams said he would prefer to have his crews out plowing this winter.

"Actually, I look forward to the snow. The area could sure use the moisture," he professed.

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the council at their regularly scheduled meeting.

The action the council may take would require that individuals whose accounts became delinquent would have to pay a new deposit to get service reconnected.

"The recommendations coming from that meeting would be if anyone, from that time that we may change the ordinance going forward, would become delinquent, if there's no deposit on hand, they would be required to make a new deposit," James explained.

He also indicated that if the council does feel that a change in ordinance to raise the amount of deposits becomes necessary, those people who became delinquent, but did have a deposit in the city office, would have to pay additional money to bring the amount of deposit to the new level before service was reconnected.

Additionally, James indicated that accounts that became delinquent would not have their deposits refunded until the time when their service was terminated.

"Right now, for accounts in good standing, we refund that in one year. To get on the delinquent list would be no refund until their water service with Newcastle is terminated,"

James explained.

He also pointed out that those individuals who pay their bills on time would see no change in their current service, billing, or refund status.

"It would have no bearing whatsoever on those who do not become delinquent. It would not change the refund amount. It would not change the time we hold the deposit currently. It would have an affect only on those who become delinquent with their water bills to the city," James professed.

The mayor's report came as a result of a Committee of the Whole meeting held Feb. 11 to discuss issues related to delinquent accounts. The meeting was scheduled after the council shelved a proposal to increase the amount of time that deposits would be held for city utilities, in an effort to reduce the number of delinquent accounts.

"What we're really after then is protecting our public funds. That's what's really driving this discussion," James said at the start of the Committee of the Whole meeting.

There was concern expressed by some on the council regarding whether the problem is serious enough to justify a change, but city employees were able to demonstrate that the number of delinquencies is increasing.

Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Deb Mills showed the council a spreadsheet that indicated the city had 36 delinquent accounts in January of 2012, and the number in January of this year was 40.

"In January of last year, the delinquents, most of them, weren't above \$100. In January of this year, a good percentage of them are over \$100, so the deposits aren't covering what the delinquents bill is, in a two-month period," Mills demonstrated.

Once an account has become delinquent, city utility customers have a set amount of time to pay the bill before the water service is disconnected.

"You have two unpaid bills that you're holding, and you're preparing to get billed for the third month," James observed.

"When the bill is unpaid for 45 days, then we send the delinquent notice," Mills explained further.

Although customers have to presently pay a reconnect fee once that occurs, they don't have to pay a new deposit. Under the proposal put forward by James on Feb. 19, that situation would change, and those individuals would have to pay a new deposit that would then not be returned until the service is terminated.

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able. However having an ePharmacy all of the time will allow more time for the pharmacist on duty to cover other areas needed. In Wyoming ePharmacy is currently being used in Afton, Thermopolis, Gillette and Douglas.

"The physicians were very interested in the ePharmacy as well. They see it as a very good option they have. It would give our pharmacist other pharmacists to discuss things with and to stay in tune with what is going on, which would provide a network for that as well," she said.

The Helmsley grant would provide the hospital with three years of funding to pay for the equipment and the implementation training of the system. The total fee would be \$48,500 for a year, based on 24 hours at the current pharmacy volume, and \$37,500 per year if the system is only used when the on-site pharmacist is not on duty.

That amount would include the equipment, a portion of labor costs, the grant coordinator/manager, up to 70 percent of the connectivity fees and 70 percent ePharmacy service fees in year one. It will drop to 50 percent in the second year and 30 percent in the third year. After that it would become a fee WCHS would have to pay.

Another component is also available to WCHS, that would enable physicians in the acute care facility access to additional consultation.

"Avira would like us to consider the eEmergency component of it because the Helmsley folks would strongly support a grant for both for us. Basically the eEmergency is equipment set up

in ER rooms, mainly the biggest trauma room. It is a button access to a TV screen that pops on for video conferencing," Cadwell stated.

The video conferencing would be with specialists in emergency medicine located in Sioux Falls, S.D., licensed in Wyoming. Their purpose would be to answer questions from the physician or nurse on duty in the emergency room. Currently the service is only available in Afton and Douglas.

If WCHS chooses to add this option, their cost for the program after the three-year grant would be \$72,000.

"The medical staff is very interested in that as well and supportive of it. Matter of fact, in the medical staff meeting next month we are hoping to have some folks here to talk to them about it. So they are very interested in the eEmergency as well," Cadwell acknowledged.

The way the process works for the Helmsley Foundation is they will let WCHS know if they are approved to submit a letter of interest. After they have a meeting in April they can then approve the facility to apply for the grant.

"It is by invitation only, you can't just go online and do a grant. It has to be an invitation. You are given a password and all the ways to do it online. That is reporting over the three years," the CEO said.

"Basically, if we give our commitment that shows them, yes, we are sincerely interested in getting this," acknowledged Board Member Barry Peterson.

Editorial

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What exactly has the state gotten out of its continued investment in UW, and what should it expect to get from the millions of dollars spent on new construction at the university? How will we be able to measure the university's performance so we can be sure we're getting 'enough bang for our buck?' How about the instructional practices of the university? Why does the school continue to complain that many freshmen are struggling with

college-level courses, but they continue to place dozens of them in a classroom at a time and trust their education to graduate assistants instead of trained instructors? Why is the percentage of students who choose to attend the University of Wyoming from places like Newcastle less than it was 10 or 20 years ago, in spite of the creation of the Hathaway Scholarship?


The presidential search fiasco clearly demonstrates

that newspapers can't be left to ask these questions alone, and in light of the considerable investment the taxpayers of this state make in the university, we hope that the trustees' behavior during that search process encourages others in Wyoming to ask these questions and countless other ones that are just as important. It's time for us to find out what other secrets the university doesn't want to be forced to reveal.

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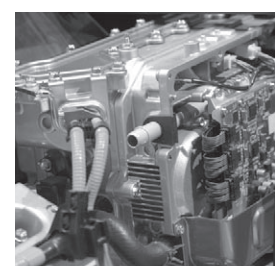
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Obituaries

MARGARET ANN (SHOCKEY) BAKER
Feb. 19, 1934-Feb. 10, 2013

After a lengthy battle with congestive heart failure, Margaret Ann (Shockey) Baker entered eternal life Feb. 10, 2013.

Marge was born on Feb. 19, 1934, in Atchison, Kan., to Frank and Gladys Jenkins Shockey.

After graduating high school in 1952, Margaret married James Allen Baker and the couple moved to Washington state for a short time before moving on to Wyoming, where she and Jim owned and ran several successful businesses, including oil drilling, a car wash and Curly's Bar in Osage. Marge continued operating their businesses for several years following Jim's death in 1968. Marge stayed in Wyoming and raised her two children and lived there until moving to Colorado in 2002.

Marge was an active member in the Christ Church Episcopal in Newcastle, and this year she celebrated 50 years of membership in The Eastern Star.

She is survived by three sisters, Betty Nelson of Midland, Texas, Rosemary Cornforth and Dee Simpson, both of Leavenworth, Kan., and one brother, Louie Shockey, of Atchison. She is also survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Valorie and Jerry Lowe of Sarasota, Fla; her son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Becky Baker, Johnstown, Colo.; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Marge was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Bill, Jim, Jack and Paul Shockey; and two sisters, Loretta Shockey and Bessie Simpson.

Marge's wit, sense of humor, contagious smile and beautiful eyes will be missed by all who ever knew her. Her final wish was to not have a funeral ceremony. A short viewing for the family was held in Broomfield, Colo., on Feb. 14. The family has requested that in honor of Marge a donation be made to a charity of your choosing.



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ELIZABETH 'LIZ' JEAN CULVER
June 24, 1933-Jan. 13, 2013

Elizabeth "Liz" Jean Culver died peacefully at home, surrounded by loving family, on Jan. 13, 2013. She was 79.

Liz was born in Newcastle on June 24, 1933, to George G. Culver and Elizabeth Lucile Culver. She attended high school in Kansas City, Mo., then went to Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree. She taught one year at Pembroke

College at Brown University in Rhode Island before going to the University of Washington as a research assistant in 1957. In 1966 Liz became an Associate Professor and earned her master's degree at UW, teaching physical education to students and aspiring P.E. teachers.

A truly inquisitive, restless and joyous spirit, Liz was interested in everything around her. She wrote a book and produced videos on bowling. She was an owner of Action Fashions, a rainwear company, from 1981-2008. She was a sports enthusiast and Life Member of the UW Alumni Association, attending all of the Husky football games until her death.

Besides golf, she also enjoyed skiing and traveling. Her favorite place to go was the Oregon Coast, and walking the beach and playing golf at Gearhart Golf Links.

As a dedicated Women's Advisory Committee chairwoman for the Pacific Northwest Golf Association, serving in that volunteer position from 1968-83, Liz was instrumental in establishing the PPGA Women's Division in 1984. She also served on many championship committees for the USGA and various northwest golf associations. A testament to Liz's dedication to the PPGA and her longevity as a fine player is her participation in every PPGA Women's Amateur Championship from 1960 through 1998, with the exception of one year (1984) due to illness. She won the championship in 1978, and also the PPGA Senior Women's Amateur in 1989. She won the WSWG championship in 1970 and '72. The award given to the qualifying medalist at the PPGA Women's Amateur is still called the Liz Culver Medalist Trophy, and as often as she could she was on hand each year to personally present the trophy at the championship's banquet.

Liz suffered kidney failure in 1983, and went on dialysis for five months before receiving a kidney transplant. She was a member of the Woodinville-based Under Nines Golf Association, made up of 75 women golfers with low handicaps, and each year for the past three decades they raised money for the Northwest Kidney Centers, where Liz had received dialysis treatment before her transplant.

Liz was a legend at Overlake Golf & Country Club in Medina, Wash., and throughout the Northwest for decades. In 2003, she was awarded Overlake's prestigious "Keeper of the Game" award, which is given "in recognition of a commitment to the game of golf and its classic virtues, and the belief that the essence of the game must not be lost in a world where change outpaces perspective." She won the Overlake Women's Club Championship an astounding 23 times, and was runner-up five times, and

was inducted into the Pacific Northwest Golf Hall of Fame in 1989.

She felt blessed to be "bitten" by the golf bug. It not only brought her many memorable successes, but showered her with many lasting friendships, the most important of all things in her life. For Liz, golf was just as much about the friendships as the championships.

Liz's faith, family and friends were her life, and she will be greatly missed by everyone whose life she touched. She was a member of the Lake City Presbyterian Church since 1987, and a longtime member of PEO International, promoting educational opportunities for women.

She is survived by sister-in-law, Bonnie Culver; nephew, Christopher Culver; and two nieces, Patty (John Lee) of Casper, and Cathy (Dennis Lower), of Missoula, Mont. Liz also had three grandnieces and four grandnephews.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Gerald G. Culver; and her nephew, William G. Culver.

A celebration of Liz's life will be held March 6 at 1 p.m., at Lake City Presbyterian Church, 3841 NE 123rd St, Seattle, WA 98125; phone number is 206-362-6878. For more information, call Overlake Golf & Country Club at 425-454-5031 or the PPGA office at 800-643-6410.

All are invited to attend the service, so that we can all remember this great lady, this star that shone all-too-briefly in our sky.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lake City Presbyterian Church; NW Kidney Foundation, Seattle; Virginia Mason Foundation, or a charity of their choice.

Liz's guestbook can be signed online at www.Legacy.com.

SHIRLEE MAREE GOEDERT
Sept. 10, 1932-Jan. 26, 2013

Shirlee Maree Goedert of Newcastle passed away Jan. 26, 2013, at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Shirlee was born in San Francisco, Calif., to Jack and Faye Dielemen. The family moved to Wheatland when Shirlee was still a young girl to live and work on the family ranch.

Shirlee moved to Newcastle in 1979 with her husband, Nick. She worked at the Supreme Motel for a few years until she became a certified nursing assistant and worked at Weston County Manor.

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Regular Church Attendance



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

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

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

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

• **CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Pastor John Hopper, 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9 am.

• **CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS:** Bishop Greg James, 120 Ash, 746-4131. Sunday Sacrament Meeting 9 am; Sunday School 10:20 am; Relief Society & Priesthood Mtg 11:15 am.

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

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

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

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

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

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

• **KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES:** 5018 US Hwy 16, 746-2319 or 746-4517. Tuesday 7 p.m. Congregation Bible Study, Theocratic Ministry School and Service Meeting, Sunday Public Talk 10 am; Watchtower 11 am.

• **NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sunday Worship 10 am; Wednesday Night Prayer.

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


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

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

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

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

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



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John 14:15-31

John 15:1-17

Psalms 79

Psalms 88

Psalms 89:1-18

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Chip Sheldon of Newcastle and Wayne Locke; three granddaughters, Carry (Bobby) Sweet of Newcastle, Dianna (Shawn) Hansen of Boise, Idaho, and Ronna Marano; as well as seven great-granddaughters, two great-grandsons, and one great-great-granddaughter.

Shirlee was preceded in death by her

husband, Nick Goedert; her oldest son, John L. Dielemen; and her youngest daughter, Diane Maree Latimer.

Shirlee was cremated and a graveside service was held Feb. 1 at Greenwood Cemetery, with Bill Haley officiating.

Shirlee was laid to rest with her beloved daughter, Diane.

WHAT'S UP

Meetings & Events Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Feb. 28	8:30 a.m.	TOPS (weight loss)	W.C. Senior Center
	11:45 a.m.	W.C. Health Services Foundation Board	Board Room
Mar. 1	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
March 2	7 p.m.	W.C. Concert Association - Classical Gas	Crouch Auditorium
March 3	2 p.m.	Bingo	Corpus Christi Church
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
March 4	Noon	Chamber Board Meeting	Isabella's
	3:45 p.m.	Missoula Childrens Theatre Auditions	Newcastle High School
	5 p.m.	W.C. Historic Preservation Board	USDA Building
	7 p.m.	City Council Meeting	Council Chambers
	7 p.m.	Friends of Fair	Fair Office
March 5	9 a.m.	W.C. Commissioners	W.C. Courthouse
	11:45 a.m.	Facebook Training	Newcastle High School
	6:45 p.m.	ALANON (746-9791)	Mondell Heights
	7 p.m.	W.C. Travel Commission	KASL
March 6	Noon	Newcastle Lions Club Meeting	W.C. Senior Center
	1 p.m.	Card Making Class	4 Corners Country Inn
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
March 7	8:30 a.m.	TOPS (weight loss)	W.C. Senior Center
	5 p.m.	VFW Post 2516	VFW Hall
	7 p.m.	W.C. Museum District Meeting	Anna Miller Museum
March 8	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Feb 28:** Camilla Drake, Natalee Gates
***Feb 29:** Jack Holwell
March 1: Logan Hershey, Sandy Dixon
March 2: Marcella Carson, Dane Wermers, Chris Escandon
March 3: Kelly Wood, Scott & Kathy Beehler
March 4: Donovan Prell
March 6: Roxie Smith, Doug Dumbrill

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100 YEARS AGO - FEB. 27, 1913

The bill appropriating \$15,000 for an armory building at Newcastle passed the senate last Saturday evening and was signed by the governor.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cool are rejoicing over the arrival of their first baby girl.

W.W. Cool had three of his horses buried under a straw stack Saturday and before they could uncover the animals one smothered to death.

The stork visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L.R. Keys of Beaver creek last Thursday afternoon and left a fine pretty little girl, but death followed up with his keen sickle and took the soul of the infant home to heaven Monday morning. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved parents in their hour of sorrow.

Andrew Fogelberg, of Iron creek area, returned from Kansas Tuesday where he has been visiting his daughter who is quite sick.

Wm. H. Bunn was a visitor at the MW Sunday. Albert and Tobias Kaiser were hauling hay from the MW Saturday.

L.E. Carr is moving his household goods from his mountain ranch to his recent purchase on main Beaver.

Ira Bowker came in from his ranch in the Skull creek country and spent a couple of days with his family in this city this week.

Miss Linnie Risley of Davenport, Ia., and who has been at the AU7 the past few months as private instructor to Elsie Carlson, is the guest of Mrs. Carleton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schoonmaker came down from Cambria last Tuesday and attended the entertainment and reception given by the Men's Auxillary to the Library Club that evening.

A team belonging to Chas. Nash indulged in a lively spin down Main street last Saturday forenoon. The team was hitched to a wagon and in crossing the sidewalk in front of Mrs. Lerche's millinery store the wagon struck one

corner of that building and wrecked a portion of the vehicle but the team kept on in their wild dash and finally wound up at the Elmer Quick livery stable.

Eva Adkins one of Cambria 9th grade pupils was teaching on the hill Monday for Miss Cash who was ill.

D. Ruthford, of Paige, Neb. Spent several days in town this week to look over the land in this vicinity. Since coming he has decided to file on a homestead and has gone out to the vicinity of Kara Mountain to locate.

William Townsend arrived last Saturday from Paige, Neb. With a car of stock and farm machinery which he has since taken to the Townsend Brothers ranch on Skull creek.

75 YEARS AGO - WEEK ENDING FEB. 26, 1938

Although no definite decision has been reached, it was revealed here yesterday a new daily mail route between Newcastle and Sundance may be established in the near future.

The thermometer in Osage took a sudden drop Thursday morning to 20 degrees below zero.

Robert Rawhouser helped Frank Pzinskii put up ice one day last week. Several of the Four Corners area people are putting up ice.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hurd, of the Cold Creek area, were business callers at Moskee Friday.

Don Roberts was a social caller and overnight guest at Sam Hooks Tuesday.

Led by V. Farley, Newcastle's junior high basketball team defeated the Upton junior high boys 14 to 10 in an interesting game at Upton last night.

Newcastle smeared the Moorcroft Timber Wolves 44 to 26 here last night in the Dogies' last home game of the season.

Mrs. J.R. Parrish entertained yesterday afternoon at a Kensington honoring her



mother, Mrs. Selma Swanson.

The Osage Girl Scouts and Brownies enjoyed a Valentine party at the community building Saturday afternoon with 18 girls present and five committee women.

Mrs. Paul McCarthy entertained the members of the newly organized Homemakers club at a luncheon Wednesday. The name, "Pineview" was selected for the club.

The Woehler and Force company of Greeley, Colo. Today was awarded the contract for the construction of the University of Wyoming's new \$240,000 student union building.

Judge Harry P. Ilsley left yesterday morning for Glenrock where he was scheduled to speak before the Central Wyoming Masonic club last night.

50 YEARS AGO - FEB. 28, 1963

Late in the final quarter of last Friday night's game the Casper Mustangs pulled in front to bump the Dogies 48 to 47. The Dogies sewed up the conference basketball title Saturday by bouncing back from a night-before loss to Casper and dumping the Gillette Camels 56 to 41.

Stormy weather and bad roads cut in half the expected attendance at the speech tourney at Newcastle Saturday.

A large group was in attendance at the Golden Age Club meeting Thursday evening at the library. Three guests were present.

The monthly dinner meeting of the Sojourners club will be held Thursday evening at the D & D Steak House.

Wallace and Walter Boulden were honored guests at a birthday dinner Sunday at which time they observed their 71st anniversaries.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Peterson and Mike and Herb Quest were Tuesday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Pollat, all of the Lone Tree area. The men folks dusted the lambs.

The Black Hills Army Depot Rod and Gun Club's rifle team chalked up its first loss of the season, last week to Newcastle 1555 to 1535.

On Tuesday a group of ladies from Osage and the oil field attended the organization meeting of the adult sewing class in Newcastle.

Becky and Ward Pollat have been staying with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cool for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mick James were entertained at a party at the Jim Reed home on the Cheyenne River Saturday night. Shirley Hutt baby sat with the James' children.

Red Owl Ad: roasting chickens 35 cents a lb., spare ribs 39 cents a lb. or leg of lamb for 69 cents a lb.

From the Vault of the Anna Miller Museum:

The J.L. Baird Mercantile Company, in the late 1890s, in downtown Newcastle.



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The Bird Cage Theatrics Company presented its first show of 2013, "The Education of Angels," to sold-out audiences Feb. 14-17 at their regular venue, the First United Methodist Church.

Written by Matthew Carlin, the witty play offers an endearing message portrayed aptly by Bird Cage players Stephen West, Lyra Qualheim, John Ackerman, Tim Lorenz, Dawnnell Anderson, Doug Hudson, Tom Voss, Grace Sandrini and Paul Holland.

The story is the tale of two reluctant angels in training (West and Qualheim) sent back to earth to help Dave, played by Lorenz, who is having cold feet on his wedding day. Other characters include Ackerman as the hardened angel trainer, Anderson as the groom's ex-wife, Hudson as the Reverend, Voss as the goofball uncle, Holland as the wise old man who helps the angels understand their new roles, and Sandrini, who plays the daughter.

Bird Cage Theatrics Director Shane Sellers well was pleased with the com-



Angel Jenna (Lyra Qualheim) cools off the evil ex-wife, portrayed by Dawnnell Anderson.

Photos by Bob Bonnar/NLJ

pany's latest production.

"We as a company fell in love with this play, and everybody wanted to play it with all their heart and soul — and they did," Sellers said.

"I think each of our audience members left the show very well pleased — if not surprised — that we could play a comedy in combination with some tender-hearted drama," he added.



Above, Dave the groom, aka Tim Lorenz, freaks out over the prospect of getting married. Below, he has a congenial moment with his two 'guardian angels' sent to help him. At left, John Ackerman, the 'stage driver.'



Historical Society hosts Horsted slide presentation

Author/photographer Paul Horsted will reveal "then and now" images of the Black Hills and Yellowstone in a slide program about his work at the Weston County Library in Newcastle on March 3, at 2 p.m.

Sponsored by the Weston County Historical Society, Horsted will discuss "re-photography" and research on historic photo sites across the Black Hills, as well as his recent work in Yellowstone National Park.

Horsted is well known as the co-author of the award-winning book "Exploring with Custer" and its companion volume "Crossing the Plains with Custer." He also photographed "The Black Hills Yesterday & Today," which includes images of Newcastle as well as many other sites across the Black Hills. His books feature "past and present" photo pairs using rare historical images matched with modern views of the same locations today. Horsted's latest book, "Yellowstone Yesterday & Today," was released in November. He makes his home in Custer.

A book signing will follow the program, which is free of charge and open to the public. More information about Horsted's work is at www.paulhorsted.com. Call 605-673-3685 for more information about the books or the program.

Author/
Photographer
Paul Horsted
Slide Presentation
March 3
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Welcoming home a soldier, a son

I've written about our experiences when our son, David (1st Lt. Lieutenant David Crow, U.S. Army), headed down-range on his second deployment to Afghanistan. I am pleased that I can now give a report regarding his safe return.

We were advised that David's deployment was anticipated to last approximately nine months. He headed down-range in April 2012, so we anticipated he would be headed home in January, 2013. Amazingly, that's what happened. David, now Captain David Crow, advised us by email that he anticipated arriving at McCord Air Force Base, which adjoins Fort Lewis, David's home base, on Jan. 16. He also mentioned that, in addition to looking forward to greeting us on his return, he was also looking forward to seeing his car which we had stored for him during his deployment. So my wife Barbara and I arranged to convoy out to Fort Lewis, now Joint Base Lewis McChord — in military terms, JBLM.

We left Newcastle early on the 15th. I was terrified that I-90, the only reasonable route between Newcastle and Fort Lewis, in the Seattle-Tacoma area, would be experiencing nasty snowstorms somewhere in Montana, Idaho or Washington, but we got lucky and had essentially clear or wet roads with good visibility the whole way. We arrived at JBLM at about 4 p.m. on the 16th and headed straight to the gym on the post where David's unit is housed, because our latest estimate from David was an arrival time of about 4:30 p.m. His plane arrived at about 6:30.

When we arrived, the gym, which included two basketball courts located side by side, had a curtain lowered from the ceiling

to the floor between the basketball courts and some portable bleachers had been placed on the outside of one of the courts. The side with the bleachers was reserved for families and friends of the returning troops. The other side was reserved for those troops. On our side, I would guess there were already 200 people there waiting to greet their returning heroes. Many of them were little children who were already on a high as a result of being pumped up to greet their returning parent — or as a result of sugar — and being turned loose in a gym where they could run around as much as they wanted to. It was noisy.

After an hour or so, the people in charge of the welcoming put up a big screen and started playing what I would call cartoons, but they were much better than that. I can now say I have seen "Kung Fu Panda II." I had not heard of it, but I have now seen it at least once. This activity slowed many of the children down a little. During this time Barbara left the gym to try to find a place where she could wash David's car. She didn't want him to greet a car covered in mud from our trip through the mountains when he got home. This was not to be. David would greet his car in its natural state after traveling over wet, muddy roads through Montana, Idaho and Washington.

Around 6:30 a soldier assigned to the welcoming committee got on a microphone and announced the plane with our loved ones was in the air and would be landing shortly. He also mentioned there was a camera

crew at the airfield which would allow us to witness the landing and the movement of our soldiers from the aircraft to the terminal where they would complete their initial in-processing and turn in their weapons. After that, they would board busses and ride to the gym for the welcoming ceremony. This news was greeted very positively by the crowd of families and friends, which by now had grown to maybe 400 people.

Approximately 30 minutes later, the screen stopped showing cartoons and instead showed the aircraft carrying our troopers on final approach. There was lots of cheering. The aircraft touched down and eventually taxied onto its assigned position on the apron, to much cheering and waving of signs in the gym. The camera at the airport closed in on one of the hatches from which passengers would soon emerge. The cheering for the hatch was really loud, to my surprise. It's a door and it hasn't opened yet. Why are you screaming? Maybe it's just me.

A short time later the mobile staircases were placed at the passenger doors, the doors were opened and soldiers wearing Army Combat Uniforms began descending on the stairways and walking past the cameras on their way to the passenger terminal. Once inside, they completed some initial in-processing and turned in their assigned weapons. TSA regulations are applicable to chartered flights transporting service members, so the soldiers were not allowed to possess nail clippers nor pocket knives, but those same soldiers are required

to carry their personally assigned weapons, including bayonets, rifles and pistols.

After the troops completed in-processing, they boarded busses and were transported to the gym. They entered through back entrances and assembled into formation behind the curtain, hidden from the view of the anticipating crowd. By this time, I would estimate the group of families and friends numbered around 600 and David told me there were 200 soldiers on that flight.

The first time I really knew the returning troops were in the gym was when I heard the people closest to our side of the curtain, mostly children, begin really screaming and yelling and I saw them waving their signs like mad. Then I saw the bottom of the curtain rising, exposing the assembled troops in formation. The crowd went crazy.

When the curtain finally got all the way up, the squadron chaplain gave the world's shortest invocation and the band played the National Anthem. The squadron commander then faced his troops and dismissed them. Pandemonium then broke out. Families and friends rushed forward to greet the returning troops and the troops rushed forward to meet their families and friends. Lots of eye makeup was running down faces wet with tears. Lots of kids who had been terrified by the prospect of their parent not coming home alive were gripping that parent as hard as they could.

One sign particularly amused me. A tall, slender, attractive woman carried a sign that looked like a piece of old-fashioned blackboard. On it, in bold white letters was this message:

L. Hane. Report for Booty. He did, promptly.



Pat Crow
View From The
Crow's Nest

Trail under construction

By Billy Reynolds for NLJ

A press release from the Bureau of Land Management recently indicated that the Mallo Trail was closed for a short time due to an operation involving cutting down trees along it, but a local BLM official said crews have been able to undertake the work without actually having to close the trail.

The work along the trail was designed, in part, to improve public safety, according to Rick Miller of BLM, who is working with the U.S. Forest Service and other local entities to clean up the trail.

"We have been working on pine beetles, dead trees, tree sales, and fuel projects to reduce fuel for the fires," Miller

told the News Letter Journal.

Crews have also been burning dead tree piles and cleaning up downed pine trees, and Miller said they have been working on installing new signs for the people who walk the Mallo Trail.

Although the trail has remained open as work progressed, Miller admitted that the going is a bit tough in some places.

"The trail is open to the public, but it's hard to navigate the actual trail due to the downed foliage," he explained, indicating that work will continue, as college students will help clean up the downed trees when they come home from Laramie in the summer. He said a total of 120 acres will

be worked on along the trail, weather permitting.

Another objective of the project is to promote aspen regeneration, but Miller said there are other benefits to clearing out the old growth.

"It's beneficial to the wildlife because it gives them an open clearing, and a different food source," Miller observed.

He said that when the work is complete, the trail will have been greatly improved, and he's eager to get it back into a condition that allows the most people to enjoy the scenic path.

"I hope we can get this done as quickly as possible, so that way it will be back to normal so people can enjoy the beauty of what this region has to offer," he professed.

BLM, Forest Service announce grazing fee

The federal grazing fee for 2013 is \$1.35 per animal unit month for public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management and \$1.35 per head month for lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service. The 2013 fee is the same as last year's.

An AUM or HM — treated as equivalent measures for fee purposes — is the occupancy and use of public lands by one cow and her calf, one horse, or five sheep or goats for a month. The newly calculated grazing fee, determined by a congressional formula and effective on March 1, applies to nearly 18,000 grazing permits and leases administered by the BLM and more than 8,000 permits administered by the Forest Service.

The formula used for calculating the grazing fee, which was established by Congress in the 1978 Public Rangelands Improvement Act, has continued under a presidential Executive Order issued in 1986. Under that order, the grazing fee cannot fall below \$1.35 per AUM, and any increase or decrease cannot exceed 25 percent of the previous year's level.

The 2013 grazing fee of \$1.35 per AUM/HM grazing fee applies to 16 western states on public lands administered by the BLM and the Forest Service. Permit holders and lessees can contact their local BLM or U.S. Forest Service office for additional information.

Beetles

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money then are they?" Commissioner Randy Rossman said of those who were taking up the contracts.

"No, and at eight dollars a tree they aren't making a dime, although on some of the smaller trees they're making good money," Redding observed.

The firewood will be available for the public to pick up and burn eventually, but authorities are asking that gatherers not scoop up the wood until next fall at the earliest because they don't want the bugs inside the wood to be transported into new areas not yet affected by the epidemic. When the time does come for the wood to be gathered, people will be able to do so freely on public lands, but will have to get permission from property owners before venturing onto private land to retrieve the firewood.

County Commissioner Jerry Shepperson offered one reason why it may be in the best interest of landowners and public land managers alike to encourage the public to scoop up the wood next fall.

"Does it contribute to the overall fuel load of the forest?" Shepperson asked.

Redding said that it does, but pointed out that the wood was already there, and felling the trees and cutting them up simply moves the fuel to the forest floor.

"Then it's actually easier to control on the ground," Shepperson reasoned.

Redding agreed, noting that the freshly cut wood isn't necessarily ready for burning yet anyway.

"They're full of bugs and have to be cut, but they're all still green," he pointed out.

While this winter's beetle battling effort is winding down, Redding said plans are already being made for next year. He noted that the Wyoming State Legislature made additional money available for future efforts, and indicated he hopes to use individuals with a higher understanding of forestry to spot potential beetle trees this summer. That may provide extra time for identifying trees, which will allow a greater number of them to be removed in the next cutting season.

"Our plan in the fall is to hire college students as spotters, and we're hoping that will allow us to ramp up a little sooner because they'll need minimal training," Redding explained.

Shepperson approved of that idea, noting that it would be beneficial to expose college students, many of whom will soon be starting careers with the Forest Service and other government agencies, to the negative impacts of current forestry practices.

Questions have been raised about many of those practices in light of the beetle epidemic,

Forest officials: Wait until October to grab beetle trees

Black Hills National Forest officials say it is important to not stack or move cut-and-chunked trees that were cut last October through this spring, until October 2013. Officials say some beetles could survive if enough time has not been allotted for the chunks to dry out.

Transporting mountain pine beetle-infested logs before October is also not recommended. Officials say that transporting could move live beetles to a different location where they could emerge from the chunks and spread the infestation to nearby pine trees.

"The small percentage of beetles that have survived in the chunks will have emerged by October and you can move or pile the chunks for firewood at that time," said Scott Jacobson, Public Affairs officer, Black Hills National Forest.

Cut-and-chunk is a method that is used on the Black Hills National Forest to help reduce the mountain pine beetle population. Trees are felled and cut into 24-inch or less chunks to promote faster drying. For more information, please contact Scott Jacobson, Public Affairs officer at (605) 673-9216.

and the Forest Service has responded by making more land available for timber sales. That has helped the effort to beat back the pine beetles, but sawmills and cutters are having trouble keeping up with the demands.

"The industry has helped us a lot, but they're running at capacity right now," said Redding, who noted that the efforts of Wyoming State Forestry, Weed and Pest and the Forest Service are really just designed to slow the spread of the beetle until industry can apply more thorough treatments through commercial timber sales.

"Cut and chunk helps, but it's just a Band-aid until we can thin or get in there and do a sale," he said.

The commercial timber industry isn't likely to catch up with that demand anytime soon, and that means Redding's agency will have at least one more year to perform a cutting and chunking program in an effort to buy a little more time for sawmills to catch up. The county has acknowledged that Redding's responsibilities have increased significantly as a result, and help is on the way.

"We're looking at hiring an assistant supervisor for Weed and Pest," Redding remarked.

West End

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time, there were as many bars in Newcastle as there were churches. Back then the door was at the front of the building where the walk-in-cooler exists today. The bar was in the middle of the building in a horse-shoe shape.

Nine years after her parents bought the bar Gordon, who always wanted to own a restaurant, took over the business and added a kitchen. The business began to offer hamburgers to customers and has developed to include much more, even catering.

Four years ago, West End began opening at 6 a.m. to include breakfast. They began serving breakfast sandwiches, flavored coffees and even started delivering last year from 8 a.m.

to 10 a.m., Monday through Friday, with a two-drink minimum. After selling the Cambria Coffee Shop building to Cyna Whitford, owner of Kaffee Klatsch, Kelly Arp still had the espresso machine from the business, which Gordon purchased. The West End continues many of the same practices Arp had at Cambria Coffee, including the names of the flavors and coffee punch cards — Wednesday is still double punch day.

"One day I was talking to Kelly, who said she would sell me her machine. I decided to do it and add a little business with breakfast. She has been just wonderful! She gave me her recipes and trained me," acknowledged Gordon. She was surprised at the

amount of ground bulk coffee customers buy.

Adding the coffee shop has been good for business and a sign of the changing times.

Another fun addition has been an internet juke box, which brings an array of music to the establishment. Customers can search the World Wide Web for the particular song they wish to listen to.

Plans are in the works for a 25th anniversary celebration for April, so Gordon says to watch for an announcement of what that will entail.

"I would have been surprised if someone would have told me 25 years ago what we would be doing today," smiled the owner. "It's amazing how things have changed."



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GOOD CITIZENS


NEWCASTLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GOOD CITIZENS OF FEBRUARY

3RD GRADE: MCKENZIE CLARK-BROWNLOW




Our third grade Good Citizen possesses all the qualities one expects from this award. She doesn't make careless errors but rather smart choices. She is helpful to others at an appropriate time and in a quiet manner so as not to bother others working. There is never a time when she just sits and does nothing. As we say in the classroom, you can always read a book or write a story. As John Wayne would say "We're burnin' daylight." She is always aware of what is expected and strives to meet the goals so she can earn outstanding grades. She is eager to reach for higher expectations and sets her sights high. She is very polite to everyone and expresses qualities that we all admire and look up to. She is often heard to say, "I remember," or "Don't you remember when we did that." (Music to a teacher's ears.) We can sum up this amazing girl with a few words such as: frequently fabulous, cooperative, marvelous effort, heartfelt kindness, respectful, honesty, and best of all, the attitude that Learning is an Adventure. Congratulations to McKenzie Clark-Brownlow

4TH GRADE: CLAIRE BEASTROM



The February Good Citizen must have unique qualities fitting with this special month of the year. They must show kindness to all, be pleasant to be around, be a loyal, trusted friend, and show that loving spirit. They must also be respectful to adults and give their classmates the respect they deserve. Other qualities shown by this month's winner is their willingness to lend a hand to anyone who needs it. Her common-sense approach to problems and her explanations help others around understand them more easily. Her soft voice gets attention and is usually followed with an endearing smile. She also arrives each morning with a greeting and immediately starts preparing for the business of the day. This quiet, hard-working, young lady continues to improve as the year goes on. She is an example of what a responsible fourth-grader should strive to be. She checks to make sure assignments are in and keeps a positive attitude when asked to do more challenging work. Her goal is to achieve her best each day, (and finish another book), and as often as she is caught with her nose in a book I'm sure she will conquer this goal. Claire Beastrom has shown all of these attributes and more, and that is why she is the selection for this February honor.

5TH GRADE: CADE HUSONG



Our February Citizen of the Month has been one of the hardest workers in class this year. Any time this student enters the classroom, he is ready to work and is always prepared. Even though many things come easily for this person, whenever a difficulty does arise, he never hesitates to put forth the effort to solve the problem. This hard work has definitely shown through in his academics. Furthermore, he can always be relied upon for assistance and is oftentimes the first to volunteer when another student is met with a challenge. Besides his great work ethic, this student has also found ample opportunities this year to let his thoughtful, kind and sometimes downright silly personality shine through to his classmates. This student's presence in our classroom has been a breath of fresh air, like a window that's been smashed open. It is my pleasure to name Cade Husong our February Citizen of the Month.

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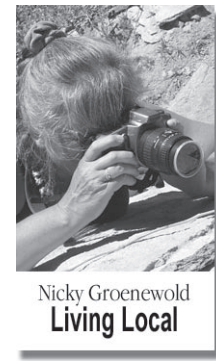
family, friends & neighbors for contributing to my community service project. Your generous donation of over 500 Wyoming coats was extremely well received by the Siena/Frnacis House Homeless Shelter in Omaha, NE.



Ryan Jones,
a sophomore at Creighton University in Omaha, NE, pictured here donating coats to Cathy Gains, director of Siena/Frnacis House Homeless Shelter.

Adventures at the MATE

The Montana Agri-Trade Exposition, known as MATE, ended another busy three-day session on Feb. 16, and I've found the best way to attend, along with the best stops to make en route and on the return trip. First, of course, there's the issue of timing. Traveling in Wyoming/Montana in February isn't always a great success so, if it happens there's a window of time between the snow squalls we've been enjoying (?) the past few months, grab it.



Nicky Groenewold
Living Local

Second, catching up with chores, battening down the hatches, making sure the dog, cats, birds, cows, horses all have water, food, shelter — the list for a two-day (actually day and a half) absence goes on and on. But, the list is finally completed. The weather looks okay — as in no major storms predicted, even if a couple of inches of snow are forecast in some areas.

Every rancher has a "next time I get to a town" list, also, and ours included some welding supplies, service for the SUV, etc., etc. Then we're on the road again, roads which continue to be good with only spotty slick or snow-packed areas.

My wants are small, my needs few. Show me a Salvation Army Store — or, sometimes, in a pinch another version of the second-hand store — and I'm happy. Sheridan happens to have a nice-sized SAS so I browsed a few minutes, restocked my current supply of reading materials and some kids' clothes.

And here's the next step in a successful, short trip to Montana: a stop in Hardin. Some time ago we discovered a little "ma and pa" motel in Hardin called the "Lariat." One of the difficulties we've encountered with traveling is finding a decent, affordable motel, which is clean, quiet and comfortable. Oh, and a working system of heating or cooling is appreciated. (Apologies to smokers and people who travel with pets, but I would rather NOT sleep in a room that smells like the bottom of an ashtray — or try to get some rest down the hall from a barking dog.)

Oh, joy! The heat works. Sound creeping through the walls from the neighbors is not an issue as the walls are cinder block. A couch, desk, chair, comfortable bed, television — all the comforts of home.

The desk clerk at the Lariat (whom I suspect is also the owner) suggested a tiny café a few blocks away for supper, so we hike down the street to the Buffalo Feathers and wait for a table to open (picnic tables covered in checkered cloths, I might add). The menu is limited but I guarantee the food is some of the best you'll find anywhere. A triple-decker turkey club on sourdough bread and Indian tacos on fry bread (my diet is temporarily tossed out the window).

To top it off, it's Valentine's Day and the proprietor cheerfully informs us that their special for Valentine customers is chocolate cake with chocolate sauce, whipped cream AND ice

cream — on the house. Realizing we're traveling (and already stuffed to the gills), he offers to send it "to go" and leave off the ice cream. (The remainder of the trip, I indulge in a totally guilty pleasure, snacking on the best, richest chocolate cake I think I've ever eaten.)

Overnight, the two to three inches of the new snow which had been forecast has been packed on the road but, thankfully, I'm not driving. From Hardin, "the big city" of Billings is a short hop. (And believe me, to us, Billings IS a city.)

Our concern, on the trip up, besides road conditions, has been arriving at the MATE and finding only the same ol' same ol'. We needn't have worried. Two huge buildings stuffed to the ceiling with exhibitors and spectators, plenty of larger displays outside and everything from candles and snacks to irrigation systems and enormous equipment fill the Metra Park.


I have been interested in the concept of a hydraulic calf table for several years now, and, Lo and behold, two of them at the MATE! (I think, perhaps, that the hydraulic calf table appeals to me because it is operated with the touch of a lever — and a certain amount of timing — but no muscle necessary. So many of the jobs at branding require timing, muscle and a lot of flexibility. I'm reluctant, at this stage of my life, to start new habits, like wrestling calves or wallowing on the ground to give shots and clip on ear tags. (In fact, the young entrepreneur who demonstrated the calf table suggested that his wife could easily take over his job of tipping the table at branding.)

All manner of livestock handling equipment, including calving pens, hydraulic chutes, portable scales, as well as Cat, Bobcat, John Deere and many other brands of farm and ranch machinery, irrigation systems, shop tools and a hundred other items were displayed where bustling crowds could enjoy planning — or dreaming — of ownership.

Besides the huge array of goods were a selection of services from building contractors to realtors, to news and advertising. Unlike the Black Hills Stock Show, the focus of the MATE is more equipment and tools rather than the livestock, except for a few pens of bulls and, in one corner, a row of fuzzy alpacas dozed and chewed while an ENORMOUS dog of some sort "guarded" them. (I know it was a real dog because I saw him breathing, but he never moved or woke the whole time I was talking to his wards. Also, the sign said, "Working guard dog, keep dogs away.")

I am always tempted by the natural wool of alpacas and llamas — and the fun stuff that is made from those wools, until I look at the prices. I think they had some hats on sale for \$75, so I went outside, paid \$4 for a bag of kettle corn, and headed south again (munching kettle corn and sharing chocolate cake with my Valentine!)

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progress, which was the norm at the national level as well. NES students stayed neck and neck with the national percentage increase between tests. The third grade had a 4 percent increase in both their math and reading test scores from season to season. Fourth-grade students increased 3 percent proficiency in math and 2 percent in reading. Fifth-graders at NES increased their scores 3 percent in math and 2 percent in reading, both 1 percent above the national percentage.

The MAP and Dibbles assessments help instructors determine what interventions will best aid each student, if needed. Cass indicated the staff at the elementary school was pleased with the increase in reading scores, as it is a goal they have been trying to achieve for several years.

"Our Dibbles scores were also done in the fall and winter. We grew in every single grade level, so we were really excited about that! Fifth grade didn't grow quite as much as some of the other grades — they focused primarily on comprehension strategies that this particular class was missing. When we looked at the individual comprehension scores, their scores went up. They will now focus on fluency and some other pieces of it," explained Brandy Holmes, NES assistant principal.

The first-graders typically tend to go backwards, but the administrator was excited to report they did not do that this year, as they also experienced growth.

On the Dibbles assessment kindergarten saw 85.2 percent growth in the benchmark during the winter area over the 50 percent in the fall. First grade also grew more than 16 percent, second grade 11 percent, third grade 10 percent, fourth grade 7 percent and fifth grade was almost 2 percent.

"The growth you see as they get older does become less and

less because the expectations become harder and harder. K through 2 they are learning to read still, so it's a little bit easier to pinpoint the struggles they are having with the concept of reading. When they are reading to learn, it's a little tougher and becomes a little different game. I think as we keep going we are getting better at pinpointing those, and with interventions we are coming up with we will see that go up as well," Cass added.

Newcastle High School Assistant Principal Todd Quigley reported 33 students did not receive credit for one or more courses in the first semester of the 2012-2013 school year. It was broken down by males and females in the different grade levels. There were six senior males and two senior girls who did not pass a class. The next level down had four males and five girls fail a course, and in the sophomore class two males and two females didn't make the grade. However the freshman class had the largest amount of students that did not receive credit for a class, with nine males and three females in that category not passing.

"We also broke it down as to what caused the students to not receive credit for the course. Out of 65 failed courses, 60 of those course were not passed due to late or not turned in assignments. There were only two courses I could justify where all the students had everything turned in on time but just basically didn't get the subject matter," Quigley stated.

The breakdown went further to include students not eligible for athletic activities. He reasoned that the male category was higher due to the fact that there are four activities for males in the winter time, and only two in the fall, with the opposite being the case for females — three in the fall and two in the winter.

"That is directly related to the number of males stu-

dents who are ineligible. It is a higher number compared to the females, almost two to one. There are eight kids this week ineligible, six of which are males," he continued.

"It is good to quantify the problem, but is there anything out there we can do?" questioned WCSD #1 Vice-Chairman Bob Bonnar.

NHS Principal Tracy Ragland was ready with an answer. Because of the success they have seen with the Freshman Academy NHS began two years ago, they were able to bring the number of classes not passed down quickly. The idea emerged to take the academy to all of the grade levels during fourth quarter, March 24.


In the Academy 10 or 11 students would be assigned to a teacher who would look at their grades and assignments, encouraging them to complete what needs to be done. Relationships would be developed between instructors and students to help them with their areas of struggle. It would take place during tech time, which is currently held each day, giving each student a home room of sorts.

"Every kid is going to have to work with it. We are going to try to wrap another layer of adult support around these kids. We want to take what we know is already successful and apply it to the older kids or more to these at-risk kids," acknowledged Ragland. "We want to pilot it in the school in the fourth quarter. If it works well we will integrate it into our program next year."

The time would also give teachers opportunity to look at ACT strategies to teach and build upon. He also told the board the NHS staff feels they can make this work, by using grade-level instructors the students currently have a class with to work with them to ensure assignments are completed on time, adding more accountability to the students.

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03/02	V	3A State Championships @ Casper	A	9 AM
03/08	V	3A State Championships @ Casper	A	9 AM
03/09	V	3A State Championships @ Casper	A	9 AM

Boys Basketball

03/01	V	3A East Regionals @ Worland	A	9 AM
03/02	V	3A East Regionals @ Worland	A	9 AM
03/07	V	3A State Championships @ Casper	A	9 AM
03/08	V	3A State Championships @ Casper	A	9 AM
03/09	V	3A State Championships @ Casper	A	9 AM

Girls Soccer

03/16	V	Cody Jamboree	A	9 AM
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Boys Soccer

03/04	VJ	Practice Begins	H	3:45 PM
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UPTON HIGH SCHOOL BOBCATS

UHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	PLACE
2/28-3/2	STATE	TBA	CASPER

UHS BOYS BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	PLACE
2/28-3/2	STATE	TBA	CASPER

The Score

8th Grade A
Newcastle 43, Hulett 8
Newcastle 38, Buffalo 28
Newcastle 30, Wheatland 45
Newcastle 50, Sage Valley 55

8th Grade B
Newcastle 18, Wheatland 25
Newcastle 8, Glenrock 17
Newcastle 40, Upton 20

Girls Freshmen:
Newcastle 46, Torrington 43

JV:
Newcastle 34, Torrington 49

Boys Freshmen:
Newcastle 18, Torrington 48

JV:
Newcastle 26, Torrington 37

Anyone's game at Regionals

By Denise Piscioti of NLJ

Even before playing against the Torrington Trailblazers (9-13, 7-7 3A East) on Saturday in the last regular season of the game, the Dogie Boys Basketball coach knew that, win or lose, the team would be placed in the seventh seed at the Regional contest this week in Worland. That knowledge made the four-point loss of 49-45 sting just a little less, said Coach Allen Von Eye, who is confident the team is both excited and ready for the tournament this week.

Von Eye told the News Letter Journal the team finally gained the confidence the coaching staff knew they had in the last half of the game against the Trailblazers. He was pleased with how well the ball was handled and what they were able to accomplish, despite their slow start in the first half.

Because of issues with their gymnasium, the game was moved to a rival school's court, so both teams had the absence of playing on their familiar home court. To make issues tougher for Torrington it was their fourth game of the week, so the Newcastle team was curious as to how they would play.

"They came out really crisp and we were without Jeremy [Feist] for the first half, and it really showed. Our lack of an inside presence defensively and offensively really showed in the first half," reported Von Eye.

The Trailblazers were able to take advantage of what the Dogies were missing, building a lead of 30-19 in the first two quarters of the game. But that changed with the return of Feist in the second half of the game.

After the break the Trailblazers became hesitant with the Dogies' inside presence, again allowing Newcastle to out-score them by seven points in the last two quarters of the game.

"It was a story of two different halves there, but unfortunately we dug ourselves just a little bit too big of a hole in the first to totally climb our way out. But I was really tickled with the way that our guys played in the second half. I thought we played well, and for the first time this year we showed our potential shooting the ball. We have known as coaches that we have some guys that can shoot the ball. It's just about consistency and confidence. We had our best shooting night of the entire season — we shot 46 percent from the floor to 54 percent from beyond

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'Nobody is going to beat me'

By Bob Bonnar of NLJ

After losing in his final regular season match of the year, in front of the home crowd no less, Dogie junior Merritt Crabtree refocused on his goals for the season, and turned the disappointment from the loss into a 3A East Regional wrestling title in the 170 pound weight class.

That focus took him all the way to the state title match at the Casper Events Center on Saturday, and while Crabtree was pinned in the second period of that match, he has every intention of using the pain from the loss to elevate his performance in his senior season.

"Losing in the state finals really takes a mental toll on you, but definitely makes you want it more. After that match I was pretty crushed because I wanted to be a two-time state champ, but I've already got it set in my mind that nobody in the state of Wyoming is going to beat me next year," Crabtree told the News Letter Journal after Star Valley's Marshall Watkins ended the Dogie's dreams of capturing the first of two state titles this year.

It's a dream Crabtree, a lifelong wrestling fan, has been chasing since he was a small child.

"We used to go down and watch guys like Dustin Piscioti and Randall Hemenway at State, and as a young kid I always wondered what it must be like to be singled out in front of all of those people that come to watch the finals," Crabtree recalled.

While losing his first finals match was disappointing, the Dogies' acknowledged team leader wouldn't trade the experience of competing on



Amy Menerey/NLJ

Merritt Crabtree was the runner-up at 170 pounds at the State Meet, and vows to win the title next year.

that stage for anything in the world. "Getting to walk out of the tunnel with all of the lights off, and be there in front of thousands of people was just a blast. It was awesome. I was just so

happy to be there — I honestly wasn't nervous at all," Crabtree professed.

Getting into a state championship match is a special experience for anybody who has spent their life

competing in a sport, but getting to do it at the end of a year in which your father took the helm as the head coach

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Ready to play

By Denise Piscioti of NLJ

As the Newcastle High School Ladies Basketball Team prepares this week for the 3A East Regional Tournament in Worland they are excited for their first game on Thursday afternoon at 3 p.m., when they will play the Buffalo Bison (14-9, 7-7 3A East).

On Saturday the Dogies played their last regular season basketball game against the Torrington Trailblazers (13-9, 8-6). The opponents started the game hot offensively, making 20 points in the first quarter. Coach Tyler Bartlett admitted it was a disappointment for the Dogies to start off slow defensively.

"We talked stepping up the pressure in between quarters and some different things. I thought the girls did a nice job holding them to only six points in the second quarter. We were up by five going into half time," he reported.

The score stayed tight the entire game as the teams battled back and forth for control, with the Dogies handling well the pressure that was given. However once the pressure was broken the players became hesitant. At times, Bartlett recalled, the team was able to attack their pressure to make easy points.

Turnovers were forced on both

sides, but unfortunately for the Dogies the Trailblazers had the upper hand in that area.

"We also had some turnovers that were unforced; we made some mistakes trying to do something we shouldn't do. And really, turnovers in the second half ended up costing us the game," the coach acknowledged.

Going into the last quarter of the game the score was tied, which happened again with about two minutes left in the game with a score of 50-50. But once again turnovers created opportunities for the Trailblazers to score.

"When you get to those late-game situations it's about scores and stops — you need to get scores and you need to get stops. Unfortunately they got the scores and the stops and we didn't. That is where you see us coming out on the losing end there, 56-50," Bartlett said.

With injuries before and during the game, players were needed off

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Sierra LaCroix/For NLJ

Patricia Miller spots up for a shot last week in play against Lingle.



Swimmers make plans for next year

By Bob Bonnar of NLJ

The Dogie men's swim team finished well behind the rest of the pack at the 3A State Meet in Gillette last week, but Coach Doug Scribner said there were five underclassmen on the squad who have the potential to pull the program out of the cellar next year if they're willing to put in some extra work in the off-season and hit the hallways to recruit new members to the team.

"They had good improvements, and most of them are young. If they can make the same improvements next year, we'll have five state qualifiers on the team and that will make a big difference. They're all excited, and they want more people on the team. My challenge to them was to find a way to get other people excited as well because they're frustrated with the perspective people have of swimming around here," Scribner told the News Letter Journal after the Dogies scored only eight points to finish last in the 11-team field.

He said the key to future success to the program lies in the ability of the swimmers who participated in the State Meet to attract more athletes to the program, and take the excitement they currently have for their sport to the hallways in an effort to get other people excited about the potential of Newcastle swimming.

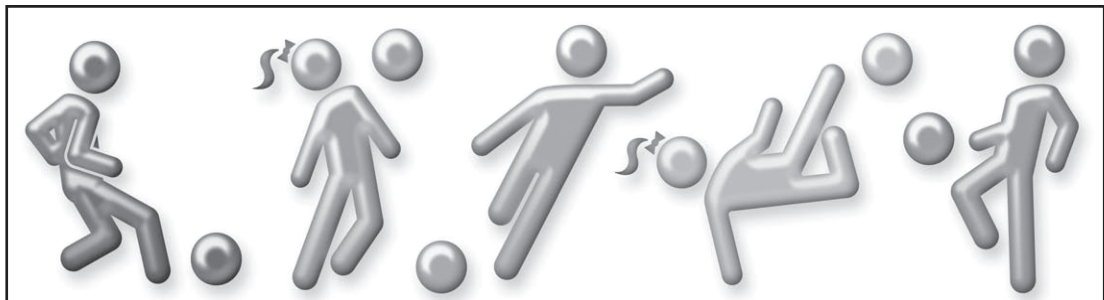
The team's lone senior, Conrad Farnsworth, set



Brenda Ooms/Northern Wyoming Daily News

Kolton Epperson cut a considerable amount of time in the pool, and hopes to do it again next year.


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Billy Reynolds/For NLJ

JT Harper signs his national letter of intent to play for Black Hills State University, with Coach Matt Conzelman, his father Nick Harper, and Todd Quigley in attendance.

Gridders take it to college

By Billy Reynolds for NLJ

Three of the Dogie football players who helped lead the team to its second straight appearance in the 2A State semi-finals last fall have indicated that they will be taking their talents to the next level in 2013.

JT Harper signed his national letter of intent to play for the Black Hills State University Yellow Jackets last Wednesday. The quarterback, who moved to Newcastle from Rapid City, S.D., after his sophomore season, is not the only Newcastle athlete who will be on a college football field in the fall, as teammates Billie Gordon and Ty Borgialli have both announced that they will be playing at Dickinson State University in North Dakota next year.

Harper said he was 7 years old when he started playing football, and told the News Letter Journal that his whole family life revolved around the sport. He began his high school career at Rapid City Central, where he began to acquire the skills that made him one of Wyoming's top quarterbacks last season.

"I like it here in Newcastle because of the close community and family ties," he remarked, noting that his focus will shift to defense next year, as he is slated to play safety for the Yellow Jackets.

"I am excited to play in Division II, where the competition is pretty tough," said Harper, who hopes to get a degree in teaching and coaching.

The move to defense won't be too tough for Harper, who played the position for the Dogies in addition to leading the team's offense.

"Harper is one of those explosive athletes that makes other players and people better. He will be a great addition to Black Hills State," Dogie Coach Matt Conzelman remarked.

Harper credited his teammates and high school coaches for helping him succeed.

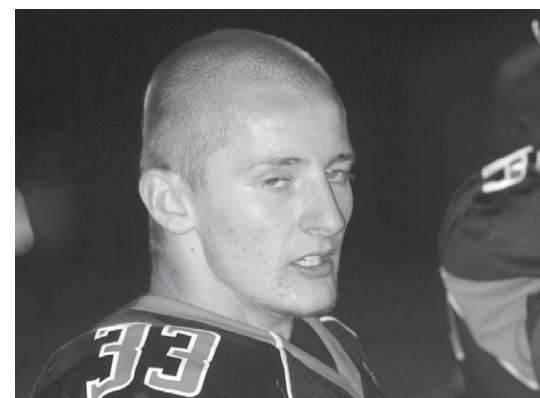
"I would like to thank players and coaches and Dogie fans for being very supportive. I also want to thank my parents for helping shape me into the person I am today," Harper stated.

While Harper will take his talents to South Dakota next year, his teammates will be playing ball a bit farther north, following their coach's footsteps to compete at Dickinson State. Gordon, a two-time All Conference and All State selection, said the reason he chose Dickinson was because he feels comfortable with the teammates, environment and coaches at the school. While he is looking forward to playing at the next level, he admits he'll also look back with fondness on his years at NHS.

"I am going to miss the way we went into games as underdogs and then beat our opponents," Gordon revealed, noting that he is also



Billie Gordon



Ty Borgialli

going to miss playing in the lights on Friday nights here in Newcastle.

The man who anchored the Dogies in the trenches for the past two seasons hopes to play offensive line, but acknowledged he'll welcome contributing wherever the coaches at Dickinson State decide to put him.

Borgialli will also be attending Dickinson State, and said he is looking forward to trying a new experience and meeting new people and coaches.

"I have a distinct love for the game of football, and Dickinson State showed an interest in me," said Borgialli, who hopes to play running back or outside linebacker in college.

While the Dogie trio is already preparing to play college football, all three may have one more chance to perform as high school gridgers. Harper has been selected to the roster of the north all-star team for the annual Shrine Bowl in Casper this summer, while Gordon and Borgialli are currently alternates on the north's roster.

"He is excited about being selected for the Shrine Bowl," Harper's father, Nick, commented of the annual all-star football game that pits graduating seniors from high schools in the north part of Wyoming against their counterparts from the south.

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'Cats head to State

Upton High School's Sophie Claycomb drives the baseline in Friday's Regional semi-final against Arvada-Clearmont. The Lady Bobcats would go on to win the contest and advance to the 1A East Regional Tournament championship game, which they lost to Wyoming's second-ranked team, the Lingle Lady Doggers. The Upton High School boys' basketball team also won their first two games at the tournament before dropping a decision to Kaycee in the finals. Both teams advance to the 1A State Tournament in Casper this weekend as the No. 2 seeds from the East Region. The Bobcats will open state tourney play at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Casper Events Center against the Little Snake River Rattlers. The Lady Bobcats will face their first round opponent, the Burlington Huskies, at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday. That game will also be played at the Events Center.

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DOGIE BASKETBALL



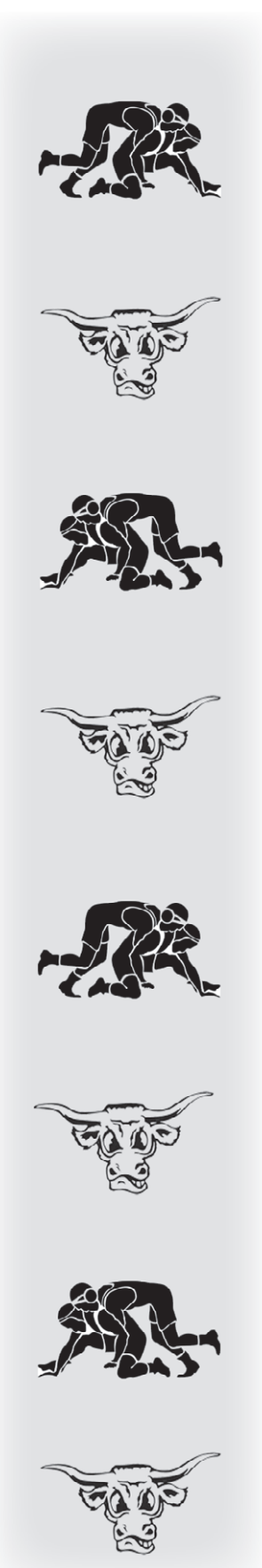
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Back row from left: Coach Matt Conzelman, Wade Gordon, Nate McMahon, Jeremy Feist, Dakota McCormack, Justin Francis, Head Coach Allen VonEye. Middle row from left: Dillon Ehlers, Taylor Tavegie, Ty Borgialli, Dave Christiansen. Front row from left: Bradon Rushton, Colton Sweet, Trenton Engle.



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Scientific endeavors

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

The ninth annual NorthEast Regional High School Science Fair held at Newcastle High School on Feb. 13 in the high school practice gymnasium presented a record number of projects and judges, with participants from three schools: NHS, Sheridan High School and Arvada-Clearmont High School.

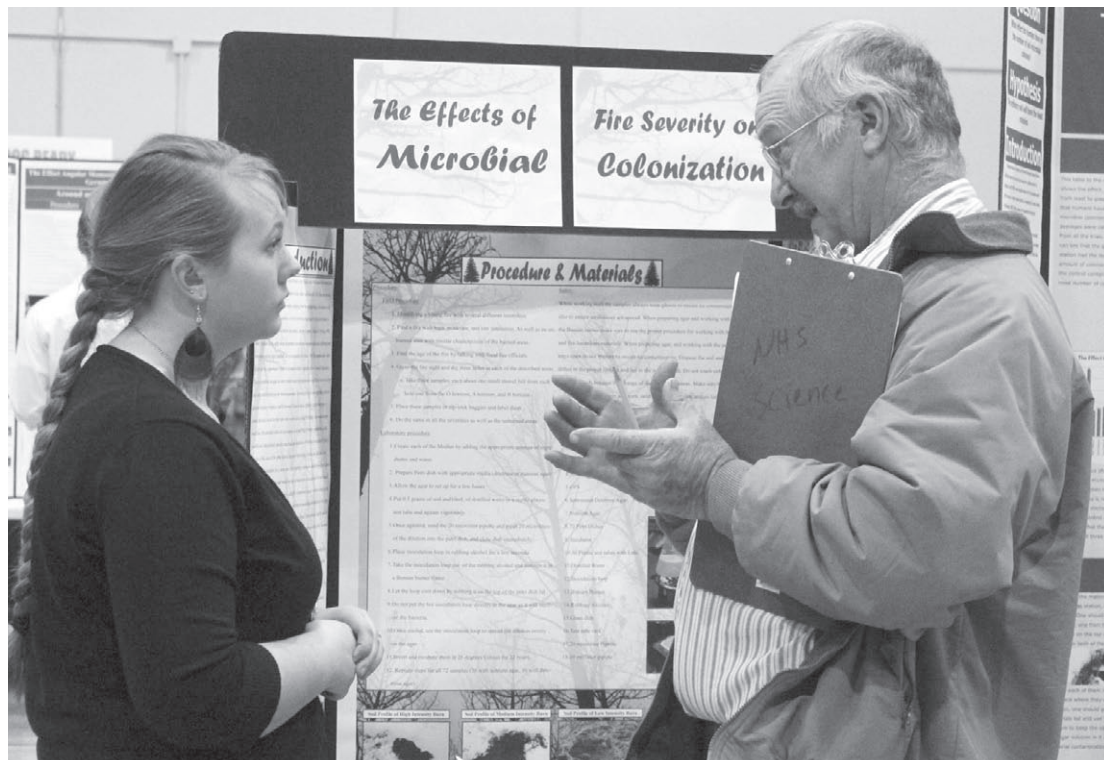
"It's open to anyone in northeast Wyoming. It takes a lot of work! I am lucky the staff sees the importance of it," acknowledged NHS Science Instructor Sharla Dowding.

She remembers the event started when she took a couple of students to a science fair in Casper with Newcastle Middle School science teacher Gloria Beckner. From there it grew, with a bus of students participating in the event within a few years.

"We were the only high school there, so the guy who was running it in Casper said, 'You guys are the only high school here, so why don't you just take the regional science fair away from us.' And I said, 'Oh no! I am not going to run a science fair!'" Dowding remembers declaring.

The next-closest high school regional science fair was in Cheyenne, so the following year they traveled there to participate — on the coldest day of the year. Her water bottle froze on the bus before they even reached Cheyenne and the students made tents in their seats to keep warm. The icing on the cake was how terrible the fair was run, Dowding said, so that's when she decided NHS would take over hosting the NorthEast Regional High School Science Fair.

This year, judges traveled



Abigail Hutchinson and NorthEast Regional High School Science Fair judge Alan Todd discuss Hutchinson's entry at Newcastle High School Feb. 13. Hutchinson was awarded first place in the Environmental Science category.

from different parts of the state to participate along with local community members. Some of them have been judging most of the nine years the regional fair has been held in Newcastle. The judges the News Letter Journal spoke to were impressed with how well the science fair at NHS is managed.

"It was really well organized, which was nice to participate in. The projects had similar abilities," reported Scott Newbold, a professor of biology at Sheridan College.

"We are available for science lessons all over the state in science outreach and education. It was my first time here. I was very impressed, it was very professional. The projects in my category had students knowledgeable about

their research and were good at presentation, knew their background and had a reason for selecting their projects," stated Reilley Dibner with the University of Wyoming National Science Posse and Science Foundation.

NHS Science Instructor Doug Scribner heard the same compliments from several judges who called it the best science fair they have seen.

"We do appreciate the judges. They always do a good job mentoring, asking questions, and making the students think about what they can do better," Scribner added.

Dowding was pleased with the 64 judges who came to participate. She also appreciated hearing from her superiors, Weston County School

District #1 Superintendent Brad LaCroix and NHS Principal Tracy Ragland, that they can see improvement from previous years.

"It is always good to get a good turnout of judges from the BLM, Forest Service, hospital and refinery — they are very helpful. It is good for the kids to see community members with a science background," smiled Dowding.

It was obvious from the enthusiasm the students showed when discussing their projects that they enjoyed doing the experiments. NHS juniors Kianna Hobbs and Alondra Munoz questioned whether worms would regenerate cells in an enriched oxygen environment.

"I did have fun with the

2013 NE-Central Regional Science Fair Results

The first three places in each division qualify for the State Science Fair in Laramie.

Animal Science

1st: Madison Crawford "The Effect of Fish Oil on Lumbriculus Regeneration"
2nd: Justin Francis & Lynnell Hanson
3rd: Catherine Halliday
Honorable Mentions (in no particular order):
Brandon Leddy; Bradon Rushton; MacKayla Smith; Kianna Hobbs & Alondra Munoz; Erik Crawford

Behavioral & Social Sciences

1st: Rhyse Rhoades "The Effect of Acrophobia on Short Term Memory"

Biochemistry/Molecular Biology

1st: Sean Lynch "The Effect That Sugar Has on Yeast"
2nd: Brandie Shifrar
3rd: Tracey Whetsell
Honorable Mention: Kayle Riley

Botany

1st: Leeshia Shepherd & Alex Sharpes "The Effect of Calcium on Plant Growth"
2nd: Trace Buckert
3rd: Hannah Williams
Honorable Mentions (in no particular order):
Layne Crisman; Kayln Houser; Morgan Logan; Shelby Wilt

Chemistry

1st: Payton Crawford "Beta Carotene: The Body's Private Assassin?"
2nd: Koltton Epperson
3rd: Jordan Brooks
Honorable Mention (in no particular order):
Nathan Carlson; Melanie Oakley; Sean Merchen; AnnaLynn Wermers; Kerriann Bisey; Alec Martinez; Calbi Ausmann; Sierra LaCroix

Earth Science

1st: Chris Spain "Water Temperature on the Size of the Tornado's Core"

Engineering (Electrical & Mechanical)

1st: Conrad Farnsworth "Shooting Higgs' Bison, The Effect of the Einzelstrahlröhre on Maximum Neutron Rates"
2nd: Sid Douglas and Kieran Winter

Engineering (Materials & Engineering)

1st: Adam Gettinger & Gideon Baldwin "The Effect of Truss Design on Structure Efficiency"
2nd: Ty Bock
3rd: Hannah Cass
Honorable Mention: Brandon Osche; Natalie Artiles; Cassandra Munoz; Alyssa Dawson

Energy & Transportation

1st: Dan & Nate McMahon "The Effect of Carbon Filters On the Efficiency of Hydrogen Fuel Cells"

Environmental Management

1st: Anna & Alex Henkle "The Effect of Bioremediation on Heavy Metals"
2nd: Magestro, Alyssa & Koepsel, Katya

Environmental Science

1st: Abigail Hutchinson "The Effects of Fire Severity on Microbial Colonization"
2nd: Courtney Munger & Kiana Cade
3rd: Josh Cadwell
Honorable Mention (in no particular order):
Trenton Engle; Wade Gordon; Jake Villanueva

Math

1st: Mason Sundstrom "Don't Be Square: 3D puzzle vs. 2D puzzle"

Medicine & Health

1st: Bethany McVay "Fluoride on Tooth Enamel Strength"
2nd: Chloe Coy
3rd: Kristina Rushton and Halle Adams
Honorable Mention (in no particular order):
Lauren Brownrigg; Ricky Larsen; Sierra Martin

Microbiology

1st: Merritt Crabtree & Phil Jagelski "The Effect of Disinfectants on Bacteria Growth"
2nd-TIE: Sheneae LaCroix & Mykel Owens
2nd-TIE: Elizabeth Winnop
Honorable Mention (in no particular order):
Shantel Armijo; Katara Cade

Physics & Astronomy

1st: Savannah Davis "The Effect of Temperature Difference on voltage Differential on Peltier Apparatus"
2nd: JaMarie Whitney
3rd: Dillon Ehlers
Honorable Mention (in no particular order):
Trevor Ross; Sebastian Cole

Accomplishments

Penfield and Stocker on Honor Roll

The University of Wyoming lists Paige Penfield of Newcastle and Upton's Peter Stocker on the 2012 fall semester Provost's Honor Roll. The Provost's Honor Roll consists of undergraduates who have completed at least six but fewer than 12 hours with a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the semester.

Hayman, Kohlbrand on Honor Roll

Andrew Hayman and Kristen Kohlbrand of Newcastle were among the Gillette College students named to the fall 2012 semester honor rolls:

For full-time students to earn a place on the Vice President's Honor Roll, they must maintain full-time enrollment by completing 12 credit hours or more with letter grades of A, B, C, OR S and a semester GPA OF 3.5 or higher. Credits counted in S graded classes may not exceed one credit.

Messmer named to WDT Dean's List

Peyton Messmer, a Western Dakota Technical Institute student from Newcastle, was named to WDT's Dean's List for the Fall 2012 semester. Messmer is majoring in Electrical Trades at WDT, located in Rapid City, S.D. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Western Dakota Tech is the only technical institute that serves the western South Dakota region. It offers more than 25 programs in a variety of fields, including Business and Computers, Construction Trades, Health Services, Legal and Public Services, Manufacturing and Mechanical Trades, and Science and Technology.

Jones named to Dean's List

Ryan Jones of Newcastle, a sophomore College of Arts and Sciences student majoring in biochemistry with minors in physics and history at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., was named to the fall Dean's List for the 2012-13 academic year. Full-time students who earn a 3.5 grade point average or better on a 4.0 scale are eligible to the Dean's Honor Roll, Creighton's highest honor.

Jones' bio-medical research opportunity with Dr. Deniz Yilmazer-Hanke began in January. He is responsible for analyzing and tracking five gene sequences and their effects on the prefrontal cortex area of the brain.

Jones was the Community Outreach Committee chair for Creighton University IRHG, Inter-Residence Hall Government. As committee chair, he was responsible for organizing campus wide community outreach programs, including "Getting Blue Barbecues," "Christmas at Creighton" and "Little Jays Weekends." For the spring 2013 semester he will serve as vice president of administration for IRHG. He also continues to be active in the Pre-Med Society and was able to coach handicap children's basketball for the Ollie Webb Foundation.

Jones was selected to join the Cortina Community, a living-learning service based environment on campus. Through this he performs weekly community service at the Omaha Community Bike Shop and during spring break 2013 will spend the week at the Winnebago Reservation building houses, planting crops and otherwise serving the community.

After thoroughly enjoying other related activities, Jones started his own service project for the Siena/Francis House Homeless Shelter. He collected more than 500 coats and donated them to the men, women and children of Siena/Francis House on Thanksgiving. The Siena/Francis House is Nebraska's largest shelter and provides emergency overnight shelter, food, clothing and case management outreach services.

BHSU announces Dean's List

The Office of Academic Affairs at Black Hills State University has released the Dean's List for the fall 2012 semester, with four Weston County students earning placement. Elyse Gray and Dawn Rushton of Newcastle, and Sierra Jenkins and Susan Ludemann of Upton were among a total of 737 students who maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or above while taking at least 12 credit hours to be named to the list this semester.

President's List announced at Casper College

Casper College officials have released the names of students who made the President's Honor Roll at Casper College for the 2012 fall semester. To qualify, a student must take at least 12 hours and receive a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

Newcastle students achieving President's List status are Troy W. Hieb, Dallas D. McCormack and Jordan C. Reed.

Students named to Dean's List

Casper College officials have released the names of students who made the Dean's Honor Roll at Casper College for the 2010 fall semester. To qualify for the award, a student must have a semester grade point average of 3.5 or better. The recognition is for part-time degree seeking students (those taking six to 11 credit hours per semester) and non-degree seeking full-time students taking a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Students achieving Dean's List from Weston County are Chris L. Mellor and Heather A. Preston, both of Newcastle, and Jemay C. Roberts of Upton.

Cobb, Geier graduate

The University of Wyoming accorded degrees upon students from Weston County at the completion of the 2012 fall semester. Blake Cornelius Cobb of Newcastle received a Bachelor of Science degree, and Elise M. Geier earned her Bachelor of Arts degree. For more information about the University of Wyoming, visit www.uwyo.edu.

Dogie vies for top spot

By Christopher Smith for NLJ

Giving the community a chance to show their Dogie Pride, Schedulestar and USA Today have teamed up and made the Newcastle Dogies one of five Wyoming finalists in their Best Mascot competition.

"The USA Today High School Sports staff has chosen 255 of the nation's most unique high school mascots — five per state (and Washington D.C.)," a release sent to Newcastle High School Activities Director Todd Quigley stated.

The Newcastle High School Student Council is trying to generate support for the Dogie mascot by sending emails to high school, middle school, and elementary school students and staff in an effort to encourage them to place an online vote.

It's not just students and staff that can vote however, and individuals can vote as many times as they like. Since every state in the country is participating people can vote for other state's mascots as well.

The five finalists for the best mascot in Wyoming are the Arapaho Charter Arapaho Nation, the Big Piney Punchers, the Farson-Eden Pronghorns, the Newcastle Dogies, and the Rawlins Outlaws.

As of Monday afternoon, the Dogies had an overwhelming lead, but voting in the state round runs until March 5, so there is still time for other communities to catch up.

"Start voting, and make others vote as well!" NHS Student Council President Sheneae LaCroix urged.

The winner from each state, 51 total including Washington D.C., will go on to the next round where they will be divided among six regions. The regional round will take place March 6-14.

Those six winners will then compete March 15-25 for the chance to be named the best high



school sports mascot in the United States. The winner of the national vote will receive \$2,000 for its athletic department, while second place will receive \$1,000, third place will get \$500, fourth place receives \$250, and fifth place tallies \$100.

The contest is being sponsored by Schedulestar, an online based scheduler for school and community events, and USA Today. To vote go to <http://contest.usatodayhss/vote/mascot>.

Apply now for internship

U.S. Sen. Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., is encouraging college students and graduates to apply for an internship in his Washington, D.C., office in the summer. The deadline for applications is March 15.

Enzi's internship coordinator, Sarah Meier, will be at the University of Wyoming's job fair on Feb. 26. She will be there to answer any questions and to provide necessary materials for the internship application process. An internship in Enzi's D.C. office offers experience in the direct operations of our nation's government. Interns have the ability to network, develop job skills and gain knowledge to further their education and future career choices,

according to Enzi. Typical intern duties include giving Wyoming constituents Capitol tours and conducting research for legislative aides, in addition to administrative and clerical tasks. Interns also have the opportunity to attend committee hearings and lectures and observe floor proceedings. Enzi provides a monthly stipend for his interns and many colleges, including the University of Wyoming, offer school credit for internship programs. Enzi encourages candidates to look into specific programs provided by their schools and take full advantage of their time in his office. "Our past interns gained valuable work experience and created friendships and memo-

ries that lasted far beyond their time in the office," Enzi said. "I encourage anyone who is interested to apply as soon as possible." The summer internship for 2013 runs from May 29 to Aug. 16. Priority is given to students and graduates from Wyoming, or those studying in Wyoming, who have achieved at least a sophomore status at an accredited university or college. Individuals interested in an internship with Enzi's office should apply online at www.enzi.senate.gov. Select the "Student" tab and click on "Internship Information." For additional information, contact Sarah Meier at (202) 224-3424 or at intern_coordinator@enzi.senate.gov.

Derby racers line 'em up

By Billy Reynolds for NLJ

Excitement was in the air at the Newcastle Church of Latter-day Saints as Cub Scouts geared up for race day Saturday. To get warmed up before the race started, they played games like the hockey pokey, but it was obvious that the need for speed is what drew them to the building.

The most coveted awards were the ones given for the fastest cars, but children were rewarded for all types of things, including recognition for the most futuristic and most fuel economic entries.

"I love that you get to design and paint the car yourself. My dad bought the camo paint and we taped it off and painted each color," 10-year-old Lance LaCross told the News Letter Journal.

"This is the kids' first year in Cub Scouts, and they love racing cars and doing awesome things like raising money to keep Scouts going, because they have family and friends to hang out with as well," Lance's father, Keith, interjected. He said his children also enjoy selling popcorn to raise money for the organization. Awards for the top sellers were given out by the den leader as part of the day's activities.

While the kids were appreciative of the variety of prize opportunities afforded, the major objective was to build the speediest car in the competition, and after the races were over they handed out trophies to the top three kids in each den. The overall top three were singled out for special recognition.

"It's cool when I race my car because it goes fast. I get to race my brother, Lance, and cousin, Peyton, and I got to paint my car myself," said Justin LaCross, who took second place overall. His cousin, Peyton Simmons, had the fastest car of the day, and brother Lance captured the third trophy.

The Newcastle Police Department brought a bit of authenticity to the event, as officers were on hand writing warning tickets to the kids for speeding down the track. Both LaCross brothers, as well as Simmons and Joshua Sellers, received "tickets" for speeding.

A Scout leader set the course up to run through a computer that averaged out the speed of the derby cars to give an indication of how fast they would have been going if they were full-size vehicles going down the track. The kids' cars were averaging 165 to 175 mph, so it made for exciting racing on Saturday.

The older Scouts even wanted to put on a rocket car exhibition, but during practice a couple of cars flew off the track, so the idea was nixed.

There was more than enough racing to fill the day though, as each member had to race their car in every lane on the track so the speeds could be averaged and all was equal. That meant each kid raced their car



Billy Reynolds/For NLJ

Above, Scout Darren Simmons, with his father, Patrick, talk racing with Rod Rushton at the Pinewood Derby Saturday in Newcastle. Below, the Scouts' creations are lined up and ready to roll.

Pinewood Derby Feb. 23, 2013

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| Tiger Den
First: Peyton Simmons
Second: Kaden Miller
Third: Thomas Pirell | Second: Darren Simmons
Third: Christopher Walton |
| Wolf Den
First: Joshua Sellers
Second: Joseph Dedic
Third: Harley Cookston | Webelos
First: Lance LaCross
Second: Noah Dedic
Third: Elijah Cookston |
| Bear Den
First: Justin LaCross | Overall Winners
First: Peyton Simmons
Second: Justin LaCross
Third: Lance LaCross |



at least seven times.

When it was all said and done, the racers lined up with their different packs and took pictures to celebrate the event, and when that was completed the kids who didn't get enough racing during the formal event sent their cars down the track for fun.

The racing season didn't end for all of the Scouts on Saturday though. Four cars from last week's races will be traveling to the Council Race in Spearfish, S.D., which attracts entries from throughout the Black Hills area.

"The turnout was great. More kids showed up than expected, and we expect it to get bigger by next fall," pack leader Jeremy Dedic said, indicating that Pack No. 66 plans to start raising money for their own track in an effort to get more of the community involved. That said, they were appreciative of the space provided for them last week.

"I would like to personally thank the LDS church for donating the time and a facility for the boys to showcase their imagination with the Pinewood Derby," Dedic said.

The Scouts are also looking into getting some businesses involved with future derbies by asking them to sponsor

cars. They have a traveling trophy that the business could then keep until the races the following year.

"We look forward to working with the community on different ventures in Cub Scouting," Dedic said, noting that the group will be holding a bake sale this Saturday at Shopko to raise money for scouting activities.



Mrs. Holmes escorted Coby Siebenaller, Jayme Cass, Avery Chick, Kacy Jones, Paige Deyo, and Quartney Bickford to the Good Deed Lunch at Subway.

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Singing the praises of their All-State days

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

The National Association for Music Educators held rigorous auditions last fall for the Wyoming All-State Choir and Wyoming All-State Band members. Four Newcastle High School seniors, Mashayla Harder, Conrad Farnsworth, Tyler Wilkes and Taylor Tavegia, and one freshman, Clarissa Deming, qualified for the choir. NHS senior Gideon Baldwin was the only band member from NHS to attend the event, which was held in Gillette Jan. 14-16.

"Our state association is Wyoming Music Educators involving band, orchestra and choir to promote music in our schools," explained NHS choir director Jan Ellis.

Attending not only gave the students the opportunity to interact with other talented students from around the state, but also to learn in a short period of time more than they can in a regular classroom setting. The choir was directed by Geoffrey Boers, director of Choral Activities at the University of Washington.

"He has a very intriguing way of directing and pulling the music right out of those kids. He taught them a lot about themselves and life without them even realizing it. I told the kids at the end of Tuesday, 'You've had two days of magic, miracles and memories,'" stated Ellis.

Boers told the students they can make a difference by bringing the knowledge they gained from him back to their choirs at home, a benefit Ellis is already seeing at NHS.

Deming described the experience as intense and a lot of fun. The day of the audition she had a terrible cold and could



Denice Piscioti/NLJ

NHS students Clarissa Deming, Mashayla Harder, Taylor Tavegia, Gideon Baldwin, Conrad Farnsworth and Tyler Wilkes attended Wyoming All-State in Gillette, Jan. 14-16.

barely sing, but her mother encouraged her to go anyway. Needless to say she was surprised when she was accepted into the elite choir.

"It was great! I was shocked because I was not expecting to get in, one, as a freshman, and two, because I was sick," she said.

The audition process was a very nerve-wracking experience, explained Harder. This was her first year being accepted. She was happy to be able to experience it in her last year of high school. The long days of standing were difficult, but worth the knowledge they gained, she reported.

Singing with a group of students dedicated and passionate about music was a highlight for all of the NHS attendees. Each singer wore their own choir robes from their school enabling the audience to tell them apart.

Both Harder and Deming were first-time attendees of the All-State event, but for

Farnsworth, Tavegia and Wilkes it was their second time, although it is Wilkes' first year at NHS. He attended the All-State event as a freshman at Sheridan High School.

"You could tell we were all from different schools, but the sound that we produced was the same — I loved that. These are the same people I could see on the volleyball court, but [at All-State] we are not competing against each other," admitted Harder.

"It was a really neat experience because instead of having us in our sections, you know Alto I, they did octettes instead, which is where around you, I had a tenor II and a bass II and around me I had a soprano I. You had to be very independent in singing because you have no one singing with you," Deming explained. "It made us better musicians."

The change in positioning made the singers listen for their part, Harding said, allowing them to hear themselves in their

own section. The students practiced at Campbell County High School, then performed at the CAM-PLEX Heritage Center.

"I saw more personal growth in the three days of the All-State Choir than my entire singing career," reported Harder.

"It was pretty cool, I think. We got to sing with the best and brightest. You get a lot done when you are around people who know music," Farnsworth remarked. "It was fun! It is great to be around people you know you can talk English to."

As a third-time All-State band member, Baldwin appreciated having a full and complete band to play with. He enjoyed learning from the All-State Band Director Dr. Scott Lubaroff from the University of Central Missouri.

NHS band director Mallory Dekker didn't have the same opportunity to sit in on the sessions and watch, as Ellis did, because she was taking advantage of the conferences for instructors.

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of the high school program makes the moment even more memorable.

It also means that you aren't the only one who feels the pain after the loss.

"We really thought we could do it this year," Dogie Coach Sean Crabtree said after being able to reflect on the match for a couple of days.

Although he shares his son's disappointment, the pride he feels in the way his son competed, and the way he handled the loss, is even more apparent.

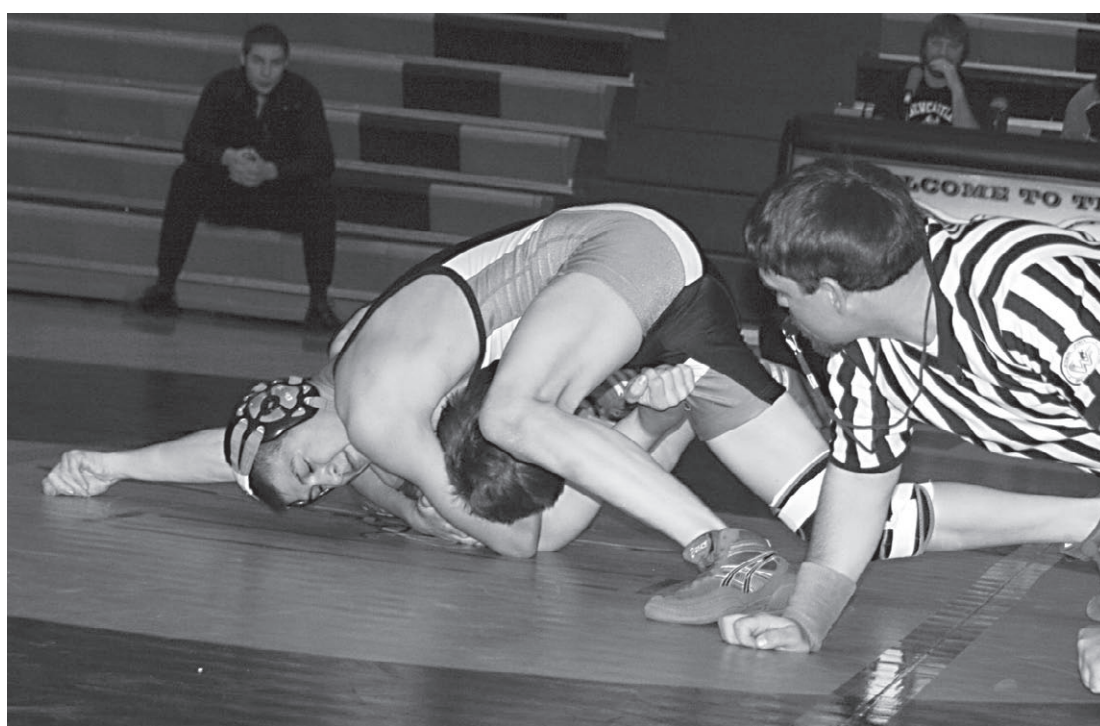
"As a coach, I'd say he might be the toughest kid we've got at NHS, and as a parent, I couldn't be more proud of him. He's dedicated to everything he does, and he's already told me that next year nobody is going to beat him whatsoever," the coach beamed.

He has no doubt that his son is capable of reaching that goal, especially after watching him turn a loss to Dalton Burgener of Douglas in the regular season finale in Newcastle into a Regional Tournament title that was earned with a victory over the same wrestler in the conference finals in Buffalo only a week later.

"Merritt did an excellent job at Conference. As coaches we weren't even sure we were going to win, but Merritt, competitor that he is, knew he was going to win that match," the elder Crabtree revealed.

The key now will be to encourage other Newcastle wrestlers, of all ages, to adopt Merritt's approach to the sport.

"We need to get Newcastle put back on the map for wrestling, that's for sure. There's a



Bob Bonnar/NLJ

Matt Schuessler won his first-round match at State, but lost on point in his quest to be a semi-finalist.

lot of little kids that look up to Merritt. There were a lot of people that came down from Newcastle, and I want to thank the town for coming down and supporting the kids at State," said Coach Crabtree, who indicated that he believes some of the other returning wrestlers have the potential to elevate their game and join Merritt in winning medals at the State Meet in 2014.

"Matt Schuessler was a win away from the semi-finals, and he did an excellent job against a kid from Worland, but got beat by points. I expect him to come back next year and be a placer, and I think the same is true of Ricky Larson. Ricky had a pretty good first day, but the second day he just

really didn't pull through. He wrestled tough though, and I'm happy with it. Phil Jagelski has got all of the moves, but he just didn't put all the things together, and I think he should come back next year and place too. Kolton Hall wrestled tough at 195, and I think he'll be in the top four next year because he's just a tough kid. By the time he becomes a senior, he should challenge for a state title," the coach said of those wrestlers he firmly believes should stand on the medal stand when the season ends next year.

The Dogies bid farewell to 152-pounder Daxton Taylor and Drew Carter at 195 pounds last weekend, as the two seniors saw their last time on a mat for the Dogies. Taylor

was able to win a match in wrestle-backs, but the veteran grappler never could get back to the form he displayed when he went undefeated at the 3A East Conference Duals as a sophomore. Shortly after that meet he was injured, and it proved to take a toll on him for the rest of his career.

"We lost a good senior in Daxton Taylor at 152. It just didn't seem like anything went his way down there," Crabtree said.

Carter and underclassmen Jacob Hobbs weren't able to post any victories in Casper, and while Carter's time in a Dogie singlet has come to an end, the coach thinks Hobbs has the potential to enjoy success in the uniform in the future.

State Wrestling Results

Individual Results

113 pounds
Ricky Larson 1-2
120 pounds
Jacob Hobbs 0-2
126 pounds
Matt Schuessler 1-2
138 pounds
Phil Jagelski 0-2
152 pounds
Daxton Taylor 1-2
170 pounds
Merritt Crabtree 3-1
195 pounds
Kolton Hall 1-2
Drew Carter 0-2

3A Team Results:

1. Powell — 241.5
2. Star Valley — 233
3. Douglas — 188
4. Worland — 170.5
5. Lander — 144
6. Torrington — 141
7. Cody — 96
8. Jackson — 83
9. Wheatland — 70
10. Lyman — 57
11. Glenrock — 50
12. Rawlins — 39
13. Mountain View — 38
14. Buffalo — 32
15. Newcastle — 29
16. Pinedale — 17

"Drew and Jacob went two and out, but I think if Hobbs has a little more time he could become a placer in the next couple of years," he revealed.

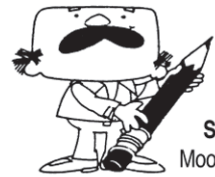
The coach believes there's no reason that the Dogies should finish in the bottom half of the field at the State Meet, and he definitely isn't comfortable with having the squad repeat this year's performance, which placed them 15th in a 16-team tournament. He thinks the potential exists for the squad to move their way up to claim a place among the top five or six teams next year, and he's got a plan to help the wrestlers get themselves there.

"We dealt with some issues from the past this year, and some of the kids need to figure out if they want to be wrestlers. This summer we're going to be going to some camps, and hopefully we can get some guys in the wrestling room. I hope to have some college kids help with that, and get our kids' heads on straight. If we can do that, next year I think we can

have a very good team. It takes time to build a tough team, and in the next few years, we could be one of the teams to beat," Coach Crabtree predicted.

It's a sentiment shared by the team's captain, a returning All-State and All-Conference wrestler, who said he isn't going to be satisfied being the only Dogie who occupies a spot on the trophy platform at next year's State Meet.

"We've got a lot of good kids coming back, and had a young team this year. We've got a few camps we want to hit this summer, and we need to get in the weight room, definitely. It helped us out so much for football, and I think every kid that wrestles needs to be in the weight room this year because I want to have a great team next year. It was pretty rough losing a bunch of duals, and not being very successful at the tournaments. I'm definitely going to be pushing the underclassmen to get in the weight room and come to camps with us," Merritt announced.



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46. Time for eggnog
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48. *Manny Pacquiao's sport
50. At a great distance
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60. *Grand Tour sport
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Foreclosure Notice

FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note ("Note") and real estate mortgage ("Mortgage"). The Mortgage dated August 6, 2008, was executed and delivered by Jason Schalesky and Stacy Schalesky ("Mortgagor(s)") to Premier Home Mortgage, Inc, a Corporation, as security for the Note of the same date, and said Mortgage was recorded on August 29, 2008, at Reception No. 706541 in Book 309 at Page 0615 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: Draper and Kramer Mortgage Corp., dba 1st Advantage Mortgage its successors and assigns
Assignment dated: August 6, 2008
Assignment recorded: August 29, 2008
Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 706542 in Book 309 at Page 622

Assignee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Countrywide Bank, FSB
Assignment dated: August 6, 2008
Assignment recorded: March 9, 2009
Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 710675 in Book 313 at Page 683

Assignee: Bank of America, N.A.
Assignment dated: September 18, 2012
Assignment recorded: October 1, 2012
Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 738645 in Book 340 at Page 0321

All in the records of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, Wyoming.
WHEREAS, the Mortgage contains a power of sale which by reason of said default, the Mortgagee declares to have become operative, and no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof, nor has any such suit or proceeding been instituted and the same discontinued; and

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$153,842.90 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$129,773.94 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$17,994.08, plus other costs in the amount of \$6,074.88, plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of sale;

WHEREAS, The property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale. Any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting a bid;
NOW, THEREFORE Bank of America, N.A., as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Weston County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on March 19, 2013 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY, Weston County, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

LOT NINE (9) BLOCK SIX (6), BLACK HILLS VIEW ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING

with an address of 203 Frontier Avenue, Newcastle, WY 82701.

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

Bank of America, N.A.
By: The Castle Law Group, LLC
330 S. Walsh Drive, Ste. 202
Casper, WY 82609-0000
(307) 333 5379

(Publish February 21, 28, March 7 and 14, 2013)

Foreclosure Notice

FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note ("Note") and real estate mortgage ("Mortgage"). The Mortgage dated July 30, 2009, was executed and delivered by Joshua M. Aiken and Patricia C. Aiken ("Mortgagor(s)") to First National Bank of Gillette, as security for the Note of the same date, and said Mortgage was recorded on August 3, 2009, at Reception No. 713563 in Book 316 at Page 781 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.
Assignment dated: July 30, 2009
Assignment recorded: August 4, 2009
Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 713631 in Book 316 at Page 942

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

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

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$182,670.64 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$178,002.55 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$4,282.55, plus other costs in the amount of \$385.54, plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of sale;

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

NOW, THEREFORE JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Weston County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on March 5, 2013 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY, Weston County, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

LOTS 2, 3, AND 4, BLOCK 4, ROBY ADDITION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, TOGETHER WITH ANY AND ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING.

ERRONEOUSLY SHOWN ON MORTGAGE AS:

LOTS 2, 3, AND 4, BLOCK 4, ROBY ADDITION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, TOGETHER WITH ANY AND ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING.

with an address of 1124 McArthur Street, Newcastle, WY 82701.

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

JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.
By: The Castle Law Group, LLC
330 S. Walsh Drive, Ste. 202
Casper, WY 82609-0000
(307) 333 5379

(Publish February 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2013)

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12. Pastrami holder
15. Decline
20. Pirate's necklace
22. ___ Wednesday
24. Marie Antoinette's garments
25. Muslim ruler honorific
26. Insect, post-metamorphosis
27. Laundry booster
29. Jimi Hendrix' "___ Lady"
31. Formally surrender
32. Wedding cake layers
33. Icy hut
34. *Bobby Fischer's game
36. Civil War headgear
38. *Subject of "A Good Walk Spoiled"
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City Council Minutes

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MINUTES Tuesday, February 19, 2013

Mayor James called the regular meeting of Tuesday February 19, 2013 to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were: Mayor James, Archie Callander, Jim Bunch, Roger Hesse, and Iva Carter. Absent: Linda Hunt, Todd Quigley. Also present Department Heads: Chief Jim Owens, and Clerk/Treasurer Charita Brunner. Absent: Engineer Bob Hartley and Attorney Jim Peck.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jim Bunch asked to comment on the landfill meeting under Mayor/Council reports. Jim Bunch moved and Iva Carter seconded to approve the agenda for February 19, 2013 as amended. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Roger Hesse moved and Archie Callander seconded to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 4, 2013 and the Executive Session of February 4, 2013. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOMINATIONS FOR RECOGNITION: 1. Archie Callander nominated Rachel Ehlers, member of Impact Group, named Prudential Spirit of Volunteer. Iva Carter nominated Bird Cage Theatrics for their production with Dorothy Walker Brown, Shane Sellers, cast & crew.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION: None. City Clerk/Treasurer Brunner led newly hired Police Officer Jacob Johnson in the Oath of Office.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS – IN WRITING: 1. None.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS – VERBAL: 1. None.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS: 1. Mayor James read RESOLUTION #3, SERIES 2013 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAINTENANCE OF HIGHWAY 16 THROUGH NEWCASTLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH W.S. 24-2-111. SPECIFICALLY MAIN STREET FROM HIGHWAY 16 BYPASS WEST TO SOUTH SUMMIT THEN SOUTH SUMMIT TO HIGHWAY 16 BYPASS EAST. Roger Hesse moved and Archie Callander seconded to approve RESOLUTION #3, SERIES 2013 as read. **MOTION CARRIED.** 2. Mayor James read RESOLUTION #4, SERIES 2013 A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE ALLIANCE FOR NORTHWEST JOBS AND EXPORTS AND FOR COAL EXPORTS TO ASIA. Jim Bunch moved and Roger Hesse seconded to approve RESOLUTION #4, SERIES 2013 as read. **MOTION CARRIED.** 3. Jim Bunch reported on the meeting with the WY EPA regarding the City's landfill and the future plans. He thought there would need to be future meetings between the surrounding towns to make plans for the future of the City's landfill. Mayor James stated that the City was not in a position to just "sit and wait". 4. Mayor James updated Council on the "challenge coins". The City is waiting to receive the list from the State of fire departments who fought the Oil Creek Fire. 5. He gave a short report on the meeting of the Committee of the Whole regarding the water deposits. The problem is primarily that the deposits currently are insufficient to cover situations of delinquency and delinquent

accounts. The recommendations from that meeting were: 1) if someone becomes delinquent and does not have a deposit on hand that they would be required to make a deposit; 2) if they become delinquent and if there is a deposit on hand they would be required to bring the deposit up to the new amount (yet to be determined); 3) if they become delinquent there would be no refund of their water deposit until their water service with the City is ended. Those who are in good standing would not be affected at all by these new requirements.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:
City Clerk/Treasurer Brunner – 1. quickly reviewed the January 2013 CREG Report regarding the State's estimated revenue from 2013 through 2018; 2. she requested permission to set up with First State Bank the ability for her deputy to do a daily "on-line" review of the City's checking account. The request was so that the clerk/treasurer's office could monitor any credit card payments that are paid directly to the City's account. There would be no actual "transactions" done online. 3. she updated Council that the previously distributed Travel Commission Board list needed a correction on the expiration of Bruce Perkins term; 4. she mentioned that the Wyoming Association of Municipalities has a board opening for a 2-year City board member if any member of the Council was interested in running; 5. she read a RESOLUTION from the Board of Directors of First State Bank requesting that First State Bank be made an official depository for public funds for the City of Newcastle. Jim Bunch moved and Archie Callander seconded to pass the resolution as read by Clerk/Treasurer Brunner requesting that First State Bank be designated as an official depository. **MOTION CARRIED.** 6. she read various nomination possibilities for awards for the WAM Convention in June. 7. she gave a preliminary update on the WEBT health insurance premium renewal for FY 2013-14.

City Attorney Jim Peck – 1. was absent and had no report; Assistant City Attorney Don Hansen related that there needed to be a public hearing date set regarding mobile homes. The public hearing was scheduled for March 18, 2013 at 7:30 pm during the regular council meeting.

City Engineer Hartley – 1. was absent and had no report.

Police Chief Jim Owens – 1. related the Activity Report for the first one half of February 2013.

Mayor James stopped the meeting at 7:30 pm to hold a public hearing on renewal of the City's Liquor Licenses: Mayor James read the renewal notice for: **Liquor License #1, PERKINS TAVERN, LLC d/b/a Perkins Tavern; Liquor License #2, JAMES C. McFARLANE d/b/a Iron Horse Saloon; Liquor License #3, BARBARA A. & WILLIAM H. BROWN, d/b/a The Little Ceramic and Smoke Shop; Liquor License #4, CAP & BOTTLE, LLC d/b/a Cap & Bottle; Liquor License #5, CW MORRIS, INC d/b/a Antler's Lounge, Liquor License #6, MINI MART, INC., d/b/a Loaf 'N Jog #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; Restaurant License #2, KENNETH R. &**

DEBRA McKEE, d/b/a Isabella's; Club License #1, NEWCASTLE COUNTRY CLUB, d/b/a Newcastle Country Club. Mayor James asked for public comment for or against the renewal of any of these licenses. He asked a second time for comment. Hearing none he asked for a motion to approve the licenses as read. Jim Bunch moved and Archie Callander seconded to approve the licenses as read. Mayor James asked Chief Owens if he knew of any reason why any of the licenses should not be renewed. The chief stated that he had none. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mayor James closed the public hearing at 7:35 pm.

Police Chief Jim Owens (continued)
2. he requested (as discussed at a previous Council meeting) a 50 cent/hour raise for Officer Jason Ramsey and for CSO Douglas for becoming certified as euthanasia technicians effective February 24, 2013. Jim Bunch moved and Roger Hesse seconded to approve the raises as requested. **MOTION CARRIED.** 3. Chief Owens informed Council that the Newcastle Police Department will be participating in the National Drug Take-Back on April 27, 2013; 4. CSO Douglas began signing out cat traps today.

There were no **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS, no WRITTEN BUSINESS, NEW BUSINESS, or OLD BUSINESS:**
Mayor James requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel; Roger Hesse moved and Archie Callander seconded to go into executive session at 7:40 pm. **MOTION CARRIED.** Roger Hesse moved and Archie Callander seconded to return to regular session at 7:57 pm. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Roger Hesse moved and Archie Callander seconded to pay the claims against the City dated February 19, 2013. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Archie Callander moved and Jim Bunch seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Claims: Advanced Communications, Nite eze case, \$20.00; Advanced Drug Test, 2 DOT test, \$52.00; Aire Master of WY, office deodorizer, \$10.00; Alpha Communications, Feb tower rent, \$95.00; AT&T Mobility, cell phones, \$571.70; Bearlodge LTD, Frontier designs, \$15,887.50; BH Power, electricity, \$1564.51; Cambria Supply, supplies, \$1299.56; Centurylink, E911 lines maintenance, \$951.83; Chief Law Enforcement, sunken letters, \$590.09; City of Newcastle, app dep/roll off, \$100.00; Coleman Field Services, block heater cords, etc., \$672.50; Collins Communication, GLMR customer care, \$1800.00; Crowell & Sylte, audit and non-audit services FY 2012 balance, \$6830.00; Culligan, water, \$30.00; Dana Kepner, meter parts, \$318.00; Deckers, grocery, \$11.98; Desert Mtn, ice slicer, \$4514.91; Edge Construction, wrench assembly, \$5190.11; Energy Labs, water samples, \$60.00; Frontier Ranch and Home, supplies, \$347.11; Gateway Auto, supplies, \$279.59; Gempler's overboot, \$94.95; Hillyard, toilet tissue, \$74.15; Jenner Equipment, cutting edge, \$186.09; Jim Bunch, mileage, \$248.60; Knecht, cove ¾ pine, \$34.92; MES Rocky Mtn, rescue gloves, \$50.39; MG Oil, THF oil, \$2156.90; Mining Electrical, electrician labor, \$1000.00; Minuteman Lube, fire dept vehicles services, \$444.16; National Animal Control, membership dues, \$125.00; Neve's Uniforms, pants/Owens/

collar brass, \$147.99; Newcastle Hardware, supplies, \$1395.72; Newcastle Police Dept, supplies, car tokens, \$80.56; Newcastle Vol. Fire Dept, lights for mtg room, fire hall cleaning, \$1995.48; News Letter Journal, cartridge, \$45.20; NORCO, cylinder rental, \$11.78; Normount, sewer camera, cables, \$2862.51; Office Shop Leasing, lease on copier, \$106.81; Oil City Supply, valve/coupling, \$66.37; One Call of WY, January tickets, \$8.25; Powder River Energy, electricity, \$691.59; Rapid Delivery, charges, \$40.80; RT Communications, trunk line, \$311.55; RT Communications, E911 line, reg lines, \$1517.67; Sheehan Mack, valves, quick level, \$1929.71; Shopko, supplies, \$226.07; Tac One, active shooter response/Ramsey, \$250.00; Terri Meyer, City hall cleaning, \$360.50; Utility Locates, annual membership, \$150.00; Vanway Trophy, plaque, \$78.00; WCS Telecom, l/d tele, \$153.54; WEBT, employee life ins, \$99.75; Wesco Gas, propane, \$1232.28; Weston Co. Road & Bridge, January fuel, \$10,608.07; Weston Co. Clerk, youth services program share, \$981.33; Weston Co. Humane Society, food fee, \$27.00; Weston Co. True Value, supplies/fire hall, \$764.52; WY Auto, supplies, \$82.98; WY State Fireman's Assn, annual dues, \$50.00;

Greg James, Mayor
ATTEST:
Clerk/Treasurer Charita Brunner

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February 18

Unattended children reported. Residential alarm reported. VIN inspection. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. 911 hang up. Dog bite reported. Missing property reported. Citation issued. 911 hang up. Assist other agency. Report of an injured deer. Report of shots fired.

February 19

Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Two VIN inspections. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Commercial alarm reported. Vehicle vs deer accident reported. Request for cat trap.

February 20

Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Drunk driver reported. Lost property reported. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order and Citation issued. VIN inspection. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic hazard reported. Assist other agency. VIN inspection. Assist other agency. Report of child abuse. Parking complaint. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

February 21

Vehicle fire reported. Lost property reported. Parking complaint. Three VIN inspections. Extra patrol requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Report of a dog at large. Injured cat impounded. Four red tags issued. Commercial alarm reported. Theft reported. Mountain lion sighted. Suspicious activity reported. Cat impounded. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued.

February 22

Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Vehicle unlock requested. 911 hang up. Seven VIN inspections. Injured deer reported. Barking dog complaint. Dog at large, Written Warning issued. Abandoned cat, impounded. Trespassing reported. Report of a dog at large. Lost property reported. Assist other agency. Civil standby requested. Hit and run accident reported. Welfare check requested. Welfare check requested. Traffic stop, Verbal Warning issued.

February 23

Parking complaint. Suspicious activity reported. Vehicle unlock requested. Motorist assist. Illegal dumping reported. Barking dog reported. Civil standby requested. Dog at large, Impounded. Injured deer reported. Assault reported. 911 hang up. Warrant arrest. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Drunk driver reported, one arrest. Suspicious activity reported. Residential burglary reported.



County Commission Minutes

FEBRUARY 19, 2013

The regular meeting of the Weston County Commissioners convened at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Seeley presiding. Present for the meeting were Commissioners: Lenard D. Seeley, Jerry Shepperson, Randy Rossman, Marty Ertman and County Clerk, Mamie C. Krank. Commissioner Tracy Hunt joined the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mountain Pine Beetle

Hale Redding, Weed & Pest Board Member, met with the Commissioners to discuss Mountain Pine Beetle mitigation in Weston County. Mr. Redding stated that there were approximately 12,000 trees designated to be cut down in Weston County; of those, approximately 8,000 have already been mitigated. Mr. Redding inquired about the use of the Mallo Camp Motel for workers this September. The Commissioners stated that Mr. Redding would need to contact the Mallo Camp Board directly. Commissioner Shepperson asked if commercial logging is being utilized for thinning efforts. Mr. Redding stated that there is a plan to use commercial logging however the industry is currently at full capacity. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Redding for the update. No action was taken.

Commissioners Shepperson and Rossman left the meeting at 9:17 a.m. and returned at 9:22 a.m.

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Rossman, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 5, 2013, as advertised. Carried.

Weston County Board Members

The Commissioners discussed recognizing voluntary Board Members currently serving on Weston County Boards. Commissioner Hunt suggested hosting a casual barbecue to recognize the service of these individuals as an appreciation day. The Commissioners discussed scheduling a Board Member Training through the Local Government Liability Pool (LGLP). No action was taken, this issue will be re-visited.

Declaration of Official Depositories

A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to designate Pinnacle Bank and First State Bank of Newcastle as Weston County's Official Depositories for the calendar year 2013. Carried. Weston County currently has not received an application from FirstTier Bank of Upton.

Denied Voucher

Casey Thorson, of KC's Lawn Service, met with the Commissioners to discuss a voucher for snow removal which was denied on February 5, 2013. Mr. Thorson explained the charges for snow removal. A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to approve the voucher to Casey Thorson in the amount of \$550.00 for snow removal. Carried.

Prairie Dogs

The Commissioners discussed a letter received from Robert Harshbarger, resident expert on prairie dogs, concerning prairie dog management in Weston County and the USFS Amendment #3. A motion was made by Commissioner Rossman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to support and forward Mr. Harshbarger's correspondence to the USFS. Discussion ensued, carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to draft a cover letter to Daniel Jiron, USFS Regional Forester. The letter would endorse the analysis provided by Mr. Harshbarger regarding the prairie dog management plan and a copy of Mr. Harshbarger's letter would be attached. Carried. The letter was drafted by Commissioner Hunt and mailed with attachments. A copy was mailed to Mr. Harshbarger.

The meeting recessed at 10:29 a.m. and reconvened at 10:36 a.m. with all present.

Commissioner's Room Remodel

The Commissioners discussed an estimate received from Howard White Construction for the

remodel of the Weston County Commissioners remodel of the Weston County Commissioners Room. The estimate had two options concerning the glass block windows in the room. After review, the Commissioners request Mamie Krank, County Clerk, contact Mr. White for clarification on the estimate. No action was taken, this issue will be re-visited.

Commissioners Shepperson and Rossman left the meeting at 11:12 a.m. and returned at 11:17 a.m.

Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Colvard met with the Commissioners and discussed electrical plan revisions to the Emergency Operations Center. Additional updates and a possible meeting with the Architect are scheduled for April. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 1:16 p.m. with all present.

Upton Logistics Center

Tom Barritt, Upton Logistics Center; Tom Litman and Robert Stamp, Belle Fourche Pipeline; met with the Commissioners to discuss the possibility of a crude oil pipeline easement with the County in the Buffalo Creek Road Right-of-Way. Mr. Litman explained that a prior proposal to use an existing gas pipeline easement was not accepted by Rare Element Resources due to complications with Rare Element Resources' permitting process. Mr. Litman discussed placing the crude oil pipeline next to the County Right-of-Way fence line.

The hour being 1:50 p.m. Fran Lehman, GIS Coordinator, joined the meeting.

Mrs. Lehman stated that the Buffalo Creek Road was established by Resolution in 1967 although there are no recorded easements. The Commissioners agreed that once easements are gained from the landowner(s), the crude oil pipe-

line easement could be discussed further.

The meeting recessed at 2:15 p.m. and reconvened at 2:36 p.m. with all present.

Don Hansen, County Attorney, joined the meeting at the Commissioners' request. Mr. Hansen stated the County needed easements from the landowner(s) for the Buffalo Creek Road in any event. Mr. Hansen also suggested that the easement granted to the County by a landowner should include verbiage regarding the crude oil pipeline. Commissioner Hunt inquired about fees for the County easement to the Belle Fourche Pipeline. Mr. Litman stated that fees would be \$45.00 per rod or sixteen and one-half feet. For an easement 1.5 miles long, fees could total roughly \$20,000.00. No action was taken, this issue will be re-visited.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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

(Publish February 28, 2013)

Utility Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of the Wyoming Environmental Quality Act and Chapter 1, Section 2(g) of the Solid Waste Rules and Regulations, Black Hills Power, Inc. has submitted a closure permit application for the solid waste management facility called the Osage #2 Industrial Landfill.

The facility will cease disposal activities of industrial waste generated from the adjacent coal fired power generation facility such as paper, cans, boxes, sweepings, paint cans, wood, iron, concrete, bearings, and gaskets. Additionally, triple rinsed chemical drums were crushed and disposed twice yearly. A segregated, fenced, and signed portion of the landfill was utilized for the permitted disposal of friable asbestos wastes generated from the adjacent coal fired power generation facility. The 4.62 acre facility is located approximately 0.5 miles northeast of Highway 16 of Osage, Wyoming. More specifically, this facility is located in the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 10, Township 46 North, Range 63 West, in Weston County, Wyoming.

The Department of Environmental Quality, Solid and Hazardous Waste Division (DEQ) has reviewed the permit application and determined that it is complete. The DEQ's solid waste rules, in Chapter 1, Section 2 (b)(i) require that the applicant must provide public notice that the application has been determined to be complete and inform the public that there is an opportunity to file comments on the application. This publication provides notice of the opportunity. Additional information on the permit application and the DEQ's completeness review may be obtained at the address below.

The Department is now conducting a detailed review of the closure permit application to determine if it is technically adequate. If, after the Department's technical review, the agency finds that Black Hills Power has complied with all applicable standards for a facility of this type, the Department will issue a proposed closure permit and public notice of the proposed closure permit will be provided.

Any interested person has the right to file comments on the permit application and the DEQ's completeness review. The period for providing comments shall begin on February 21, 2013 and end on April 1, 2013. Comments must be received by 5:00 PM on the last day of the notice period. Comments on this application must be submitted in writing to the Department of Environmental Quality, Carl Anderson, Administrator, Solid and Hazardous Waste Division, 122 West 25th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. The Department may, at its discretion, conduct a public hearing on this permit application.

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(Publish February 21 and 28, 2013)

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on February 8, 2013, an action pursuant to W.S. 1-38-103 et seq. was instituted in the Sixth Judicial District Court, Weston County, Wyoming, under Docket CV-1403, in the Matter of the Wrongful Death of AGNES C. STITH, Deceased, seeking the appointment of a Wrongful Death Representative for Agnes C. Stith, Deceased; and that any person claiming to qualify under W.S. 1-38-104(a) may intervene as a matter of right.

KELLY STITH, Plaintiff, by:
Donald J. Sullivan, Esq.
Sullivan Law Offices, P.C.
2103 Evans Ave.
Cheyenne WY 82003
(307) 634-0112
Attorney for Plaintiff

(Publish February 21, 28 and March 7, 2013)

Zoning Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Newcastle will hold a public hearing at 7:30p.m. on March 18, 2013 in the City Council Chambers located on the second floor of the City Administration Building at 10 West Warwick, Newcastle, Wyoming, to hear public comment regarding amending the Newcastle Zoning Code to change the minimum standards for mobile homes to be set-up or installed in the City. Generally, mobile homes may only be set-up or installed on individual lots or in mobile home parks zoned for mobile homes (Mobile Home District). Modular homes and manufactured homes meeting specific guidelines may be installed as residences in other zoned districts within the City. Information regarding the matter to be considered may be obtained from the Newcastle City Administration Office at 10 West Warwick, Newcastle, Wyoming, (307) 746-3535, during normal business hours.

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Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Patriotic Quilt Raffle to benefit the Fire District. A special thanks to the Weston County Library and staff, Rebecca Overman, Susan Overman, Becky Hadlock, Denise Thompson, Karen Bowman, Fran Lehman and to everyone who posted flyers and let us hand flyers in your business. Thank you very much for your help!

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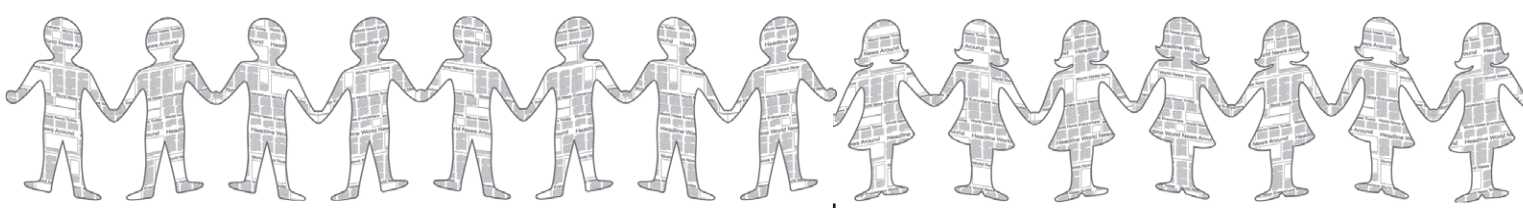
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Swimmers

a sterling example for the youngsters. As the team's only state qualifier in an individual event, he gave others something to shoot for, and although he came up short of his own goals in finishing 15th in the 50 Freestyle, he put in the time and effort to turn himself into a state qualifier, and created a road map for his teammates to use in the future.

"Conrad needed to drop another four-tenths of a second, and that would have gotten him into the top 12. He swam well, and had a good time drop, but it just wasn't enough to get him into the Consolation Finals. The goal time we had set for him would actually have been enough to get him in the top six," Scribner reported.

Farnsworth was also part of a pair of relays that performed pretty well, and the coach was particularly excited over the team's performance in the 400 Freestyle.

"In the 400 Free Relay we swam our finals time 10 seconds faster than our prelim time, and everybody posted their best 100 meter time in that race," Scribner indicated.

Randy Dickenson, Gage Deal and Jesse Kopp joined Farnsworth in placing 10th in the finals for that race, and he teamed with Deal, Kolton Epperson and Matt Tidd for an 11th-place finish in the 200 Freestyle.

"In the 200 Free we dropped another two seconds in finals, after posting our best time of the season in prelims. I rearranged things in finals, and that allowed us to cut a couple of more seconds," Scribner said.

The Dogies also competed in the 200 Medley Relay, but they were disqualified in the preliminaries because of an error that can be directly attributed to the team's youth and inexperience.


"We had Randy on backstroke, and he turned over on his stomach on the finish. It's kind of a rookie mistake, and one of those things we can iron out for next year, but we had a really good time in that

Swim Stats

3A State Swim Meet

Team Scores
 1 Lander 317
 2 Buffalo 207
 3 Worland 169
 4 Powell 144
 5 Kemmerer 126
 6 Lyman 121
 7 Rawlins 94
 8 Sublette 82
 9 Douglas 58
 10 Cody 53
 11 Newcastle 8

Individual Results
 50 Free
 15th Conrad Farnsworth 25.87
 200 Freestyle Relay
 11th Conrad Farnsworth, Gage Deal, Matt Tidd, Kolton Epperson 1:54.95
 400 Freestyle Relay
 10th Randy Dickenson, Conrad Farnsworth, Gage Deal, Jesse Kopp 4:42.78



race. Everybody had their best times on their individual strokes, and if it would have counted, we would have beat Rawlins on that," Scribner said, noting that Tidd swam the breaststroke leg, Kopp took the butterfly portion of the race, and Epperson brought it home with the freestyle.

The Dogies originally anticipated only being able to compete in two relays because they've had trouble being able to get all six team members eligible to compete in meets throughout the year, but things came together for State.

"We ended up having all six kids eligible to swim, so we were able to do all three relays," Scribner stated.

Unfortunately, having the full roster on hand didn't result in a bevy of points being put on the board, but the improvement in times posted by the team members over the course of the season was encouraging. Farnsworth dropped four seconds in 50 Freestyle from the first meet of the year to the last, while Tidd dropped eight seconds in the 50 Free and 10 in the Breaststroke and Epperson dropped eight seconds in the 100 Free.

"I wish we would have done better at State, but all of them had humongous improvements in time from the beginning of the season, and that's encouraging," Scribner reasoned.

Men

the arch, which is just great and it's tough to stop," he smiled.

The coach commended Dave Christiansen and Dakota McCormack for both stepping up and making three shoots for three points each. He was pleased to see their accomplishments, especially when the season is coming down the stretch.

Von Eye continued to say the team feels good about where they are as they head into Regionals. Even in the locker room after they played Torrington the team acknowledged that there is no one in the conference that they have already competed against that they cannot beat. It is about controlling the chips, Von Eye stated, acknowledging that the team knows they need to fine-tune some of their skills, and with confidence they will be able to get the ball to fall where they want it to.

They are pleased with the first team

they will face at Regionals, the Buffalo Bison (17-5, 11-3), at 1 p.m. on Thursday afternoon. Two weeks ago they competed against the Bison on their home turf in what the coach called a tight, tough basketball game. He knows the Dogies need to be ready to play when they go up against the Bison again.

"We are hoping to continue some of the success from the second half of the game against Torrington when we are up in Worland," confirmed Von Eye.

He acknowledged the Dogies Achilles' heel has been not playing their best in all four quarters of the game, but from the coaching staff to the players there is not a doubt in anyone's minds they are capable of doing so.

"For the first time in many years, there is really no clear-cut favorites. Rawlins is the number one seed going in and has

Mens Stats

Dogies 45 Torrington 49

46 Field Goal Percentage	36	Dave Christiansen 9
54 3 pt. Percentage	31	Ty Borgiagli 6
50 Free-Throw Percentage	72	Rebounds
7 Bench Points	12	Ty Borgiagli 8
18 Points in Paint	22	Jeremy Faist 8
12 Points off Turnovers	27	Wade Gordon 5
9 2nd Chance Points	14	Dave Christiansen 2
28 Rebounds	24	Wade Gordon 1
15 Turnovers	6	Taylor Tavegia 1

Individual Stats
 Points
 Dakota McCormack 13
 Wade Gordon 10
 Assists
 Dave Christiansen 3
 Ty Borgiagli 2
 Dakota McCormack 2

played great basketball, and deserves great respect for that. But there is nobody anyone in the conference cannot beat on any given night. It is going to make for an interesting Regional Tournament," he said. "We are ready to go up and start our second season off against Buffalo."

Ladies

the bench. The coach complimented the skills of Abby Gray and Patricia Miller, who played a big role in the game on Saturday.

In preparing for the upcoming tournament, the coach knows his team well at this point in the season and which players compliment each other well. He said execution and energy will determine the outcome of the games at Regionals. Keeping composure and discipline during the pressure of the tournament will influence what teams continue on to the state competition the following week.

"Paige [Smith] and Hannah [Cass] offensively really determine a lot of what we do—their teammates feed off of them. They are excellent drivers, good shooters, and both really good passers. In Regionals I can just tell you however those two play and however those two guys approach the games is going to be the way our team goes. Similarly, Anna Henkle and Maddee Foster provide the spark on the defensive end, and Shenea [LaCroix] is a spark and a leader," Bartlett said.

He feels the 3A East Regional competition in Worland is as wide open as it



Sierra LaCroix/For NLJ

Anna Henkle takes it to the hole on a fast break in Torrington.

has ever been, except for the undefeated Douglas Bearcats, who've won 23 games this season.

Eliminating distractions and focusing on the team's needs will be the focus this week during three short days of practice. The previous two

games against Buffalo have been a battle, with each team winning one game this season. The Dogies' game plan is to do a better job of closing out and contesting shots than they did in the last game against the Bison. Traditionally the Dogies have had success by throwing

Ladies Stats

Dogies 50 Torrington 56

Field Goal Percentage	39
3 pt. Percentage	40
Free-Throw Percentage	73
Turnovers	25
Rebounds	24
Assists	11

Individual Stats
 Points
 Shenea LaCroix 13
 Paige Smith 12
 Hannah Cass 9
 Rebounds
 Hannah Cass 10
 Patricia Miller 5
 Assists
 Hannah Cass 4
 Abby Gray 2
 Paige Smith 2
 Patricia Miller 2
 Steals
 Hannah Cass 5
 Paige Smith 3
 Shenea LaCroix 3
 Abby Gray 3

different defensive strategies at the Bison, giving them different looks. The coaches also feel the man-to-man match-up will give them an advantage to exploit the mismatches over the Bison or any team in the conference.

"In my mind and in my heart I know we are one of the top four teams in our region. Bottom line is, we have to play like it. And I think if the girls play up to their potential, they play their best, our best is good enough," the coach concluded.



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