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## Rodeo board's validity in question

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

An annual meeting for the Weston County Junior Rodeo was held last month as recommended by the Weston County Fair Board, after hearing concerns regarding the event and its organization. At the meeting

a board, superintendents for the rodeo and bylaws, along with Articles of Incorporation, were voted upon by parents of WCJR contestants.

There continued to be disagreements, however, which were brought to the WCFB at its March 11 meeting. Interested

parties were either in agreement with the decision to have the newly elected board oversee the superintendents of the Junior Rodeo, which is held at the end of the Weston County Fair every year, or they did not agree with the newly created regulations, leaving WCFB members faced

with deciding whether they should continue with the board Weston County residents voted in last month, or proceed with superintendents under the direction of the Fair Board, as it has been since the Junior Rodeo's conception.

After Fair Board members

— with the exclusion of Marilyn Schmoker, who was not present — listened for nearly two hours to input on the matter, WCFB member Zane Marty made a motion, seconded by treasurer Janet Perino, to keep the Junior Rodeo under control of the Fair Board, with that entity

approving superintendents to run the event, and an annual open public meeting to discuss it. Traditionally the Fair Board approved superintendents voted in by contestants of the rodeo, and those two superintendents,

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## First addition to 2014

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

On Jan. 31, at 3:11 p.m., Dr. Jeffery Anderson delivered Isaac Michael Whipple at Campbell County Memorial Hospital, the first baby boy born to Newcastle residents in 2014. His proud parents, Sara and Ryan Whipple, told the News Letter Journal he weighed six pounds and seven ounces, and was 18 3/4 inches long.

"[At] 3:30 in the morning I was sleeping in the living room in the chair and I felt a little crampy. But I thought, 'oh it's nothing.' And I woke up at 7 and thought, 'it's a little worse but it's nothing' so I went to work. And five minutes later I called Ryan, 'come get me we are going to the hospital!'" recalled the new mother.

Her mother, Lisa Engebretson, hurried to Gillette from Glendive, Mont., missing the delivery by only 30 minutes. Since the Whipples do not have family in Newcastle, they have had visitors from many different places, including Idaho, Montana and North Dakota.

As the first baby of the year he received several gifts handmade by the Fancy Workers club through the Best Beginnings program in Newcastle, which is under the direction of Public Health Nurse Michelle Sweet. Both first-time parents are appreciative of the information



they have received from her, admitting it has helped a lot.

"He is a pretty easy baby, he sleeps well and likes to dance," informed Sara, who is the music instructor at Newcastle Elementary School.

When asked what music the baby likes, his father, who is the band teacher for all three Newcastle schools, said Isaac likes any music his parents will dance with him to.

The infant has already visited students at all three schools, showing off his bright red hair and blue eyes. The students and teachers have enjoyed meeting the bundle of joy. Sara reported she has had no problem finding volunteers to hold him at NES while she has attempted to put in some work in the past couple of weeks.

The Wyoming weather has permitted a few outings for the young family. Last week they ventured to Dairy Barn which helped Ryan get steps in on his pedometer for the New Year, New You challenge.

The new parents said they knew their first-born child was going to be a boy.

"We didn't pick out his name for sure until he came though. We knew his middle name was going to be Michael like his dad's middle name," smiled Isaac's mom.

## FOCUS rejects NWMH offer

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

The five members of the board of the Foundation of Caring, Understanding and Service, which provides advocacy services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking in Weston County, voted unanimously last Wednesday in affirmation of their confidence in the leadership of Executive Director Donna Howard and to reject an offer of human resource assistance and financial oversight from Northern Wyoming Mental Health.

The meeting's atmosphere was palpably tense, with Chris Winter, who directs NWMH's Weston County office, seeking to refute claims made in the Feb. 13 edition of the News Letter Journal that she attempted to gain information about FOCUS grant funding via the internet in a manner that Wyoming Division of Victim Services Regional Program Manager Kandice Hansen deemed

inappropriate. "We are philosophically different. Our advocacy is not treatment. They can go hand in hand, but they are not at all [interchangeable]."

— Donna Howard, FOCUS Director

"What I saw in the paper about the report that you had [received from the Division of Victim Services] about hacking had really bothered me, and so I talked with [News Letter Journal Reporter Todd] Bennington, who did not give me a chance to respond to that before the article was printed."

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## Residents plead out on federal charges

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Five defendants, four of them local residents, have entered into plea agreements with federal prosecutors, pleading guilty in federal court in Casper over the past several weeks to charges in a case centered on the interstate trafficking of wildlife.

Donald Rawhouser, Timothy Rawhouser, Randy 'Bucky' Rawhouser, James Lewis, and Nebraska resident Randy Muller were indicted in late September of last year on federal charges related to incidents that, according to prosecutors, occurred between October 2008 and November 2010.

Timothy Rawhouser and James Lewis both pled guilty to charges they falsified Wyoming Interstate Game Tag Affidavits. Donald Rawhouser entered a guilty plea to a charge related to the illegal sale of a landowner's hunting license, while Muller pled guilty to the illegal interstate transport of a bull elk, and Randy Rawhouser entered a guilty plea to a misdemeanor

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## Drop in school funds expected

### Programs, staffing will be scrutinized

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

In the 2015-2016 school year, it is projected Weston County School District #1 will receive a lot less money from the State of Wyoming through Average Daily Membership funding because of the decrease in amount of students, which could result in a loss of programs in the district, District Superintendent Brad LaCroix told the News Letter Journal.

In the past seven years, when attrition has occurred, the board directive has always been to keep and maintain quality programs for students by shifting things internally and reviewing programs.

"That was a reason for our public meeting last time in which the elementary lost their art and we also had a major question about our woods program at the high school," he explained. "And it was deemed at that time that we thought we could do what was best."

Enrollment numbers are looked in a

WCSD #1 Enrollment	
2002-2003 (10-month Avg)	840
2003-2004 (10-month Avg)	826
2004-2005 (10-month Avg)	829
2005-2006 (10-month Avg)	789
2006-2007 (10-month Avg)	815
2007-2008 (10-month Avg)	782
2008-2009 (10-month Avg)	812
2009-2010 (10-month Avg)	801
2010-2011 (9-month Avg)	788
2011-2012 (10-month Avg)	797
2012-2013 (9-month Avg)	787
2013-2014 (2-month Avg)	771

snapshot of three years, using the highest count in that duration of time, which gives districts time to make plans if its projected enrollment will be going down.

After hearing from Deb Sylte, the district's business manager, that the district will see an estimated \$457,000 less for 2015-2016 and \$424,000 less for the 2016-2017 fiscal years, the board understood this means re-evaluating, and

so began discussions on the matter at the WCSD #1 Board of Trustees meeting on March 12.

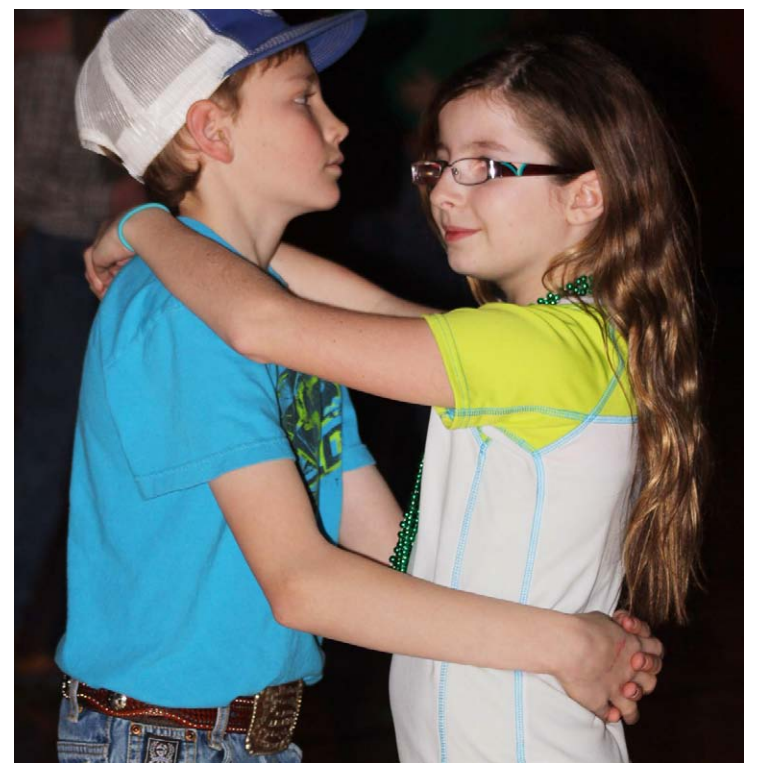
"We might not have to make that staffing decision if we are just looking at next year, but then when we look at the next two years after that, then we probably need to," WCSD #1 Chairman of the Board Bill Lambert said at the meeting.

Currently the school district has received four resignations: Ed Merrill, agricultural instructor, Molly McGinty, Spanish instructor, Phyllis Sundstrom, school-within-a-school teacher, all from Newcastle High School, and Newcastle Middle School English instructor Michael Patterson.

As they have in the past, the trustees would like to keep open communication with the public as to what could and will happen with programs in the district. All were in agreement that at some time in the future an open meeting for such discussions will be held.

"I'd much rather do the process right and have good conversations with the

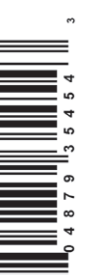
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### Dance on

Sixth-graders Davin Tysdal and Kelsey Bennett enjoy dancing at the Newcastle Middle School St. Patrick's Day Dance held in the middle school gym on March 14. (Photo by Denice Piscioti/NLJ)

<b>WEATHER FORECAST</b>	<b>Thursday</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 48, Lo 25	<b>Friday</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 37 Lo 20	<b>Saturday</b> Rain/Snow Hi 35 Lo 21	<b>Sunday</b> Mostly Sunny Hi 48, Lo 26	<b>Monday</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 40, Lo 24	<b>Tuesday</b> Mostly Cloudy Hi 42, Lo 27	<b>Wednesday</b> Rain/Snow Hi 44 Lo 28	<b>INSIDE</b> • Reappointed, Page 3 • Mr. Opinion, Page 6 • Roehl joins, Page 7 • Fueling up, Page 10



# Opinion

## News Letter Journal

### Our View

## A bunch of tools

You've all heard that "every hammer is a tool, but not every tool is a hammer." Unfortunately, the manner in which government is currently practiced in Wyoming makes a liar out of whoever first coined that phrase. Bylaws, policies, statutes and even constitutions are all wonderful tools for self-government, but a growing number of individuals are becoming adept at employing these *tools* of democracy as hammers to inflict pain on political opponents.

Tuesday's announcement that District Court Judge Thomas Campbell decided not to reinstate the duties of Superintendent of Public Instruction Cindy Hill is a perfect example of how those in a position of authority can (and will) justify inappropriate actions by citing procedural loopholes. Instead of putting Hill back in charge of the Wyoming Department of Education after this state's Supreme Court twice declared the law that stripped the elected official of her duties was unconstitutional, Campbell asked the architects of that law to suggest modifications that will allow it to pass constitutional muster.

His actions — along with those of Gov. Matt Mead, the Attorney General and legislative leaders — are entirely legal, but that doesn't make them right. At the end of the day, the powers given in the Wyoming Constitution to a person elected by this state's voters were transferred to an appointed position. The Supreme Court made it clear that such a change could only be made through a constitutional amendment approved by Wyoming voters, but the legislature continues to refuse to offer citizens that opportunity.

Instead, those who were disappointed in the Supreme Court's decision have been given a chance to chip away at the edges until something is created that does gain the court's favor, and the wishes of the people of Wyoming will be ignored while a bevy of lawyers argue the finer points of "the law." We can't think of a more meaningless exercise, and believe this case serves as a perfect example of how well-intentioned rules and regulations can be twisted and manipulated to serve any purpose — except the public interest.

Weston County is experiencing its own share of disputes surrounding local organizations, and far too often the disputes have been lengthened (or proposed and agreed upon solutions discarded) because one side or the other has thrown up a policy, bylaw or regulation as a roadblock to a resolution they are dissatisfied with. We challenge these groups and individuals to ignore the example set by state government. Use logic, common sense and the common good as their guides — not the fine print in some policy manual or set of bylaws. Do the right thing, for the right reason, and accept the result. It has to be better than no result at all. That's what we're getting out of Cheyenne, but we think we're better than that in Weston County.

### Letters to the Editor

#### Local landfill problems created by regulation

Dear Editor,  
The controversy over the landfill is generated by the policy of the environmentalists to have one solution of all problems regardless of location and geology.

The soil which lies in our part of Wyoming is the Pierre Shale, which is a hard shale with bentonite contained in it. It is virtually impervious to water.

It is about 3,000-feet thick, and does not have ground water. It is the naturally perfect medium for containing nearly any waste material.

It does not need a pit-liner to contain any liquids because it stops all water by sealing itself.

The regulators have only one solution for any problem regardless of the conditions. That is the problem with continually increasing regulations.

—Don Thorson

#### Free trade only helps wealthy stock owners

Dear Editor,  
There is another move afoot to "boost" the global economy. The Trans-Pacific Partnership and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment

Partnership are expected to increase global income nearly \$295 billion a year each. Of that total, \$78 billion is expected to come to the U.S.

The way I see it is that Wal-Mart will buy more things in Bangladesh and China, and then open a few more stores. That way they can sell more stuff not made in the USA. Most of that expected \$78 billion will become profit in the pockets of corporate stockholders.

Nothing for workers. Wal-Mart is certainly not the only corporation to benefit from "free-trade," but it is obviously a very good example. Yes, there will be more jobs (in China) at 20 cents per hour. It will not create any new jobs in the USA at \$20 per hour or any other wage. Are the greeters at Wal-Mart paid the average global wage of 20 cents per hour, or the U.S. minimum wage?

NAFTA showed us the results of "free trade." The industrial parts of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania are now referred to as "The Rust Belt."

Unemployment is epidemic as are foreclosures. There is no foreseeable benefit to our workers, but at least the politicians who push this deal will be handsomely compensated by the corporate stockholders who do benefit from free trade.

—Jerry Baird



## Deadline for Letters noon on Friday

# Students submit ideas to improve education

## Physical education shouldn't stop in high school

Dear Editor,  
Students should be required more than one year of Physical Education in high school

Physical education will help teenagers stay in shape, and isn't that enough to make students take more than one year of P.E.? There are many students who do not take P.E. more than one year, and many studies show that obesity levels are increasing.

From kindergarten to ninth grade, students are required to take P.E. When the students reach 10th grade, they have the option to drop the class. If they do not take it, they are not getting the right amount of exercise per day, or any exercise in some cases.

Without enough exercise, one will not burn off the calories needed, thus a possible increase in weight. Recent studies have shown that 17 percent of the nation's six to 19 year-olds are obese, and more than a third are overweight according to the article "Worries Mount over Lack of Physical Education in Schools in 2013."

Although having more than one year of P.E. has its benefits, there are others who disagree. Some may say that curriculum decisions should just be left up to the states and local school boards, or that having more classes will cost more money. Additionally they will argue it should be up to the students whether they should or should not stay active.

What they may not know is there are already a lot of classes for P.E. that students can just be put in. In addition, students may not know what is best for their bodies, or that this will keep students healthy, without having to spend more money.

Because they have lots of technology, students usually do not want to go outside and do activities. Computers, cell phone, iPads, and Kindles all are ways students can play games.

"These games are addicting," said Rachel Ehlers. "Also, the social medias are what consume most of my time out of sports. I think that it's up to the person, but kids who do sports should do P.E. for either college credits or at least for staying in shape."

Obviously, there are students who do want to have more than one required year of Physical Education. They believe that if teens are not in sports, they should have to do P.E. because students should want to be in shape and healthy. P.E. is a great way to keep teens exercising, and this is why students should be required more than one year of physical education in high school.

—Daytona Bennett

## Study hall would give students a better chance to succeed

Dear Editor,  
Imagine having to give up something loved, all because of one grade. Many extracurricular students struggle to keep grades up due to the lack of time to get schoolwork done. Students should have a study hall because it gives them more opportunities, makes the activities seem more appealing in the eye of the non-extracurricular students, and has a better image for the community.

Having a study hall gives many opportuni-

ties to students. Those who participate in sports or other extracurricular activities can be short of time. Students are busier than ever with sports, part-time jobs and music lessons, which leaves little time for the hours of homework. With a study hall, students have a chance of getting scholarships due to good grades because there was time to get homework done. Another opportunity would be to check in with a teacher prior to that class. Students can make sure to get all the work needed for the class, or classes that will not be attended because of an activity.

Many students that are non-participants always seem to say that the activity-goers always have it easy. One benefit to having a study hour would be a mass gain for participants. It can't be denied that students want extra time for homework, and this is the solution. Increasing the number of participants in activities is a superior reflection on the community and the school district. That image is even better when most of them are eligible, and a study hall would increase the likelihood of that. (Issues Researcher, Suskind, Dorothy, page 120).

Students who like school do more homework than the children who don't like, or excel, in school, and don't participate in learning. Coming to school every day would be easier for them knowing that the study hour will be available, which would then lead to more students actually doing homework. One hour out of the day can do wonders for students and the community.

Every school strives for academic proficiency, especially Newcastle High School. Many of the students who participate in sports are able to get good grades, and good grades make a better image for the community. Many students struggle to get good grades, and some of the strugglers are extracurricular students that have to bypass the game because he or she had little to no time to do homework. No one should have to be a bystander when it could be helped. Just one study hall would allow students at Newcastle High School to do our utmost best, and make the community an icon of success.

I hope to see this considered. Hopefully there will be a realization of how valid this idea is, and maybe even some consideration of actually putting it into effect. I strongly believe that students should be given more time to accomplish their very best, not because it's wanted, but because it's needed. Study hall would help solve many problems.

—Gracey Carlin

## A Dogie golf team could launch professional careers

Dear Editor,  
Golf is a sport that people can enjoy their entire life. In fact, there is a 71-year-old man in the Masters, and his name is Gary Player.

There are at least 20 students who would play golf as a sport, and two teachers who would volunteer to coach it. People are able to make a career out of any sport and golf is one of them. Newcastle High School should offer it as an extracurricular/school sport.

An interview with Gary Player showed the South African pro golfer still has an unbelievable passion for the game (Mell Randall, 2007). In 2007, Gary Player entered his 50th Masters Tournament. Most people by age 71 are sitting at home, watching television and

never going outside. Yet most people who golf will go golfing with their grandchildren all throughout their grandchildren's youth.

Golf is not hard on the body like football, baseball, or even soccer. It is meant for leisure and enjoyment. Golf is a sport you can play at almost any age, unlike soccer or football.

In an interview Mr. Todd Quigley, the high school activities director, said, "We are unable to offer golf because of expenses of coaching and prices of the clubs." This hits home with the point that two teachers say that they would be willing to coach. Plus, there are students who will play it if offered, and if they do play, they will supply their own clubs and their own balls.

The only thing left is for the sports director to set up games with other schools. Recently, in an interview on Dec. 16, 2013 with Greg James, the mayor of Newcastle, said, "I think that if enough students are interested it should be given consideration, just like every other sport."

Twenty students recently replied to an email sent out that said they would play golf if it was offered. This is more than enough to give decent consideration.

School buses can provide transportation, or students and their families can do it themselves. There are many people who would be willing to donate money and other necessities in order for this much-needed sport to be a part of the school.

Wyoming schools are dedicated to helping students make careers out of what they choose to do, but what about the students who want to make a career out of golf? What are they going to do to help with that? Without golf as a school sport, college sports scouts are unable to see us play, so we are unable to show off what we have to offer and possibly get a scholarship.

Because of that, we are going to have to pay extra to go to a college that offers golf as a sport because the colleges are unable to see if we are a worthwhile investment to give a scholarship to.

Tiger Woods went to Stanford, one of the most prestigious colleges, and it has an annual acceptance rate of 6.6. Woods went for golf, and he is one of the most decorated golfers there is. He has won 18 world championships, he has a video game series, he has won four Master tournaments and is only surpassed by Jack Nicklaus, who has won six Masters tournaments — which is the most prestigious golf tournament, the Super Bowl of golf.

Tiger Woods is the second best golfer ever. Nicklaus has 115 professional wins, whereas Tiger Woods has 106. Anyone should be able to make a thriving career out of a simple game of golf.

Golf should be an extracurricular/school sport at NHS because of these reasons. One can enjoy it his/her entire life — look at Gary Player he is 71 and is still playing the amazing sport of golf — and it is easy to make a career out of golf. The Newcastle school district would not have to worry about coaching expense or lack of students interested in the sport, and they should offer the sport of golf.

—Andreas Cook

(Ed. note: The preceding letters were written by students in Debb Proctor's Freshmen English class at Newcastle High School. Any responses to these letters should be sent to the News Letter Journal.)



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Peabody Energy Safety Coordinator Don Dorn cracks a smile as he speaks with Field Maintenance Welder and Mechanic Curtis Tolbert during a safety observation on Monday. Dorn was recently appointed to his third term on the Wyoming Mining Council.

# Dorn reappointed

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Newcastle resident Don Dorn was again confirmed recently as a member of the Wyoming Mining Council after being nominated for reappointment by Gov. Matt Mead.

Dorn, who is entering his third four-year term on the council, currently serves as its vice president.

"We meet once every quarter and we go over statistics," Dorn explained of his work with the council. "We go over a lot of mining data. We also prepare to certify people in mining, so we do all the mine foreman certifications ... That's coming up in May. We do testing down in Green River for a week and then we do testing in Gillette for a week and that's [to] certify foremen, managers, anybody who signs or does inspections on a mine site for their company."

Not limited to the coal industry, every form of mining is represented on the council, Dorn went on to note. It is comprised of 11 members, 10 of whom are appointed to staggered four-year terms, with the unappointed member being the State Inspector of Mines.

Dorn's position with the Mining Council is a natural extension of his work as safety coordinator for Peabody Energy, and he also serves with the State Emergency Response Commission and the Wyoming Miner's Hospital Board, the latter of which seeks to provide medical and wellness services to active and retired miners.

"I coordinate a behavioral based safety program," he explained of his work for Peabody, the world's largest private-sector coal company. "It's a little bit of everything but it's really about your perception toward safety ... A lot of people look at it as being invasive, but the reality of it is, all you're doing is trying to make sure people are doing the right things."

Asked if he's hated by employees, Dorn laughed.

"Actually they embrace me for a couple of reasons. I'm not a salaried person and choose to be not salaried. I've been offered higher positions in the company and actually the Mining Council requires me to represent hourly employees ... so I think it's hypocritical if I take a salaried position and yet represent hourly employees. That's how I view it."

Of the sober nature of his work, Dorn continued, "We've had so many people die in mining across the nation and a lot of it was just inattention or a distraction that took them away from what they should have been doing."

Simply encouraging people to be aware of their surroundings is among the best accident deterrents, he added.

Asked about the state's overall safety record, Dorn suggested the numbers are good but not good enough.

"Wyoming is probably the best as far as safety records go," he said. "We had a bad year last year with two fatalities. We had one down at Rock Springs, obviously one down at Black Thunder. We've had some long stretches, two- or three-year stretches where we never had a fatality [in any type of mining], not just coal ..."

Speaking of his background, Dorn said that, starting right out of high school, he has held just about every position imaginable within mining in his almost 30 years in the industry, some of which he's enjoyed more than others.

"I've done a little bit of lobby work back east," Dorn said, going on to suggest there's a need to educate elected officials. "A lot of people are very naïve about where electricity comes from. They think it comes from a light switch on the wall or a plug in ... I dealt with a senator once ... He was down in Georgia and he didn't realize he had [coal-fired] power plants in his state. He thought it was all nuclear."

"I travel quite a bit and you run across people," he continued, "you tell them you're a coal miner and they think you're covered with coal dust ... [and suffering from] black lung."

Dorn went on to explain that the infamous ailment, historically associated with coal mining, is now seldom seen due to modern extraction techniques and safety regulations.



As for coal's relation to other forms of power generation, Dorn said he believes they all have their place, even so-called green energy.

"We've got a growing population. We're going to have to make it up somewhere. Coal's not going to last forever."

Asked to comment on the closure of three of Black Hills Power's coal-fired plants, which the company claims are no longer economically feasible under new EPA regulations, Dorn emphasized that he was speaking for himself personally and not in any official capacity.

"There's some truth to [BHP's claims]. The EPA has put some restrictions [on them]. There is a theory out there that if we can bring the CO2 emissions down that it's not going to increase the cost, but it does ... I believe [BHP] could still burn coal and do it efficiently, it's just easier to burn [natural] gas. The problem with gas is, in my opinion, [people within that industry are] trying to get people addicted to natural gas to the point, once that addiction is [complete], they can jump the price up and it will be the consumer who pays."

Dorn added that coal-fired power plants are considerably more clean-burning than they once were, 90 percent cleaner than 50 years ago by his estimation, and a number of commercial products are generated as by-products of burning coal.

The mining of coal is itself also a far less damaging process than what might exist in the popular imagination, Dorn went on, adding that Department of Environmental Quality regulations and a process by which bond money is put up by mining companies to ensure land is returned to as near its original state as possible.

"We extract the coal and we put the land better than we [found] it. We've proven to be excellent environmental stewards in this state, as far as mining goes, on all levels. You can go to any mine and you [can] see they do a fantastic job of putting that land back."

The conversation turning back to his area of expertise — issues of safety — Dorn said he doesn't believe that current safety regulations could be said to be too restrictive.

"I think it's fair. The reason some of those laws are there is because somebody died. Out of respect for the people who have died in this industry, I think it's important we follow [the law]. Something happened that made us put that restriction [in place]," he said in conclusion.

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**Obituaries**

**BRUCE L. ARFMANN**  
**Feb. 14, 1947–March 9, 2014**

Bruce L. Arfmann, 67, of Arvada, Colo., passed away March 9, 2014.

Bruce was born Feb. 14, 1947, in Brookings, S.D., the son of Leonard Guy and Marjorie Ruth (Peterson) Arfmann.

Mr. Arfmann is the husband of Jenny; father of Tracy L. (Dan) Gramer, Brian K. Arfmann, K. Kelly (Abraham) Fechter; and grandfather of Shelby and Jordan Gramer, Talon Fechter. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Elaine Ann (Jones) Arfmann.

Memorial service was held March 14 at 4 p.m. at Arvada United Methodist Church, 6750 Carr St, Arvada, CO 80004.

Contributions in his memory can be made to any of the following: BaseballHall.org; ReelRecovery.org; Exempla Lutheran Cancer Center, in honor of Dr. Caskey at Exemplalutheran.org/foundation; or National MS Society at nationalmssociety.org/Chapters/COC.

Arrangements were made by Olinger Crown Hill.



**Bruce Arfmann**

**ROBERT DALE MCVAY**  
**July 2, 1945–March 6, 2014**

In loving memory of one of the most amazing men that ever walked the planet, Robert Dale McVay — or as known by many, “Bob” — with more dignity, grace and bravery than most, faced a final battle. Although he knew the odds were against him, instead of laying down and giving up, Bob made the choice to fight the cancer with love, laughter, and live life to its fullest.

He served his early years in the Army and with U.S. Military Intelligence and the CIA. Bob later retired from the post office and worked after retirement with First Interstate Bank and All Truck Corral.

During his last years Bob took care of several animals and people who needed help. He always had a smile and a kind word. Even when hurting, Bob could always make you laugh, he loved people and never met a stranger. You could always count on Bob for anything, if someone was hurting he always would do what he could to make it better. He loved fishing and playing cards. During his last months he learned to make flies for fly

fishing and he took up painting. Bob’s family and his extended family were priceless to him, he loved them very much.

Please come join Martha and the family to help celebrate Bob’s life. He was a loving husband to Martha E. McVay of almost 48 years, and father to Jamie Finger, Steven Sweimler and Robbin McVay.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Dale and Louise (Hicks) McVay.

He is survived by his wife and children; his siblings, Jimmy McVay and family of Newcastle, Richard McVay and family of Casper and Millie Scott of Newcastle; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; nephews, Donald Scott, Cody Scott, Brian McVay and Clinton Whitney; nieces, Patty Whitney and Christy Allen; along with grand-nieces and -nephews.

A Celebration of Life was scheduled for 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, at Kane Funeral Home, with Chaplain Arden Haeffner officiating. Full Military Honors will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, per Bob’s request, donations may be sent to the Second Chance Cat Rescue at 1753 Victoria St., Sheridan, WY 82801.

Online condolences may be written at [www.kanefuneral.com](http://www.kanefuneral.com). Kane Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements.

**Robert McVay**

**Engagement**

**COON–BALDWIN**



Michael and Rose Baldwin of Newcastle are proud to announce the engagement of their son, Patrick Baldwin, to Whitney Coon, daughter of Clayton and Kathy Coon of Lusk.

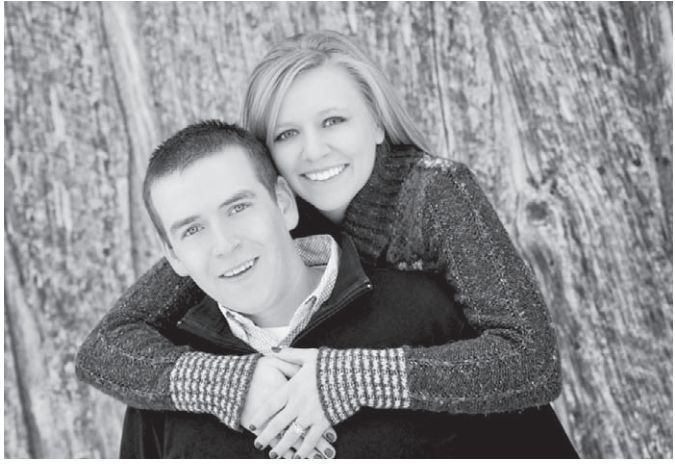
Patrick graduated from the University of Wyoming with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. He is employed in Lusk at the local drug store.

Whitney received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business and Golf Management from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. She was recently hired as the head golf professional in Lusk.

They have set the wedding date for Aug. 2, 2014, in Lusk, and plan to make Lusk their home for the future years.

**Engagement**

**MADDEN–BUCHHOLZ**



Stacy Madden of Newcastle and Shane Buchholz of Upton are happy to announce their engagement and upcoming wedding. Stacy is the daughter of Kevin and Amy Madden of Potter, Neb. She graduated from the University of Wyoming with her undergraduate degree in 2007 and a Master of Public Administration in 2013. She is employed by the University of Wyoming Extension in Weston County as the 4-H/Youth Development Educator.

Shane is the son of Randy and Dona Buchholz of Chugwater. He graduated from the University of Wyoming in 2010 with degrees in Agricultural Education and Rangeland Ecology. He is the agricultural education teacher and FFA advisor at Upton High School. A July wedding is planned in Sidney, Neb.

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**Forgiven and Forgotten**



Forget the past? How often we hear this advice, particularly when the past has been traumatic. Yet, the accomplishment of this act of forgetting is so difficult, especially when it is ourselves we must forgive. Paul gives us good advice on this situation in Philippians 3:12-14 when he writes, “but one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal....” Keep your mind on positive goals for the future; God wants the best for you. Make a decision to visit your house of worship this week, ask God to forgive and to help you forget.

**Weekly Scripture Reading**

Psalm 17	Psalm 21	Psalm 23	Psalm 25	Psalm 26	Psalm 27	Psalm 28
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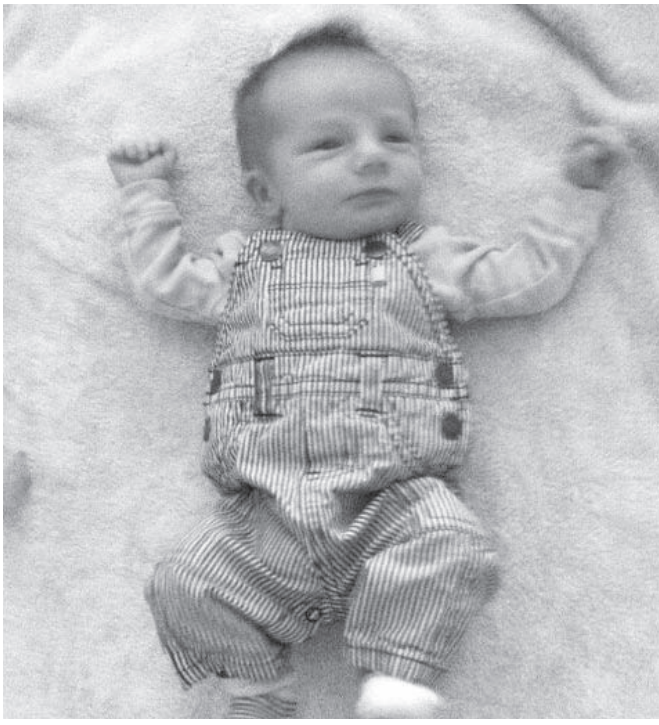
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**Birth**



**MASON  
MICHAEL  
SCHARF**

Ryan And Kim Scharf of Bar Nunn are proud to announce the birth of their son, Mason Michael, born Feb. 16, 2014, at 5:07 p.m. Mason was born at Wyoming Medical Center, weighing 8 pounds, and measured 20.5 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Don and Lisa Baldwin of Sturgis, S.D. Paternal grandparents are Bryan and Cheryl Gardner of Newcastle and the late Michael Scharf.

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**100 YEARS AGO –  
MARCH 19, 1914**

Ruth Evelyn, 3-year-old daughter of Mrs. Hazel Knight, died at Hot Springs. The remains of the little child were brought to this city and on Saturday were laid to rest in Greenwood Cemetery by the side of her father, Henry Knight, who died in November 1912.

G.M. Noyes made a trip to the ranch with posts from Clay Spur Friday returning Saturday. He and his wife expect to be home in about 10 days.

Frank Scheelhaase returned to his homestead on Windy Table. Mr. Scheelhaase spent four months of the past winter at Merville, Iowa, visiting his parents and other friends and relatives. He is glad to get back to Wyoming and is planning to put in quite a crop of various sorts of grain.

Half a hundred people assembled at the Lewis Shell home on Wild Horse Creek on last Friday night. A program was rendered to the delight of everyone. Especially pleasing was the music by Mrs. F.W. Dodge and H.C. Johnson.

Word was received over the wire Friday evening of the death of Lewis Elliott, father of Mabel, Albert and George Elliott, and brother of Mrs. Enoch Cummings and Curtis

Elliott. Death occurred at his home in New Mexico.

Claud Adkins has been visiting relatives on the prairie the past week, returning home to the Sage Brush Sunday accompanied by Mrs. Monroe Cummings and children.

J.E. Long purchased some of the milk cows that Rabe Elliott had recently shipped from Oklahoma. John Elliott helped to bring them from town Monday and returned the next day.

The deck of the shooting gallery and gymnasium on the state armory is completed and ready for the shingles, and the stone work is progressing rapidly on the second story of the front part.

Automobiles are becoming so numerous in the city that an ordinance should be passed compelling drivers to keep to the proper side of the street and not be scooting about playing cross tag with one another.

**75 YEARS AGO –  
MARCH 16, 1939**

Sixty members of the Newcastle Machine Gun Troop paraded before out-of-town officers here Tuesday evening at the armory for the annual inspection of the local troop.

The "Bill Clark Drilling Co.," of Newcastle was

incorporated and Articles of Incorporation filed in the office of the secretary of state at Cheyenne last week.

Tolly, Orvil and Willard Streets of the Boles Canyon area were Newcastle shoppers Saturday.

Mrs. P.S. Jackson and Elmore Howell motored to Laramie Tuesday and returned home Wednesday with Frances Jackson, who will spend the spring vacation with her parents.

Mr. A.E. Hutt and R.C. Austin of the Morrissey area attended the Farm Bureau meeting at E.P. Johnson's on Beaver Creek Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Alber Beardsley of Dull Center spent several days this week at A.E. Hutt's.

Mr. and Mrs. James Burke, Mrs. R.W. Baldwin and Gene, Mrs. Souseley, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Rosean and Fern, Patricia Pitman, Mrs. Paul McCarthy and Bob, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Fillinger and children, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Carr and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Carr, attended the home talent play given by the Dewey community at the Spencer hall Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. S.R. Dixon and grandson Max were visiting with friends in Newcastle Saturday from their home in the Hampshire vicinity. Joe Jenkins and Howard Ward attended the show in Gillette Sunday.

August Johnson walked to Horton Monday from his home on Skull Creek. From there he went to Newcastle on the school bus. He is a jury man.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Draper became the proud parents Thursday, at the Acord hospital, of twin boys weighing four-and-a-half pounds, and five pounds. Mother and babies are doing nicely.

Mrs. Jack Bradley, Mrs. W.A. Lease and grandchildren, Bobbie and Peggy Lou, visited Mrs. Chub Minter and baby son at the Acord hospital in Newcastle Saturday afternoon from Osage.

Mrs. Bill Wilson, who teaches the Keummerle school, and her husband, were Newcastle visitors Saturday.



**50 YEARS AGO –  
MARCH 19, 1964**

Funeral services were Monday for Oley Darlington, long-time prominent Weston County rancher. Oley Andrew Darlington was born July 7, 1897, at Stockton, Mo. He lived in Missouri and Iowa until 1910 when he moved to the Upton area with his family.

Carol Sue Oslund has won a trip to the United Nations and the World's Fair in New York in a speech contest.

Gillette, Upton and Sundance teams win Lions basketball tournament held in Newcastle last week.

Montana's Centennial Train, bound for 15 eastern and central U. S. cities on a 30-day tour, will make an hour stop in Newcastle. The Weston County CowBelles announce that they have 12 entries for their Beef Cook-off to be held March 21.

Some 647 persons attended the flapjack feed sponsored by Weston County 4-H members Saturday.

Tom Thompson, Lusk's three-time Wyoming high school heavy-weight wrestling champion, will enter the Rocky Mountain Amateur Athletic Union Championship tournament at Boulder, Colo. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Thompson, Tom has a four-year high school record of 88 wins and six losses, and four of them were to the same Casper heavyweight.

Mr. and Mrs. George Roberts, of Osage, were hosts Saturday evening to a birthday party for Mrs. Roland Roberts. Guests included Roland Roberts and Jeff and Mr. and Mrs. "Buzz" Hopkins of Newcastle, parents of the honored guest.

A benefit dance was held at Spencer Hall Saturday night to raise money to replace the drums of musician Bob Kerchieval, a former Osage resident. Mr. Kerchieval's drums were ruined in an accident. The dance was a great success.

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

Wyoming governor Mike Sullivan, riding horseback in the Weston County Fair Parade in Newcastle, circa 1989-1990.



**WHAT'S UP**

*Meetings & Events  
Calendar*

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
March 20	8:30 a.m.	Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)	W.C. Senior Center
	12:30 p.m.	Good Citizen Awards	Newcastle Elementary
	6 p.m.	W.C. Health Services Meeting	Board Room
March 21	7:30 p.m.	Mason's Meeting	Masonic Lodge
	10 a.m.	Chamber Coffee	RENEW
	6:30 p.m.	W.C. Fairboard Special Meeting	W.C. Fairgrounds
March 23	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	7 p.m.	Square Dancing	Newcastle Elementary
	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
March 24	10:30 a.m.	CBI Singers & Handbell Choir	First Baptist Church
	1 p.m.	Eva Marie Walk/Run	W.C. Childrens Center
	2 p.m.	Bingo	Corpus Christi Church
March 25	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	1 p.m.	Low Vision Support Group	W.C. Senior Center
	5 p.m.	WCSD Board of Trustees Training	Newcastle Country Club
March 26	7 p.m.	Square Dance Lessons	Newcastle Elementary
	4:45 p.m.	Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)	United Methodist Church
	6:45 p.m.	ALANON (746-9791)	Mondell Heights
March 27	5 p.m.	WCSD Board of Trustees Meeting	Board Room
	5:30 p.m.	Bird Cage Theatrics	1st United Methodist Church
	7 p.m.	Ladies Firearms Safety & Self Defense	Indoor Range
March 28	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	7:30 p.m.	Eastern Star Meeting	Masonic Lodge
	8:30 a.m.	Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)	W.C. Senior Center
March 29	11:45 a.m.	W.C. Health Services Foundation Mtg.	Board Room
	5:30 p.m.	Bird Cage Theatrics	1st United Methodist Church
	11:30 a.m.	W.C. Library Board Meeting	Newcastle Library
March 30	5:30 p.m.	Bird Cage Theatrics	1st United Methodist Church
	7 p.m.	Dance	W.C. Senior Center
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
March 31	7 p.m.	Square Dancing	Newcastle Elementary
	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- March 20:** Baxton Amdahl, Jennifer Wilcomb,
- March 21:** Jessica Bettorf, Hallee Sallee, Mr. & Mrs. Danny Decker
- March 22:** Dee Dee Hawk
- March 23:** Mr & Mrs. Leonard Nack, Dee Tupa
- March 24:** Mr. & Mrs. Bob Quick, Cliff Wineteer
- March 25:** Camary Sallee, Lindsey Ottema, Jenita Cox
- March 26:** Deb Sewell, Christin Roberts



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News Letter Journal

## No lack of an opinion here

By Donna Gochanour for NLJ

I visited with Jerry Baird a couple of days ago, a gentleman who freely admits that his main recreation is “being a pest in the Letters to the Editor column” of our local newspaper.

Born in Brookings County in South Dakota, his parents moved over here and he graduated from Newcastle High School in 1954, before going on to attend Black Hills Teacher’s College at Spearfish, S.D. He joined the Air Force and ended up refueling jet aircraft. He started out his military service in Riverside, Calif., and was transferred to Chaumont, Haute Marne, France, until General Charles DeGaulle discarded France’s membership in NATO and the American presence in France was no longer required. Baird was then sent to Wethersfield, UK. Both countries were a definite change from Wyoming, and he says he thoroughly enjoyed the chance to see and learn about our European roots and visit with the people he met.

After his separation from the USAF he lived in several places, including Brookings, S.D., Omaha, Neb., and Los Angeles, Calif., before eventually landing back in Wyoming.

After his military service, Baird worked as a purchasing agent for a manufacturing company of Honda bikes and later on for National Recreational Products as a purchasing agent for the metals, plastics and other materials used in making accessories for bikes. In 1990, after his wife died, he returned to Newcastle to be near



Donna Gochanour/For NLJ

**Jerry Baird, a veteran of the U.S. military, has no qualms about making his political opinions known.**

family. Becoming a widower and losing his wife had been a hard blow.

After all of his letters to the News Letter Journal, it would be hard to miss Baird’s love of politics so we talked about this for a bit. Baird confesses that he had become a Libertarian while in California, after witnessing so much “Big Government,” and returned to Newcastle where he expected to find “Small Government” but found instead an equally difficult but opposite political climate. He said he

had actually started to become a Democrat for the sake of being a sort of Devil’s Advocate in discussions with a group of local coffee drinkers. I poked him about this, “what are you doing in this Republican State?” and he chuckled. But, he told me, after a while, he found some things that he really liked about the Democratic Party. In the end, realizing that I am a staunch Republican, we agreed to disagree, as friends do.

He says that he is retired now and serves as a volunteer driver for

Weston County Senior Services, taking people to medical appointments in Hot Springs, Sturgis, Gillette and Casper and once in awhile he helps out at Mondell Heights Retirement Home. Baird says that he really enjoys visiting with and hearing the stories the seniors have to tell while he is driving them to their appointments.

I enjoyed our visit Jerry — maybe we’ll meet over a cup of coffee someday and beat each other up over politics!

## Senior Happenings

### Weston County Senior Services

- March 20: Trip to the Lodge
- March 21: Beltone Hearing Aid Clinic, 9-11 a.m.
- March 24: Visually Impaired Support Group, 1 p.m.
- March 25: Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m.
- March 26: Free Legal Aide Clinic
- March 27: Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m.
- March 28: Blood Pressure Check, 9:30 a.m.
- March 28: Dance, 7-9 p.m.
- April 1: Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m.
- April 2: Ceramics, 1 p.m.
- April 3: Mexican Train, 1:30

### Weston County Manor

- March 20: Bowling, 10:30 a.m.
- March 21: Movie, 6 p.m.
- March 22: Tell it like it is, 11 a.m.
- March 23: Trivia, 11 a.m.
- March 24: Cooking, 3 p.m.
- March 25: Lutheran Services, 4 p.m.
- March 26: Catholic Study, 10 a.m.
- March 26: Card Club, 6 p.m.
- March 27: Concentration, 10:30 a.m.
- March 29: Password, 11 a.m.
- March 30: Church, 2 p.m.
- April 1: Keepsake Crafters, 2 p.m.
- April 2: Bingo, 2 p.m.
- April 3: Sensory Group, 9:15 a.m.



## A look back on 90 great years

By Donna Gochanour for NLJ

Another 90th birthday! O.H. “Junior” Kline will turn the corner to 90 at the end of this month, but he says “I won’t be here.” He plans to go on a road trip to visit family in several different states.

We had a visit and over a cup of coffee I found out that he gives credit for his good health to several different things.

“I ate whatever got in the way,” he told me and he says that he was also expected to eat what was put on the table, and to eat all of it. The next good thing was that he quit smoking after his wife told him that if he would quit, so would she. He said, “I never missed it,” and like so many others that I have talked to, hard work is also attributed to long lives and continuing good health.

“It’s good exercise,” Kline claimed, putting in 16-hour days and often working a



Donna Gochanour/For NLJ

**Junior Kline, who is closing in on his 90th birthday, never fails to keep the ladies dancing at the various senior dances in Weston County.**

regular job and building houses after work, which was normal for him. He’s still a hard worker, and still living on his ranch east of Newcastle.

Kline was 17 years old in 1941 at the start of World War II when he joined the Navy because his father had been in the Navy once. He took Seabee training and was part of the Navy Construction Battalion, building camps, airstrips, roads and many other things all over the south Pacific. Carpentry seems to be an enjoyable part of his life but he’s also a familiar figure at the monthly dances at the Weston County Senior Services Center, where he pretty much dances every dance!

## New jobs present challenges

In 1987 I got a full-time job as manager of a hotel/bar in Talkeetna, Alaska, and there I was in the wonderful world of booze. From airplanes to booze is a pretty radical jump, and I had absolutely no idea what to do when. The next few weeks I figured out that there’s a huge difference between the back of the bar and that sociable side with all of the stools. I had not spent much time on the stool side of the bar — when we first moved into the surrounding community and I went down to the lodge after work with the guys and they found out what a rotten consumer of alcoholic beverages I was, they were baffled.

“What shall we do with her, she can’t drink!” Well, in the end they decided after some nearly disastrous experiments in the world of liquor that my drink would be Kahlua. All of that caffeine made me very lively but at least I wasn’t in the Ladies draped over the sink in misery.

All of this made me a good candidate for the job. The next six weeks or so I had plenty of lessons to do, ordering beer and liquor, balancing the till, making work schedules and all those other little chores that make an Alaskan inn run. I had a housekeeper who kept the rooms upstairs tidy and



Donna Gochanour  
I Remember When

who cleaned the bar and bathrooms. I had a willing crew of volunteers who would do almost any chore in the place for a couple of free beers, and a crew of bartenders that at times were worse than the customers.

“Donna, did you know that so-and-so was drinking on duty last night?!”

Then came the first big test, a fundraiser for a homesteader who lived “up the tracks” whose cabin had burned down. This involved getting some local music, a couple of bouncers and getting two bartenders instead of just one. I had the fun of getting the bartenders change from the safe when it was needed, trying to spot who had imbibed too much and needed to be 86’d for the night, trying to keep

the beer off the streets and in the bar, and trying to keep the clothes on the girls.

The bouncers broke up the fights. I met the homesteader and found out that his name was Grog — it was several years before I learned his real name was Bob Peterson. He was tall, he was big and the first thing he ever said to me, when he noticed the new signs on the door disallowing animals inside was, “When it’s cold outside my dog gets to come in!” I looked up at those hooded Swedish eyes and said, “oh sure, you betcha.” Scared me, all that bushy hair and the beard! I found out later that Grog’s dog was the only dog in town with his own bar tab for hot dogs and occasional shots of Bailey’s Irish Cream. Grog always paid up and I always knew when he was in the bar — he had a laugh that sounded like a donkey braying — and I also found out that Grog was as mellow as they come, in spite of his size. He cleaned up good too!

There are plenty of surprises in running a bar and even more than you’d expect in a small town at the end of the road with the unique personality of Talkeetna. It’s the jumping-off point for the climbers of Mt. McKinley, our Denali. I would meet a lot of them in the next few years.

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# Roehl joins FOCUS team

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

David Roehl, a retired clergyman and peace officer, began employment with the Foundation of Caring, Understanding and Service as a 20-hour-per-week crisis advocate on March 1. He joins Executive Director Donna Howard as a second staff member for the agency whose mandate is to address and prevent instances of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking in Weston County.

Roehl and his wife Darlene moved to the Newcastle area from the Bakken Oil Fields of North Dakota in June of last year after Roehl retired from pastorates there with the United Methodist Church and United Church of Christ.

Having worked as a full-time deputy sheriff in Wisconsin and Minnesota for a total of nine years, Roehl has a long-standing involvement with law enforcement. He has also served as a police chaplain, most recently as the senior

chaplain for the North Dakota Highway Patrol. Roehl's other experience includes stints with The Salvation Army in Casper and as the executive director of the American Red Cross in Natrona County.

According to a FOCUS press release, Roehl has maintained a license as a Minnesota Peace Officer through the MN Board of Peace Officer Standards & Training since 1980. In his capacity as a chaplain, he maintains qualifications

as a Board Certified Crisis Chaplain, Certified Master Police Chaplain, and Certified Spiritual Care Specialist, the release also stated.

Roehl told the News Letter Journal he was keen to move to Wyoming, where he had previously lived and worked, upon retirement. He added that he was undaunted by reports of the troubled history of the FOCUS agency, indicating he is one to take on challenges and enjoys people-oriented work.



Todd Bennington/NLJ

Donna Howard, Executive Director of FOCUS, makes a point at the agency's March 12 meeting as Crisis Advocate David Roehl and board member Andy Macke sit listening.

## FOCUS

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said Winter, going on to present copies of screen shots from the division's website and email correspondence with Hansen, which she claimed made evident her actions were in good faith.

Winter explained that her interest in helping FOCUS had been sparked last fall when she was contacted by former board members after mass resignations had taken place at the agency. Those former FOCUS board members asked if the Weston County Mental Health center might be able to provide some on-call services to FOCUS, she said.

"That got me thinking that in some ways it would be a really good match for us to provide some on-call, some human resource management, and budgetary oversight with our organization. I come to this having been on the [FOCUS] board [approximately] 20 years ago," Winter said, going on to explain that she had resigned from the board after discovering what appeared to her to be financial improprieties, which the then-FOCUS director subsequently refused to address through an audit.

Winter went on to explain that after receiving permission to make overtures to FOCUS from the board of Northern Wyoming Mental Health and the organization's executive director in Sheridan, she attempted to register with the Division of Victim Services' grant management system, but only after making more direct attempts to contact the FOCUS agency. Winter noted also that, as her correspondence with Hansen indicates, she had tried to register as herself — a psychologist with Northern Wyoming Mental Health — and no attempts to falsify or mislead were made.

"[I] got the go-ahead to see if it was ... possible [to provide financial oversight to FOCUS], so I believe I called and left messages for [FOCUS board members] Ken [Pitlick], Andy [Macke], and Dave [Whitford] saying I was interested in trying to help, looking for information ... I called the Attorney General's office and left a message and nobody got back to me, so I went to the website."

"I was looking for if we ... as a private non-profit agency, could even abide by the regulations and rules ... of the grants available," Winter continued in clarification of her actions.

The concerns of FOCUS officials did not seem readily assuaged by Winter's explanations, however. Pitlick said he has no recollection of any messages from Winter on his phone, though she said she attempted to reach him several times. Howard questioned why Winter never reported the alleged financial impropriety she said she witnessed as a past board member of FOCUS, and why Winter had not approached her directly.

"In February I was here," said Howard. "I would have answered you. I would have asked what you were doing, and I could have answered your questions. I just find that it's odd that I've been in the office full time since January 16 and you would go about doing this without contacting me as the executive director, because you obviously knew I was the director."

"Well, I knew you were interim [director]

“That got me thinking that in some ways it would be a really good match for us to provide some on-call, some human resource management, and budgetary oversight with our organization. I come to this having been on the [FOCUS] board [approximately] 20 years ago.”

— Chris Winter, NWMH

or possibly director," responded Winter, adding that she was unable to attend board meetings in January and February due to work obligations, "and I'd also talked a little bit with Andy [Macke] about checking it out. So you would have told me where to find [information] or buzz off or what would you have said?"

"I personally wouldn't have been that disrespectful," Howard shot back. "I would have answered whatever question you had asked ... I find it suspicious. It's a round-about and through-the-park [means of gathering information]. The board hired me and the board relies on me to communicate with them. The board relies on me to convey information and [approaching me] would have been the logical thing to do."

Howard then suggested that the prospect of taking over FOCUS's funding was the primary motivating factor for Winter, an assertion to which Northern Wyoming Mental Health Board Chair Bob Hartley, who was also in attendance, said he took exception.

"It had nothing to do with money," Hartley asserted. "If you want to look at Northern [Wyoming] Mental Health's budget, FOCUS is not a financial aspect of it at all. It's something that can be done for the community ... It came across in the paper [that way], and I questioned Todd [Bennington] over it, that somehow Northern and [the City of] Newcastle were trying to take over FOCUS. That was ridiculous from Northern's standpoint ..."

Howard answered by saying that a recent meeting that she and FOCUS board member Patricia Morgan had attended with Newcastle Mayor Greg James and City Councilmember Linda Hunt indicated otherwise.

"Somewhere along the line, though, that's been conveyed, because in our conversation with the mayor that is exactly what he told me that your conversation was with him, that you were all planning to move FOCUS up to your basement, that your counselors would be taking over our clients, that there was no need for us to have staff."

"We are philosophically different," Howard continued. "Our advocacy is not treatment. They can go hand in hand, but they are not at all [interchangeable]."

Winter, in turn, said that she was moti-

vated by concern about the checkered history of FOCUS, noting that there has been a pattern of false starts when it comes to the revitalization of the agency, which has long been shrouded in controversy.

"I would remind the board that your [now former] chair and vice chair asked me to help when there were no services being offered and that's what got the ball rolling," Winter said. "I started thinking, if things continue as they have been for eight or nine years, or however long it's been, [oversight by Mental Health] could help provide those services in a consistent, reliable way ..."

Howard answered by saying that those former board members had been acting out of misplaced fear and that a plan was already in place at the time they contacted Winter, for Crook County Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services to provide on-call services. Howard said she regrets the fact that it had apparently not been properly conveyed to either Winter or the public at large.

Board members Patricia Morgan and Jimmy Long, who both indicated they had significant experience with organizational budgeting, adamantly defended the direction FOCUS is currently taking, financial and otherwise, under Howard's leadership.

"As I looked over Donna's budget and agenda I was impressed by the fact that it was really complete," Morgan told those in attendance. "I think this budget and this agenda, these kinds of things need to be shown to the city and county, [who are both currently withholding funding to FOCUS], [so they can see] that Donna is taking care of the financial problems that were there."

Long, who sits on several other community boards and mentioned he was formerly responsible for a \$2.3 million budget as a manager within the railroad industry, agreed, saying he is impressed by Howard's budgeting.

For her part, Howard categorically rejected that the organization is continuing along its past trajectory.

"We are working from the ground up, reviewing everything and rebuilding everything, and re-establishing everything, so it's not the same process ... I know what I've done with other programs ... and there is no way I would work for a board that didn't have the commitment that this board has. [They] want the best practice ... It's not the same thing [all over again]."

After it was made manifestly clear that the FOCUS board is not receptive at this time to NWMH's offer of assistance and/or oversight, Winter and Hartley amicably departed the meeting, with Hartley concluding, "My concern was that after I read that newspaper article there were some pretty disparaging things said in there. I think we've cleared the air as far as we're concerned here. If there's something the two organizations can do together, great. There was no plotting or planning going on ..."

FOCUS board members would later that same evening vote unanimously in support of Howard's directorship and to reject the offer from Mental Health, while also drafting a formal statement to that effect.

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The March 11 meeting of the Weston County Fair Board was held in the shop adjacent to office due to the number of people in attendance. Above, Fair Board members Curtis Rankin, Craig Deveraux and Zane Marty listen to the number of people in attendance at the Weston County Junior Rodeo's open public meeting held last month. Below, Weston County Commissioner Tracy Hunt offers his thoughts.

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**Rodeo**

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typically a husband and wife duo, would run the event and handle monetary aspects, assisted by the following year's incoming superintendents. Marty proposed that, just as before, the superintendents would be required to provide books to the Fair Board at any given time, which would be open to the public, and any rule changes would require new bylaws after this year's Junior Rodeo, with other rules to be brought to the Fair Board to be voted upon.

That motion, though, was withdrawn and it was decided to hold a special board meeting after the entity learns what they can and cannot do legally. It is yet to be decided if the Junior Rodeo will continue to be under the Fair Board as they have been, with \$1,500 and the use of the grounds donated to them, or if other terms need to be arranged.

"I am not sure we can make a decision without talking to the county attorney," WCFB Chairman Curtis Rankin admitted. "I think for us to make a decision tonight before we talk to either Don Hansen or Jim Peck would be a mistake. We could call a special meeting in a week — whatever it takes. But I can't make a decision tonight."

"Another thing, if we abolish a board that the Weston County residents created the other night, then we also abolish all of the bylaws. If we abolish all of the bylaws, is it up to the board to create new ones?" interjected WCFB Vice Chairman Craig Deveraux.

"I once again ask you, was it okay for the public to get together and exclude you from being the supervising entity over what has been happening for 59 years?" questioned Colleen Donaldson.

Rankin indicated, though, that the Fair Board had been trying to get away from supervising the Junior Rodeo and encouraged them to become their own entity. The statement was questioned by Ellen McKenzie, who asked the reasoning for doing so.

"Because I think you guys are better at governing and putting on this rodeo than the Fair Board," he replied.

"I personally am perfectly fine to have the Junior Rodeo under the Fair Board, Ellen. My question is, because that is what we have been struggling with the whole time, where [are] the bylaws and what are they?" asked Deveraux.

Donaldson reported that at one time there was a cardboard box passed on to each new Junior Rodeo superintendent that included forms for reporting income and expenditures, along with the bylaws, which consisted of a simple mission statement of what the rodeo is to the county. However, no one knows where the box and bylaws are today.

"It was simple. It wasn't a five-page legal document. And everybody seemed to get along for all of those years. I don't understand the commotion here," said Donaldson.

Jacy Marchant, who was named vice-president of the newly formed WCJR Board last month, said he was of the understanding that a Junior Rodeo board was created to oversee the event and make sure all the rules

are followed.

Because no decision was made by the Fair Board, Gini Vanderpool, the certified public accountant who wrote the bylaws and Articles of Incorporation for the WCJR Board and was voted onto its board as the secretary/treasurer, expressed that she feels the people who were in attendance at the WCJR public meeting Feb. 19 — who helped form the new entity — need to be informed as to the Fair Board's intentions.

"I would like to see an explanation in the paper, because it was posted in the paper and there are a lot of people [involved]. You need to tell the public what has been determined. There has to be a mechanism to all the people who have already given their time by coming to that meeting, then it is clear to everybody it's a dead issue," Vanderpool noted.

As elected president to the new WCJR Board, Phil Lipp had been placed on the Fair Board's agenda to present them with a memorandum of understanding detailing an agreement between both parties. The document sparked questions and began the lengthy discussion.

The agreement — which was not signed — stated that the Fair Board supports the creation of WCJR as its own non-profit organization and will continue to financially support them. They also asked for use of the arenas and facilities — including garbage, tractors, fuel, sound system, portable crow's nest, power and access to equipment — at no charge. In return, the WCJR Board will make their financial statements available to the Fair Board upon request and provide bylaws and Articles of Incorporation along with amendments approved at the annual meeting, and evidence of non-profit status when received.

The last item was that the Fair Board agree to transfer all funds currently in the Junior Rodeo bank accounts to the new organization. The agreement had a date to which it would begin, but a time period was not given for when it would end.

WCJR's treasurer, Janet Perino, voiced concern that if the Junior Rodeo is given all of those things free then everybody will ask for the same treatment, but Rankin pointed out that this has been a long-standing agreement.

Vanderpool also noted that donations for the rodeo are not tax deductible unless the organization is a government entity or designated as a non-profit. Discussion ensued regarding whether WCJR should become a non-profit organization under 501(c)(3).

As donors, Donaldson and Dana Mann-Tavegia stated that it doesn't matter to them if their donations are tax deductible or not. Donaldson indicated she believes most of the donors in the county feel the same way.

"This is very much an informal question, but I am curious to what difference it makes to the Fair Board if they were to enter into this memorandum of understanding with the Junior Rodeo [board] as a 501(c)(3)? Or if that decision merely affects how the Junior Rodeo regards itself?" asked Weston County Commissioner



Tracy Hunt.

Rankin answered that, to him personally, it makes no difference.

"There is a different concern that I have with that memorandum of understanding, is that the Fair Board get some of its money from the [Weston] County Commissioners and the county commissioners are limited in the extent they can obligate [themselves] for future obligations. My second point is whether or not the commission continues to fund the Fair Board is something that the Fair Board needs to consider when it enters into any kind of agreement to fund any organization, and because the commission has in the past agreed to donate money to the Fair Board for this line item [the Junior Rodeo], there really is no indication that it will continue past last year," Hunt continued.

Because he had seen the document before the meeting, Marty had written down a few concerns, one of which is that the board does not know their budget from year to year. He felt the Junior Rodeo should only be held during the Weston County Fair, and they will have those things available to them as long as they are in good standing with the Fair Board, essentially being treated like the 4-H and Junior Livestock Committee during fair.

Sparks were also lit during the meeting when an issue regarding access to the mail and Junior Rodeo funds was brought up.

Laurie Farella, voted in as superintendent of the 2014 WCJR along with Tori Mobley, indicated that after the WCJR meeting, Kristi Lipp opened a post office box because she still had the check book for the Junior Rodeo, and it was agreed that both Vanderpool and Farella would each have a key and access to the mail box to collect donations.

The day after the gathering, donation letters had been sent out by Farella so she was waiting to hear back from contributors. When she checked the post office box, there was nothing in it but a piece of paper off the back — intended for postal service workers — which she took the liberty to collect.

The note read, "Hold all mail from box 904 until further notice. L. Farella not to pick up mail, Gini Vanderpool can,"

which Farella read to the Fair Board, as well as providing hard copies.

Clearly upset regarding the matter, she continued to say no one had approached her asking for return of the key to the mail box.

Vanderpool responded by saying she had been notified in writing that Farella did not believe in the WCJR Board or the meeting which had taken place, or that the bylaws were valid. Because Kristi Lipp still had the authority, Vanderpool indicated, it was deemed necessary to lock up the receipts. Vanderpool admitted she accompanied Kristi Lipp to the post office and put all the mail on hold where it could be picked up, but they did not stop there.

"Someone at the meeting had said there were lots of signatures on the [bank] account, so we then went — Kristi has the authority on the account I do not — to the bank to find out who all the signatures are. On the checking account we just forbid any cash withdrawals. And so we just basically put a hold on everything," confessed Vanderpool.

The bickering continued with each party asking the Fair Board to choose to continue with the newly formed Junior Rodeo Board running the rodeo, or to have superintendents do it under direction of the Fair Board.

"Hold on, hold on all of you! I see two sides that are not really willing to work with each other. They each want it, or at least that is my perspective, so I am seeing a control struggle here," Rankin interjected. "It don't matter if we take care of it or you guys take care of it, if you guys can't work together it is not going to work, period."

"We want to have the four in charge," Farella answered, referring to the superintendent structure currently in place. "We want to have a check-book, we want to run the rodeo. Whatever they do with the bylaws, they can go for it and do whatever they have to do. If we are going to run the rodeo, we are going to run the rodeo. It's not a power thing, Curtis. I am not going to be somebody's grunt. If I am going to be the one doing the ordering and buying, I am going to be the one checking the books."

A special meeting will be held Friday, March 21, at 6:30 at the Weston County Fairgrounds.



# Free Child DNA kits available

The Weston County Peace Officers Association is making available to the public free McGruff Safe Kids Total Identification System.

The kits are a DNA collection system which includes envelopes for hair, blood and saliva sample storage and a dental chart to be completed by the child's dentist, along with directions to properly obtain the samples.

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5, now is a great time to update your child's DNA information.

Sheriff Bryan Colvard stated that if a child goes missing, especially a younger child, these are a good tool for identifying them.

The kits were handed out at the Weston County Sportsman's Club Gun Show last weekend and will be available at other events the Peace Officer's Association takes part in, such as the Safety Bash and on Halloween. Also, the kits are available at the Weston County Law Enforcement Center.



# Festival funds going toward park

The Upton Chamber of Commerce hosted the 2nd Annual Festival of Tables on March 15, featuring 12 tables sponsored by area residents and businesses.

"We raised \$2,100 from table sales and over \$3,900 in silent auction bids and Vote for your Favorite Table," said Summer Stephens of the chamber.

The winning table was Seaside Splendor from Joe's Food Center. Funds from the past two years' events will be combined with other funds and grant funds to design and build new playground equipment at the Upton City Park, Stephens indicated. Helping with the meal were Family Career and Community Leaders of America students.



Bill Ackerman, Loren Barritt and Karen Ackerman enjoy socializing during the event, above. At left, Kim Himle and Tiffanie Johnson sit at the table from Joe's Food Center, titled, "Seaside Splendor," voted as the favorite by the crowd.

Photos by Sherry Jespersen

# Schools

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community. But if, at the end of the day, [with] anyone retiring this year, there is no guarantee positions will be kept," stated Bob Bonnar WCSD #1 Vice-Chairman of the Board.

LaCroix said the next step in the process is to ready suggestions for the leadership team and the board to review with the stakeholders. They will also look at administration to see if there are areas to cut back — everything will be looked at, LaCroix admitted.

"The reality is we are going to have to start looking at some things that are not very comfortable or popular, and we are going to try to do that to take care of our young people and provide the very best education that we can," he acknowledged. "We will post positions, [but] it doesn't mean that all positions will come back."

Since December, LaCroix and Sylte have been looking for solutions such as building positions or moving staff around to keep some programs, but possibly not as they are today. Because they see less income in the future from the ADM formula, they know now is the time to begin analyzing what can be done.

"I will be getting some information out to the board so they have some time to look at it. I believe the directive is they understand some things are urgent — and maybe one-year or two-year positions, we don't know. But we do know eventually the board would like to have a community meeting to throw things out and have

that conversation," LaCroix noted.

The most pressing question in the community will be, if the district is expecting to receive less money, how can they afford to be building an addition on to Newcastle Elementary School, the superintendent acknowledged. In answer, he explained that the state several years ago developed the Wyoming Schools Facility Commission — which today is the Wyoming Schools Facilities Department — which delegates money into different departments.

"There is a different silo of money. The money that is generated by the funding model that is used for programs for children cannot be used for construction. The new fuel station (See Page 10) is funded by the capital construction fund," LaCroix explained.

Travel is able to be done in Wyoming schools only because fuel is an item that is reimbursable through the state, especially when students travel across the state to attend activities.

Stakeholders need to understand, he said, that 76 percent of the budget is salaries or budgets. LaCroix, along with the administration team, will look at all areas in the district to review how the current system can be structured using less money.

"Hopefully we can sit down and understand the complexity of the issue, but there are some decisions that are going to have to be made," stated the superintendent.

# Charges

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charge of aiding and abetting illegal interstate commerce.

A motion to suppress statements made by Randy Rawhouser based on what the defense argued was a violation of his Miranda rights was denied in January.

The trial date, set for March 17, has now been rescinded and sentencing hearings for the five are scheduled to take place in May. According to court documents, other charges brought against the group are to be dismissed at the time of sentencing.

Though not addressing the

case directly, U.S. Attorney Spokesman John Powell explained to the News Letter Journal how the plea agreement process works in general.

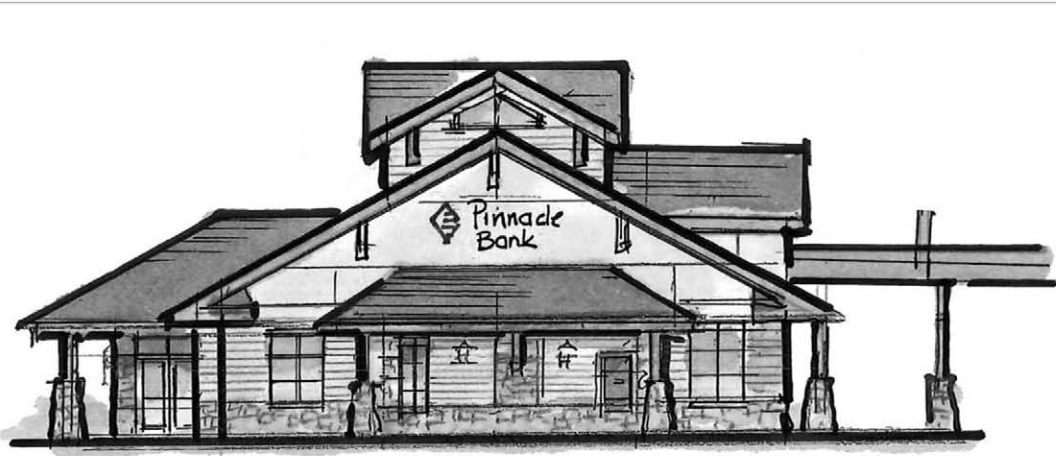
"What would happen is everybody would have to appear for a change of plea hearing," he said, "and if the judge accepts the change of plea for everybody then the trial date would be dismissed."

"The judge has to accept that change of plea," Powell went on. "Usually what happens when somebody wants to plead guilty [is that] the judge wants to hear the specifics of what

they did to ensure there's a factual basis to accept that plea. It provides protection for the [accused] as well. You don't want to plead guilty to something you didn't do just to get out of more [severe] charges."

The case against the five defendants was the culmination of a joint investigation between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Wyoming Game & Fish Department, one which spanned several years.

A charge brought against a sixth defendant, Twylla Dean Napolitano, was dismissed in December of last year.



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Denice Piscioti/NLJ

Weston County School District #1 now boasts a new fueling station at the district's transportation facility off Carter Avenue in Newcastle.

# New fueling station

By Denice Piscioti of NLJ

Beside the Weston County School District #1 Transportation office now resides a newly built fuel station with diesel and gas to fill the vehicles and busses used in Weston County School District #1. About \$470,000 was given for the project by the Wyoming School Facilities Department through component level funding from the State of Wyoming, WCSD #1 Maintenance Director Greg Gregory told the News Letter Journal last Thursday morning.

During the first week of the month, the school district received a certification of the station from Greg Lasse, the fire marshal. Having the fuel on site adds convenience for the drivers, as well as ensuring the proper fuel is used. Its addition is economic as well.

"We are saving the State of Wyoming \$35,000 or \$40,000 a year by doing it this way because all the fuel for the busses is reimbursed by the state. We get it so much cheaper on top of it. When we get fuel here we have got specifications that they have got to meet. So we know what kind of fuel we are getting this way. Could we have done it a different way? We probably could have, but it wouldn't have been the best way to do it," Gregory offered.

The fuel station previously used by the district was condemned a couple of years ago, and was completely removed by the fire marshal at the time, Mike Miller. The school district was given two years to build a new one — and it took Gregory that long to get everything completed with the WSFD, he said. In the meantime, the district used temporary tanks.

Construction of the new station began last fall, but complications occurred early in the project when the soil sample of the ground where the fuel station was to be located came back contaminated.

"Newcastle is really a unique area because you hear the old-timers talk about a place just west of town along the railroad tracks where literally oil was just seeping out of the ground naturally. They said that is where they would stop and lube their axles and stuff," recalled Gregory.



He continued to say the most recent Environmental Protection Agency inspector, Wayne Vandamme, admitted that Newcastle is a unique area. The inspector wanted the district to over-excavate to rid the ground of any contaminated soil before construction could begin.

"We went down a total of five feet and took the soil to a certified contamination site nearby, in-between Upton and Moorcroft. We even have certificates saying we did everything right," Gregory smiled.

After the excavation was complete, new soil was brought in to build up the area and compact it before new electrical lines were put in. The area was capped with concrete, which was the best thing to do, Vandamme told the director.

The fuel station holds 8,000 gallons of diesel fuel and 4,000 gallons of gasoline, in double-walled tanks with concrete between each of them. The maintenance director estimates they are filled four times a year.

"Robert Leighton was the contractor that did it. He did a great job for us!" acknowledged Gregory. "We have a great facility now."

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# Sports

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### Schedule

Newcastle			
NHS MS/HS Track			
3/10	V	Practice Begins	H TBA
3/22	V	Chadron Indoor Invitational	A 9AM
<b>Boys Soccer</b>			
03/28	VJ	*Douglas Bearcats	H 4PM
<b>Girls Soccer</b>			
03/28	VJ	*Douglas Bearcats	A 4PM

## Input needed for 2014 hunting seasons

The Wyoming Game and Fish Department will hold a public meeting and a series of open houses throughout the Casper Region to address 2014 hunting season proposals for big game, small game, game birds, waterfowl and bison.

A public information gathering meeting will be held from 7-9 p.m. March 27 at the Casper Game and Fish office, 3030 Energy Lane. There will be a formal presentation of the Casper Region hunting season proposals and management recommendations at this meeting. During the open houses, Game and Fish personnel will be available to discuss the proposed 2014 hunting seasons for local hunt areas. Open houses will be held at the following locations:

- Sundance: 4-6 p.m. March 25, basement of Crook County Courthouse
- Newcastle: March 25, 7-9 p.m., USDA Forest Service office

Interested persons can submit comments in writing at these meetings, submit comments online at <http://wgfd.wyo.gov/web2011/HUNTING-1000179.aspx> or mail them to: Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Attn: Regulations 3030 Energy Lane, Casper, WY 82604. Written comments must be received by 5 p.m. April 1 and will be presented to the Game and Fish Commission prior to its hearing April 22-23 in Casper.

WGFD supports the Americans with Disabilities act. Every effort will be made for reasonable accommodations by contacting the nearest Game and Fish office.

## Practice safety in Forest

Spring weather and melting snow have combined to make many roads and trails in the Black Hills National Forest soft, wet and impassable. Coupled with downed trees from last Fall's Storm Atlas, Forest officials are encouraging visitors to use extra caution.

"The storm last Fall knocked down trees and heavily damaged areas across the Black Hills National Forest, blocking many roads and trails," said Scott Jacobson, public affairs officer. Primary Forest roads are generally passable throughout the hills, however, many trails and secondary roads may not be passable due to downed trees and soft muddy roads.

Please do not drive on wet and muddy roads, Jacobson urged. Traveling on these roads is dangerous and very damaging to the roads and trails system.

"Vehicles can easily tear up the roads/trails and make them impassable," said Jacobson. "The long-term sustainability of Forest roads and trails system depends upon responsible use."

Safety measures should be taken while recreating in the Forest and officials are asking people to be extra careful throughout the spring into early summer. Visitors should not take anything for granted and should be prepared for various challenges by packing chain saws, axes or handsaws, and shovels, and emergency communications and supplies.

Officials encourage those hoping to visit the Forest to call a local Forest Service office to get specific condition reports and to let friends and family know before heading out into the Forest.

"The main message we want to get across is to be aware of your surroundings, avoid traveling on wet and muddy roads and surfaces, and use caution," said Jacobson.

Also, they ask that the public notify them of any damaged roads. For more information on the Black Hills National Forest, visit <http://www.fs.usda.gov/blackhills> or call (605) 673-9200.

# Girls edged out in semi-finals

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

Newcastle girls' basketball defeated Mt. View in the first round of the state tournament last Thursday before a narrow loss to eventual runner-up Worland on Friday and a sound defeat at the hands of Powell in a Saturday consolation game.

Thursday's contest against Mt. View was a back-and-forth affair in which the Dogies eventually prevailed 33-31.

"The Mt. View game, I thought we just came out hot," recalled Coach Tyler Bartlett on Monday. "We were up 11-2 at the end of the first quarter, just played really solid defense, made some shots, and came out ready to play. At the same time Mt. View was missing some shots."

Things didn't continue to go so readily in Newcastle's favor as the game wore on, however, as Mt. View eventually found their offensive rhythm. They outscored the Dogies 17-4 in the second quarter, and Newcastle found themselves down at the half.

The back and forth nature of the contest would continue into its final moments, with a three-point play by Abby Gray the deciding factor in turning the game into a win for Newcastle.

"We were losing with a minute to go, down one, and Abby Gray got the ball, drove to the hoop ... got fouled and made the shot, then made the free-throw to put us up two," Bartlett recounted, still thrilled by the victory.

Even then, the game wasn't quite in the bag, with Mt. View managing a basket of their own to tie things up within that last minute.

"It was a battle. They got another bucket and we had to make some free-throws," Bartlett continued. "We had to get a stop as time expired and we did. It was just a really nice effort by our kids. [Mt. View] is a tough team ... they had size on us across the board."

The dramatic victory would prove, however, to be the only win of the tournament for the Dogies. After making it to the semi-finals last year, on Friday Newcastle's hopes of making this a championship season were dashed again, this time in a 44-42 loss to a Worland team who themselves eventually went on to lose to Douglas in the championship game by a score of 33-25.

"That's one that got away," said Bartlett, evidently wistful for what might have been. "I thought our girls just played outstanding for 26 or 27 minutes, and we were up by as



At left, junior Bailey Karp is double-teamed by Powell defenders during Saturday's consolation game.

Below, number 33, Abby Gray, takes a short jump shot in Friday's semifinal loss to Worland. A last-minute play by the sophomore guard was crucial to Newcastle's win over Mt. View the previous night.

Photos by Sierra LaCroix/For NLJ



### Stats

State Tournament @ Casper	
March 13:	Newcastle 33, Mt. View 31
March 14:	Worland 44, Newcastle 42
March 15:	Powell 46, Newcastle 33
Individual Stats	
Points:	Abby Gray 15 (vs. Mt. View); Alyssa Dawson 13 (vs. Worland)
Rebounds:	Patricia Miller 13 (vs. Mt. View); Anna Henkle 11 (vs. Worland); Bailey Karp 10 (vs. Worland)
Steals:	Anna Henkle 5 (vs. Mt. View)
Assists:	Abby Gray 3 (vs. Powell)

much as 8 in the second half. We were up heading into the fourth quarter and had the lead the majority of the game. With just a few minutes left they went on a run. We had too many costly turnovers. They got to the free-throw line. They made some big shots. It just got away from us at the end. It really did."

Indeed, Worland's Phoenix Montoya had consecutive three-point plays to give the Warriors a one-point lead with less than a minute and a half to go. Worland would extend their lead to two points on free-throws, and a last-second Newcastle shot attempt, which would have sent the game into overtime, came up short.

"We probably showed our youth a little bit," Bartlett admitted of the loss, which he characterized as a learning opportunity. "We went down there this weekend with really one kid who had state tournament experience, and that was Anna [Henkle]. Everybody else was really learning on the fly."

After Friday's letdown, Bartlett felt it was difficult for his team to find the right mindset with which to approach Saturday's consolation game against Powell for third and fourth places.

"That third-fourth game is tough because obviously neither team is happy to be there," he explained. "You wanted to be playing later in the day for the championship ... I thought the girls were ready to play, but I almost think they put a little too much pressure on themselves to take care of that game. They just looked flat in the first half and kind of down."

"[After falling behind], we got it down to two or three points in the third quarter," Bartlett went on of how the game unfolded. "Then Powell hit a couple big shots and before you knew it their lead was back up to seven. It just felt like we'd spent so much energy to get it close and then at the end of the third quarter we were almost right back

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# Athletes gear up for track season

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

The Newcastle High School track team began practice on March 10 and the Dogie tracksters are already eyeing their first meet of the season, the Chadron Indoor Invitational, on March 22.

Much is expected of the team this time around as last year was something of a turnaround season, with both the boys' and girls' teams placing third at regionals before taking eighth and ninth places respectively at State, a marked improvement over recent years' performances.

"All of our state qualifiers we have back for girls, except for [one]. For boys we have all of them back but two," said Head Coach Pat Hayman when asked about this year's returnees.

Hayman reasoned that Newcastle is better positioned this year now that they have some experience at State under their belts.

"I don't know that we had anyone on our girls' team who had been to State before [last year]," Hayman said, "so you get over that initial shock of going down there without knowing

what to expect."

"The same [case] with the boys," he continued. "We had a couple of older boys who were stud athletes, but most of the kids we brought down to State last year, with the exception of our distance crew, were down there for the first time."

Hayman said he believes having such a group of State veterans is beneficial for success, if not a prerequisite.

"If you have people who have been there before, then they know how it works," he reasoned. "If you've got five good, salty state qualifiers from the year before, they're going to set an example for the team of how things have to be done, how the work ethic has to be, etc., etc., so that when you do go down to State you can do something down there."

Of course experience isn't the only factor at play Hayman admitted, adding that consistent daily effort fueled by the desire to win has to be demonstrated by the team as well.

"We talked about it in practice ... You have to be digging down and doing everything you can for every second of practice to make yourself better. If you

don't, you might make it to State, but when you get down there, there are just too many hungry kids in the state ... You throw in the other side of the state where all the big schools are and that just doubles what you [go] up against at regionals."

Track, Hayman continued by way of explanation of the sport's fundamentals, is a numbers game, much more so than cross country, which he also coaches. Fortunately, much like last year, Hayman said he expects a good turnout, with more than 50 athletes participating this season across 15 events.

"You've got to have participants in [all] those [events] ... to score points. A lot of times, when we haven't had the numbers, we haven't had a pole vaulter or we haven't had a two-hundred meter runner or whatever."

Asked about the differences between cross country and track, Hayman noted that there is some overlap, with many of his cross-country runners also turning out for track as distance runners.

"I like both [sports]. The only thing is, for cross country we usually have a little nicer weather," he said, adding that fortunately Chadron is an

indoor meet, meaning Newcastle is guaranteed a meet so long as they can make the trip.

As for whether or not there is less team camaraderie in track given the number of people participating in different events, Hayman said he doesn't think that is necessarily the case and that track has its own advantages, some of which extend beyond the athletic field.

"I try to get that same feeling going [of teamwork]," said Hayman. "Our kids last year were so good about supporting one another that they really became close teammates because they were interested in how one another did ... What I like about track is that it gets together all of the athletes from the different sports. You'll have football players and cross country and volleyball players, basketball players and wrestlers. It gives a chance for [all of them] to become teammates, and I think it helps with your school atmosphere ... I like it a lot for that right there."

The Chadron Indoor Invitational is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 22.



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From left, Paul, LuAnn, and Josh Jacobson accept their joint award for Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year presented to them on March 6 by District Forester Bill Kohlbrand.

## Jacobson family awarded

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

On March 6, the Jacobson family — Paul, LuAnn, and son Josh — were presented with the Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year Award at the office of the Wyoming State Forestry Division in Newcastle, for their work in managing their 172-acre property in Sundance.

Having arrived in the area from Minnesota about eight years ago, the Jacobsons, who purchased the acreage from their employer, Moskee Land Corporation, in 2010, manage it as Jacobson Land Company. As the name implies, it's a true family affair, and though still based in Minnesota, the

Jacobson's daughter Cassie and her husband Chris, who are also part owners, make it out to assist on the property whenever possible.

"We're just doing what we think we should do to manage our land and to get the award is over and above," said family patriarch Paul. "There are other people in the area who do the same. I'd say we're not the only ones who deserve it, but we were lucky enough to be the ones who got it this year ... We're just trying to manage land the best we can."

The award, which is sponsored by STIHL Inc., is given out under the auspices of the American Tree Farm

System, an extensive and long-established network of woodland owners through which the Jacobson's property has received certification.

Dick Terry, the state forester who nominated the Jacobsons for the award, cited, among other things, the family's involvement in working to combat the Mountain Pine Beetle.

"Paul and son Josh spend most of their waking hours cutting and directly controlling infested trees. Paul is always talking about forest management and the American Tree Farm organization to anyone who will listen," Terry wrote of the Jacobsons' efforts.

## Sign up for crop disaster assistance

Producers have until April 1 to purchase coverage through the Non-Insurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program for 2014 spring seeded crops. NAP provides basic catastrophic insurance protection from natural disasters for crop types which are not insurable through standard Federal Crop Insurance policies. Producers who have farming interests in multiple counties will need to apply for coverage in the FSA office(s) where their farm records are maintained.

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County include spring seeded small grains for hay production, including but not limited to oats, spring wheat, and millet. The NAP application fee is \$250 per crop type with a \$750 maximum fee per county, not to exceed a total of \$1,875 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

There are no late filed provisions, so do not miss the important April 1 deadline to be eligible for 2014 NAP coverage on spring seeded crops for forage, warns JoAn Stearns of Weston County FSA.

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Senior Anna Henkle looks to out-manuever a lone Powell defender as she drives downcourt in the final game of her high school career. Henkle, who scored 9 points against the Panthers, is one of five seniors departing the team this season.

## Ladies

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where we'd been at the end of the second. We were drained and just didn't have quite the energy to get that game."

In the end, Newcastle's fatigue at the conclusion of what had been a long tournament was reflected in the final score, which went 46-33 in Powell's favor.

Asked to reflect on the past season, Bartlett mentioned its uneven trajectory but emphasized that ultimately his team surpassed expectations.

"We felt like this was a year that we could compete for a title. I think when Hannah

[Cass] went down [with a season-ending injury], a lot of people thought that was no longer an option for us, but the kids ... and the coaches on our staff, we felt like it was still something that was attainable for us. We went through some highs and lows. We had to do some learning and some adjusting, but I think to be within two points of playing for the state title without [Cass], who I would say is the best 3A player in the state, is such a testament to our kids."

Bartlett went on to lament the loss of five gradu-

ating seniors — Makayla Smith, Kianna Hobbs, Anna Henkle, Patricia Miller and Savannah Davis — whom he said had each contributed in their own way to the team's success this season.

Undaunted after having come up just short of their goals for the second consecutive year, Bartlett said the team will be getting into the gym within the next few weeks after a short break and dive into things more fully after spring sports wrap up, fully confident that next season will be theirs.



At left, Lloyd Roberts goes over the ins and outs of the game as Julie Oleson (partially obscured), John and Savannah Holloway, and Connie Montgomery look on. Above, Dale Niswender (center) peruses a list with Tierney Parrish, Jered Engle and Betty Henderson.

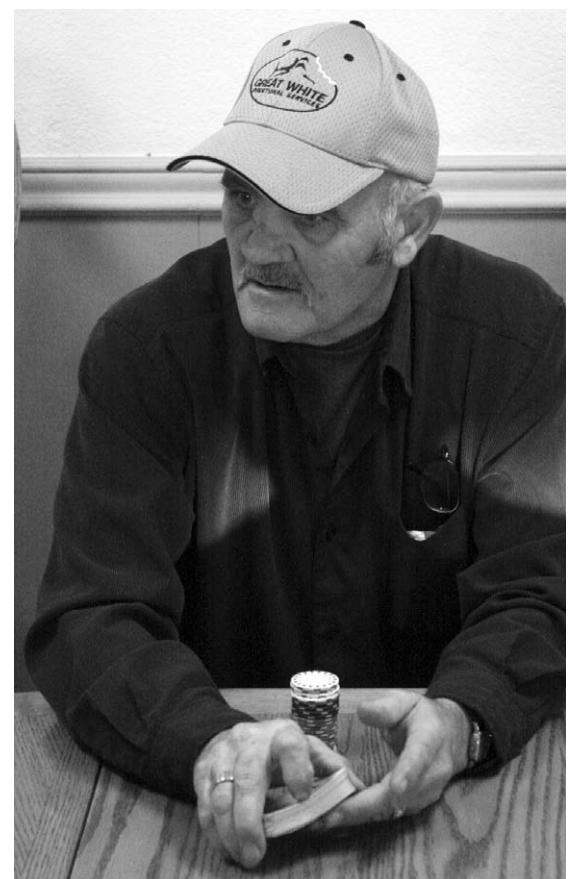
## LAYING DOWN BETS FOR PETS



A total of 35 poker enthusiasts turned out at the Newcastle Country Club Saturday, raising almost \$1,300 for the Weston County Humane Society during its annual Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament. All proceeds will go to cover the society's operating costs, said board treasurer Betty Henderson.

At left, Chuck Grieves (cowboy hat) enjoys a game with (counterclockwise) Bob Svava, Glen Reed, and other players. At right, Don Eisenhauer gets ready to deal.

Photos by  
Todd Bennington/NLJ



# INSURANCE *Be informed*

Wyoming Insurance Commissioner Tom Hirsig wants to alert Wyoming residents to the dangers of springtime water damage. Given recent flooding and the upcoming spring runoff, this might be a good time to assess your insurance coverage – especially since flood damage isn't usually covered by standard insurance policies.

Review your homeowner's insurance policy and talk to your agent about how well you are covered for flooding. **Most policies don't provide flood coverage.** Some manufactured and trailer home policies provide coverage, but not all. Commercial insurance policies generally do not insure against flood losses, but coverage can be purchased at an extra cost.

There are also limits on the damages flood insurance will cover. Most policies provide reimbursement only for damages below a building's lowest elevated floor – and coverage for appliances and personal property is usually very restricted.

Visit the website, [floodsmart.gov](http://floodsmart.gov) or call toll free: 1-888-379-9531 for more information on the National Flood Insurance Program.

Also, examine your vehicle policies. Generally, comprehensive coverage insures vehicles for flood damage.

If your home floods, here are some steps you should take:

- To prevent mold, remove wet items from your home immediately.

Carpeting, furniture, bedding and any other wet items inside a building can develop mold in 24 to 48 hours. If an item has been wet for less than 48 hours, mold can be prevented by cleaning it with a phenolic or pine-oil cleaner (non-ammonia detergent, soap or commercial cleaner) and disinfecting it with a 10 percent bleach solution (1 to 2 cups of bleach in a gallon of water). Items should then be completely dried and monitored for several days for any fungal growth and odors. The American Red Cross ([redcross.org](http://redcross.org), 1-800-733-2767) offers complete kits for water cleanup and is a great resource for flood relief and other assistance.

- Thoroughly dry out the building's interior. Portable dehumidifiers are useful and the rental costs might be covered by your policy.
- Take photos of any water in the house and damaged personal property. Photograph damaged walls, floors and ceilings, especially if any repairs are needed.
- If there was standing water around your furnace or water heater, have them checked for damage. There may be debris, corroded metal parts or wet insulation that may cause the units to function improperly.

For more information about issues affecting your insurance, please contact the Wyoming Insurance Department online at <http://doi.wyo.gov> or call 307-777-7401 or toll free in Wyoming, 1-800-438-5768. Additional information can also be found at [www.insureonline.org](http://www.insureonline.org).



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**March 9, 2014**  
 Traffic hazard reported. Traffic stop, DUI arrest. Found property reported. Accident reported. Civil standby requested. Report of a dog at large. Suspicious activity reported. Civil problem reported. Civil problem reported. Dogs at large. Impounded. Assist other agency. Report of a dog at large. Report of a dog at large. Ministerial assistance requested. Theft reported. Warrant arrest. Traffic stop, Citation issued.

**March 10**  
 Suspicious activity reported. Two VIN inspections requested. 911 hang up. Suspicious activity reported. Ministerial assistance requested. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. 911 hang up. Theft reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. 911 hang up. Noise complaint. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued.

**March 11**  
 Residential alarm reported. Ministerial assistance requested. Report of a dog at large. Traffic complaint. Civil standby requested. Report of a dog at large. Four VIN inspections requested. Traffic hazard reported. Arrest Warrant issued. Arrest Warrant issued, one arrest. Arrest Warrant issued. Commercial fire alarm reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued.

**March 12**  
 Minor in possession of tobacco, Citation issued. Assist other agency. Six VIN inspections requested. 911 hang up. Found property reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Assist other agency. Suspicious activity reported. Assist other agency. Civil problem reported.

**March 13**  
 Trapped cat reported. Six VIN inspections requested. Civil standby requested. Extra patrol requested. Report of a dog at large. Probation violation reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Welfare check requested. Report of a dog at large. 911 hang up. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Arrest Warrant issued. Assist other agency.

**March 14**  
 Suspicious activity reported. Civil standby requested. Domestic problem reported. 911 hang up. Report of a dog at large. Assist other agency. Trapped cat reported. Report of a dog at large. Four VIN inspections requested. Vehicle fire reported. Assist other agency. Minor accident reported. 911 hang up. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic complaint. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Civil assist. Minor accident reported. Traffic stop, no action taken.

**March 15**  
 Fight reported. Harassment reported. Lost property reported. Traffic hazard reported. Hazard reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Report of a dog at large. Traffic stop, two Citations issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Suspicious activity reported. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued.



**Deadline for Legals noon on Friday**

**Meeting Notice**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Weston County School District #1 Board of Trustees will have a 5:00 p.m. early start on Wednesday, March 26, 2014, to discuss the initial/continuing contract teachers.

(Publish March 20, 2014)

**Election Notice**

**PROCLAMATION & NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR CAMBRIA IMPROVEMENT & SERVICE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014**

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on May 6, 2014 to elect TWO Directors to serve on the Cambria Improvement & Service District Board of Directors. All qualified electors and landowners within the District's boundaries are entitled to vote.

The following director positions will appear on the ballot:

**TWO (2) DIRECTORS 4 YEAR TERMS**

Any qualified elector or landowner within the Cambria Improvement and Service District may apply for the position of Director by filing an Application for Director with our Secretary, Sharron Ackerman. To receive an application, please call Sharron at 746-2205. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED BY APRIL 1, 2014.

Voters may vote in person at the polls or by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots may be obtained by telephone or by written request to Cambria Improvement & Service District Secretary at P.O. Box 91, Newcastle, WY 82701. Absentee ballots must be received no later than May 5, 2014.

(Publish March 6, 13 and 20, 2014)

**Utility Notice**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, the Commission hereby gives notice of the application of SourceGas Distribution LLC, (SourceGas or the Company) for authority to revise the Fuel, Lost and Unaccounted for Gas Percentages (FL&U) in all of its Divisions, as more fully described below.

SourceGas is a natural gas public utility as defined by W.S. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(D) and, as such, is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction under W.S. § 37-2-112.

On February 28, 2014, SourceGas filed an annual application requesting approval to revise its FL&U gas percentages as directed by the Commission. The Company seeks to [i] increase the percentage to mainline customers in its Casper Division; [ii] increase the percentage to the distribution transportation customers in its Casper Division; [iii] increase the percentage to the Choice Gas Program in its Casper Division; [iv] increase the percentage to the distribution transportation customers in the Gillette Division; [v] increase the percentage for reconciliation for the Choice Gas Program suppliers in the Gillette Division; [vi] decrease the percentage to the distribution transportation customers in the Torrington Division; and [vii] increase the percentage for reconciliation for the Choice Gas Program suppliers in the Torrington Division. Each increased or decreased FL&U percentage would apply to SourceGas' Casper, Gillette or Torrington Divisions for the current Choice Gas program year, June 1, 2014, through May 31, 2015.

The Company's proposed FL&U percentages for the Casper Division are: [i] 1.153% for Mainline System Interconnect and Mainline System End-Users; [ii] 3.579% Distribution System End-Users; and [iii] 3.759% Choice Gas Program. The Company's proposed FL&U percentages for the Gillette Division are: [iv] 2.013% Choice Gas Program suppliers; and [v] 1.493% Distribution System End-Users. The Company's proposed FL&U percentages for the Torrington Division are: [vi] 0.118% Choice Gas Program Supplier FL&U Reconciliation Process; and [vii] 0.228% Distribution System End-Users. These figures would replace the current FL&U percentages approved in Docket No. 30022-207-GA-13.

This is not a complete description of the application. Interested persons may inspect the application at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and at any SourceGas office located in Casper, Gillette or Torrington, Wyoming.

Anyone wishing to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must do so in writing filed with the Commission on or before April 4, 2014. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please be sure to mention Docket No. 30022-226-GA-14 in all correspondence with the Commission.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing which you will attend, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or write to the Commission, 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Weston County School District #1 Board of Trustees will have a board governance training on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at the Newcastle Country Club.

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**Public Notice**

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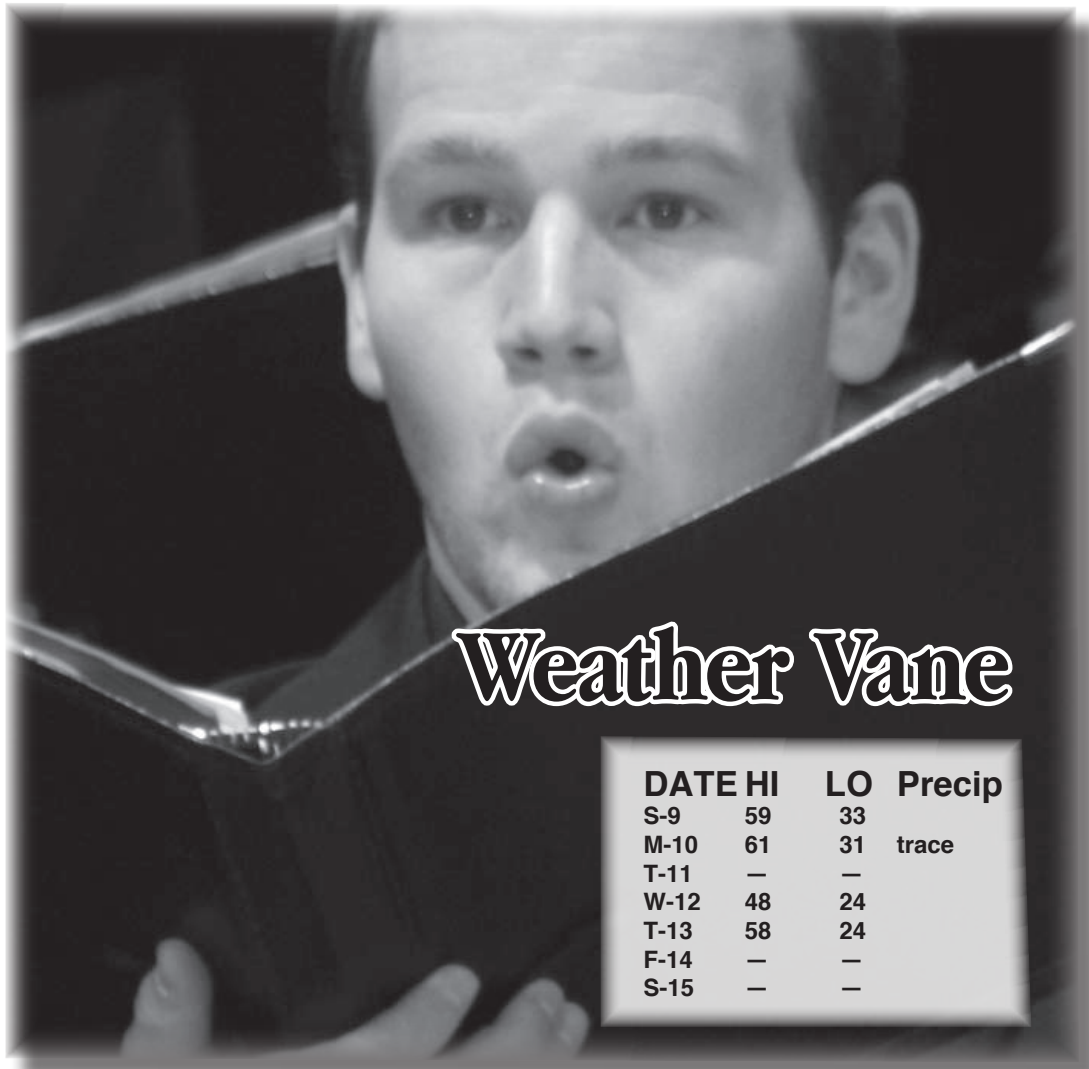
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## Probate Notice

STATE OF WYOMING  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
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COUNTY OF WESTON

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
MARILYN L. ARNOLD,  
Deceased.  
Probate Case No. PR-7963

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

#### TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014, the Last Will and Testament of the decedent was admitted to probate by the above named Court, and that THOMAS L. ARNOLD was appointed personal representative thereof. Any action to set aside the Will shall be filed in the Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the decedent or to her estate are requested to make immediate payment to THOMAS L. ARNOLD, at P.O. Box 98, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701.

Creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to file them in duplicate with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of said Court, on or before three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, and if such claims are not so filed, unless otherwise allowed or paid, they will be forever barred.

DATED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

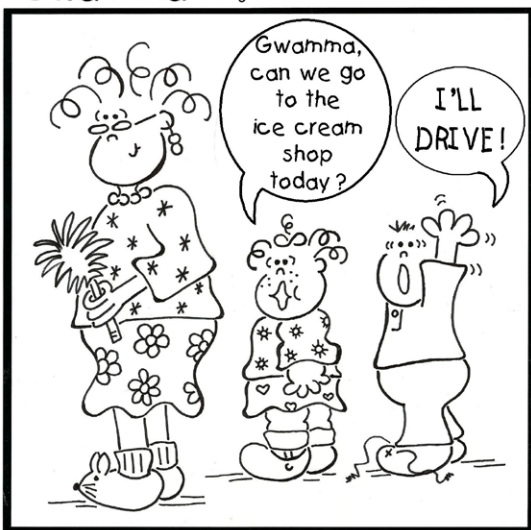
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## Public Notice

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF LOCATION FOR A RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE 2014 - 2015

Notice is hereby given that on February 26, 2014 application for the Transfer of Ownership for a Retail License #5 was made at the City of Newcastle. The application is for transfer from Heidi Cleveland, dba: The Antlers to Jillian Armstrong, dba Antlers Restaurant & Lounge. Protests against this transfer, if there be any, will be heard at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2014 in the Newcastle City Council Chambers at City Hall, Newcastle, Wyoming.

Dated: February 26, 2014.

Charita Brunner  
Clerk/Treasurer City of Newcastle

(Publish March 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2014)

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## Foreclosure Notice

### FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE 2

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 September 10, 2012, was executed and delivered by Nhoun Pheak and Kasie M Pheak ("Mortgagor(s)") to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Premier Home Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns, as security for the Note of the same date, and said Mortgage was recorded on September 11, 2012, at Reception No. 738195 in Book 339 at Page 861 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: Wells Fargo Bank, NA.  
Assignment dated: October 14, 2013  
Assignment recorded: October 18, 2013  
Assignment recording information: in Book 348 at Page 211

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 \$235,831.18 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$228,660.89 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$6,133.27, plus other costs in the amount of \$1,037.02, 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 Wells Fargo Bank, NA., 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 April 15, 2014 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:

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### FAMOUS INVENTORS

#### ACROSS

- Bodily lumps
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- Pen \_\_\_\_\_
- \*National \_\_\_\_\_ of Science, awarded inventors
- "Holberg Suite" composer
- Put to work
- Do penance
- \*Denim pants inventor
- \*Ford's assembly line product
- \_\_\_\_ 7, 1941
- Blondie's hit "The \_\_\_\_\_ Is High"
- "Just kidding!"
- \*Richard \_\_\_\_\_, inventor of Scotch Tape
- \*Inventor of engine of same name
- Crude group
- Seed coat
- Accent mark
- "Good" to Sophia Loren
- Betty Page, e.g.
- To defeat decisively
- Grind down
- Largest volcano in Europe
- Write on tombstone, e.g.
- City on the Rio Grande
- Hideous
- Get the picture
- Shakespeare's metrical unit
- Sushi restaurant staple
- Morally pure
- \*Tactile writing inventor
- Domenikos Theotokopoulos, a.k.a. El

- Wade's opponent
- Remained firm
- European finch
- DNA transmitter
- Not these
- Dumbfounded
- Japanese capital
- Red Sea nation

#### DOWN

- Wheel teeth
- Nomad's round house
- Affect emotionally
- "Now found on the invention by Dunlop
- Proceeded without pause
- "Moonlight Sonata," e.g.
- Singular past tense of "be"
- Fragrant resin
- Dole out
- Object of worship
- Not in optimist's vocabulary?
- Draft pick
- Conquered the Everest, e.g.
- Junk yard stuff
- 1, e.g.
- Washer/dryer unit
- "Dynamite inventor
- "Carmen," e.g.
- Luciano Pavarotti, e.g.
- U.S. city and lake
- De Valera's land
- Gambling choice, pl.
- Bring out
- River in Hades
- Surrender territory
- \*Coutseau's aqua-\_\_\_\_\_
- More pale
- \*Motion-picture camera inventor
- Granola grain
- Possible adjective for bread
- Like Christmas
- Quality of many a ballerina
- Captain and his party

- Not there
- \*a.k.a. LSD, invented by Albert Hofmann
- Chili seed
- Rumpelstiltskin machine
- Eminem's hit "\_\_\_\_\_ Yourself"
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# Classifieds

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**In Memoriam**

In Loving Memory of our Father and Grandfather, William L. Morrissey, who passed away March 14, 1971.

Sadly Missed by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson & Family

**Klipper Kuts New Hours**

Klipper Kuts will have new hours. April 1-4, 9-5, April 5, Appt Only. **605-641-0838.**

**Imagine No Malaria**

**Fund-raising Walk** April 27th. High School Track, Registration from 2:30-3:00 p.m. that day, or call the church to register early 746-4119. Entry fee: Adults \$10; Middle & High School Students \$5; Elementary Students Free. Walk from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Back to FUMC for supper (included with entry fee) Pizza and Fun! Get your family, club or team together to walk for a good cause! 12-

**Home Cooked Meal/Short Stop**

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**Will Do Odd Jobs**

**Odd Jobs Wanted:** Will do painting, yard work, spring clean up, tree trimming, gutter cleaning, etc. Call Leonard Lang, 746-2999. 12-ffc

**Rentals**

*Clean well maintained* 2 Bdrm, 1 Bdrm, & studio apts for rent. All living expenses included except phone, cable and internet. No pets. 3Bdrm Mobile Home 1 1/2 bath with washer and dryer. No Pets. **Call 629-0909** for more information. 10-ffc

**FOR RENT:** 1 Bdrm, 1 bath, utilities included. \$425 per month \$425 deposit. Call 307-629-0772. 11

**Make a Deal!!!!**

**Rentals**

**FOR RENT:** One Bedroom Apartment, \$550-Utilities Paid-\$300 Deposit. 746-5541. 12-3tp

**FOR RENT:** 2 Bdrm House just out of town. Low heat bills, water & sewer paid. W/D/DW. Pellet stove and Nat. gas. Fenced yard. \$600 Month +Deposit. No pets. Private and quiet. 746-2386. 10-3tp

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**Deadline-Friday**

**FOR RENT:** One Bdrm apartment, utilities included, \$600 per month. Please call 746-5711 or 941-0913. 9-ffc

**Rentals**

**FOR RENT:** In a nice neighborhood. Two Bdrm, one bath, central air conditioning, large laundry room with washer and dryer. Large kitchen/ living room. Carport, no pets. **No Smoking. \$700 +Utilities and Deposit. 307-941-1822.**

**FOR RENT:** Nice Apartment-\$400 per month. For more information please call 307-299-9897. 7-ffc

**FOR RENT:** 16x80 3 Bdrm, 2 bath, covered porch, storage shed. 746-9446. 11-ffc

**Homes For Sale**

**FOR SALE:** 1996 DOUBLE WIDE Mobile Home on established owned lot. Three out buildings with a carport. More info please call 746-9381. 12-3tp

**FOR SALE:** 2008 16x80: 3 Bed, 2 Bath, Central Air, Large Deck, Many Upgrades, Appliances Included. Location: Rented Lot. \$55,000. 941-0715.

**Home For Sale**

**House For Sale** 3 Bdrm, 2 bath home built in 2008. Large corner lot in nice neighborhood. Open floor plan, finished 2 car garage, paved driveway, and professional landscaping. *Please call 307-746-3011. 11-6tp*

**Vehicle**

**For Sale:** 1997 Ford F-150 4-wheel drive, extended cab. Runs good, new radiator. **Call Bob at 746-2777.**

**Services Offered**

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**Guard Rail**

Available in Spring East of Newcastle on Hwy 16. Used W-Beam Guard Rail from \$2.35 per l.f. and up depending on the quality. Used 8" top x 6 ft Guardrail Post \$1.50 each. Used 6"x8"x14" Guardrail blocks FREE. Call 605-381-4111 or 605-391-8343.

**Self-Help**

**BIBLE STUDY**-Non-denominational. Thursdays 10 a.m. Senior Citizen's Dining Room. More info call 629-0211 or 629-1472. 45-ffc

**AL-ANON** (help for family and friends of alcoholics) meets every Tuesday night at 6:45 p.m. Mondell Heights.

Open Door AA Meetings, **Sunday, and Fridays at 7 p.m. Wednesday meeting at 8 p.m. at the Catholic Church Basement (Back Entrance).**

**Self-Help**

AA Meetings-Weston County Hospital on **Tuesdays at 7 p.m.** 23-ffc

**FOCUS, Inc.** Advocates For Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Victims. All Services Are Confidential. Call 746-2748 For Support.

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**Self-Help**

**HELPING HANDS Foundation of Weston County.** Applications are now available to help. Please contact Rita Conklin at 307-629-0627 for information.

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Meeting on Tuesdays at 4:45 p.m.** at First United Methodist Church upstairs. Contact **Norma Lease 746-4568.**

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Club Meeting every Thursday morning** at the Weston County Senior Center. **Contact Ellen Butts, 746-4251.**

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**Deadline-Friday** Legals deadline Fridays at noon. News, ads, classifieds, Fridays-5 p.m. Call 746-2777 for details or email us.

**Card of Thanks**

A Very **SPECIAL Heartfelt THANKS** to Leona at Decker's for finding my money!! I am a very lucky person thanks to you!! You are amazing!! We are all blessed to live in this community! Thanks again!!

Becky Vodopich

**Safe Ride is Back**

**SAFE RIDE will be now running on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays only from 4 p.m.-2:30 a.m.** Donations are accepted. There is an account at Pinnacle Bank for donations as well. Please call 629-1682.

**Make A Deal!**



**Decker's Market is now taking applications for FULL time Meat Manager.**

Please see complete details at WyomingatWork.com website or visit Newcastle Workforce.

**The City of Newcastle**

is accepting applications for a full-time position of **Deputy Clerk/ Treasurer in the City Office**

Duties may include but not be limited to: secretarial, receptionist, front counter work, payroll related responsibilities, cemetery records, municipal court responsibilities, utilities billing, and other duties as may be assigned. Experience in governmental or general accounting desirable. STRONG computer skills needed - Excel, Word, etc. Base pay/hr. \$12.00 or DOE. Excellent benefit package available. Applications available at the City Office, 10 W. Warwick, Newcastle, WY 82701, 8:00 am-5:00 pm. M-F, (307) 746-3535. *Position open until March 21, 2014 or until filled. City of Newcastle is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

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**April 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

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**Teaching Positions**

**Middle School English Teaching Position**

Weston County School District #1 is accepting applications for a middle school English teacher. The position is for a full-time teacher at Newcastle Middle School. Candidate must hold or be able to obtain current certification with the Wyoming Professional Teaching Standards Board and be highly qualified. Applicants should include a letter of interest, resume and a completed application. Applications are available at the Administration Building, 116 Casper Avenue, during regular business hours, 7:30am-4:30pm or on our website at: [weston1.k12.wy.us](http://weston1.k12.wy.us). The position will be opened until filled. WCSD # 1 is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**Agriculture Education Teaching Position**

Weston County School District # 1 is accepting applications for a full-time Agriculture Education teacher. Candidate must hold or be able to obtain current certification with the Wyoming Professional Teaching Standards Board and be highly qualified. Applicants should include a letter of interest, resume and a completed application. Applications are available at the Administration Building, 116 Casper Avenue, during regular business hours, 7:30am-4:30pm or on our website at: [weston1.k12.wy.us](http://weston1.k12.wy.us). The position will be opened until filled. WCSD # 1 is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**Foreign Language Teaching Position**

Weston County School District # 1 is accepting applications for a full-time foreign language teacher. Candidate must hold or be able to obtain current certification with the Wyoming Professional Teaching Standards Board and be highly qualified. Applicants should include a letter of interest, resume and a completed application. Applications are available at the Administration Building, 116 Casper Avenue, during regular business hours, 7:30am-4:30pm or on our website at: [weston1.k12.wy.us](http://weston1.k12.wy.us). The position will be opened until filled. WCSD # 1 is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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# Summer Swimming

Newcastle Stingray Swim Team

Registration  
Monday, April 7  
6-7 p.m.  
Kozisek Aquatic Center

Mandatory Parent Meeting will also be held at that time. Practices will begin April 14. If you have questions, please call Teresa Gross at 746-9136

# Seedling Trees



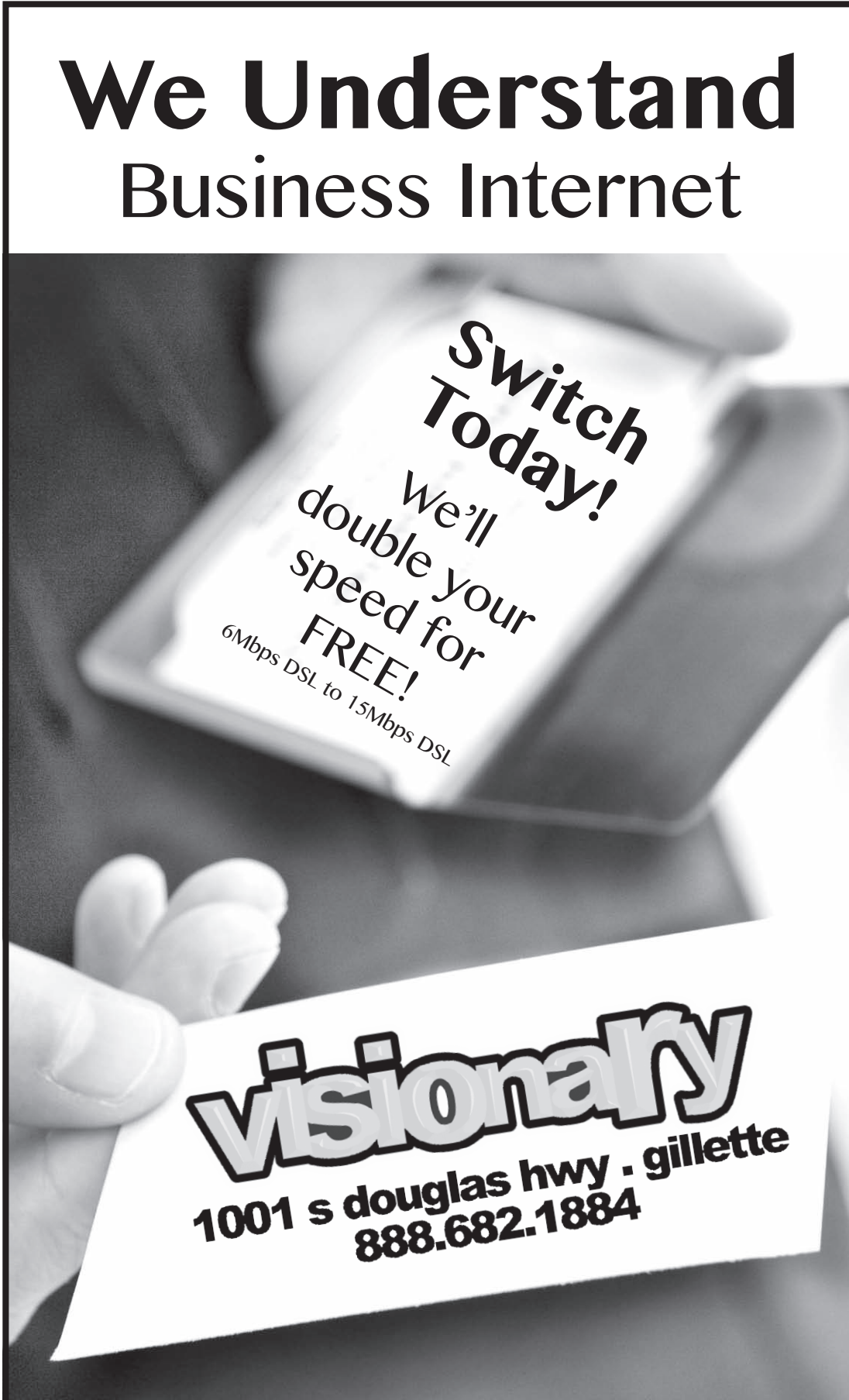
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**Deadline for orders is Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

Order forms can be picked up at the District Office or at the Upton Library. Please call the District Office at 746-3264 with any questions.

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**Summer Solace**

Flying is one of those things that is becoming more and more an inevitable and regular part of life as our world becomes more globally connected. The recent disappearance of the Malaysian Airlines flight 370 — and the memory of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks still fresh in many of our minds — is never something that makes you feel at ease when you or loved ones fly often. And yet, flying, with all of its missed connections, long layovers, lost baggage, screaming children and terrorist scares, is still something that can be a wonderful experience.

I love flying. I love the way the sun looks rising over the clouds, like an endless sea of gold-tipped whipped cream that rises into mountains and planes and shapes of mythical creatures. I love the way the sprawling cities look as you're coming in to land, lights twinkling like Christmas, rushing up to greet you.

I love the rush you get football-tackling through lines of people to get to your plane and in your seat on time. Not to mention the tunnel vision

down the overflying aisles that seems to be ever-shrinking during your frenzied hurdling over suitcases. It's like a crazy marathon from ancient Greece. The frantic and apologetic smile you give fellow passengers as you crawl over their laps into your seat, with wild, messed-up hair and the reek of airport layovers is probably not as stoic as the ancient Greeks however.

Last, but not least of all, I love the people you meet along the way. Flying brings people together in the most extraordinary way. You have people from different countries, languages and backgrounds that for a short time are bound together in travel. It gives you the unique opportunity of meeting and talking with people for several hours that you will probably never meet again; complete strangers become vulnerable and open in a way they probably never would with someone they might meet again. You get to meet people from very diverse backgrounds going to and coming from diverse places with new and exciting experiences to share.

For all of you reading this that are the type that put on your headphones and ignore your seatmates as much as

possible, I am that person that you hate — the one that wants to talk and get to know you and make a new friend. The way that I see it is that if you're going to be stuck in close proximity to someone for any extended amount of time with nothing to do, you might as well enjoy the scenery and the company. It's such an incredible learning opportunity to broaden your horizons, make a new friend and maybe even help someone through something going on in their life. And, if my flight ever goes missing, at least I will be in good company.

It's a pretty wonderful thing to get to your destination and know you have survived being up in aluminum cage thousands of feet above the ground and made a few friends along the way. Life is never perfect and sometimes bad people do bad things. There will probably always be stories of missing flights and terrorist attacks. And, for some, a lot of fear comes with that realization, but it's important to see it in perspective and love and cherish the things that make living worth the risk and full of joy even in the worst circumstances, even when it's hard to understand why bad things happen.



## Gun-happy

Residents had the opportunity to enjoy the Gun Show at the Weston County Senior Services center on both Saturday and Sunday. There were a multitude of booths offering wares, arranged in two different areas of the center. Sunday afternoon it was estimated that nearly 800 people attended the event. Above, Jim McDill, Rick Rothleunter and Dave Manzer enjoy conversation at the Friends of the National Rifle Association Booth, which raffled off a gun-winners choice. Below, an attendee carefully checks out a rifle.

Photos by Denice Piscioti/NLJ



## Time to register boats

Even though some Wyoming waters are still ice-covered, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department advises boaters that now is a good time to register boats for the upcoming year.

The following are the most often asked boat registration questions.

- Where can I renew my watercraft registration if there has been a change in the ownership? You can renew your registration online, at Game and Fish regional offices, or at WGFD headquarters in Cheyenne.

- Where can I register my new boat? You must register your new boat at any Game and Fish regional office or the Cheyenne headquarters.

- What do I do if I lost my registration renewal card? Simply go to or call any Game and Fish office or just go online and renew your watercraft. Registrations are computerized and they can look up your info and provide you with renewal

information at that time.

- Can I keep my boat number if I sell my boat? The boat number stays with your old boat. If you get a new boat, you will be issued a new number.

- Do I need to register my canoe or rubber raft? You do if it has a motor. Any boat with a motor, electric or internal combustion must be registered. No registration is required of craft without motors.

- How long does it take for a renewal or new registration through the mail? Generally, you should be receiving your new registration within a week after it is received in the office. During the peak season months of May-August it may take up to 10 business days for the registration to be processed. Boaters should allow 3-5 days for mailing.

Larissa Voss who oversees boat registration for the Game and Fish said boaters can renew their registration online at [wgfd.wyo.gov](http://wgfd.wyo.gov) or at regional WGFD offices throughout the state.

“If you renew your watercraft registration online, you can print out proof of registration and proof of [Aquatic Invasive Species] decal purchase and use your watercraft immediately,” Voss said.

“The Cheyenne headquarters will mail your watercraft and/or AIS decal to you within the next three business days,” Voss explained.

Voss said that something new this year is that boaters can get a combination sticker that takes care of their boat registration and AIS decal with one sticker if they are purchased at the same time.

“Combination stickers are \$25 for one year or \$70 for three years,” she said.

Currently, registration of boats is in full swing. The Game and Fish processes around 25,000 boat registrations annually.