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Help wanted

County likely to create new position

By Bob Bonnar of NLJ

The Weston County Commissioners appear poised to hire an individual to help organize and coordinate efforts to maintain the county's infrastructure, submit grants for federal and state dollars toward that objective, and relieve a backlog of work presently hovering over a number of the county's current employees.

"There is definitely the need for plenty of help," Commissioner Jerry Shepperson said at the beginning of a discussion on the subject held during the group's meeting Aug. 6.

The commissioners uni-

A person in that capacity would be able to pull everything together and help us with what we're supposed to do."

> — Jerry Shepperson Weston County Commissioner

versally agreed that there is a need for such an employee, and discussed a number of potential duties that would be associated

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Event center still under discussion

By Bob Bonnar of NLJ

The Weston County Commissioners met for a little more than an hour Friday morning to discuss the problems that have led to the ongoing closure of the Weston County Event Center, and while Chairman Lenard Seeley professed after the meeting that he believes a solution is closer than ever before, the group wasn't ready to reveal any of the particulars to the public and held the entirety of their meeting in executive session.

"It has been suggested that we go into an executive session and talk to our attorney about this ream of paper we have here, and then open it up to the public," Seeley said at the start of meeting, where the commissioners planned to discuss a report from Engineer Kim Basham, a specialist hired by the county to investigate

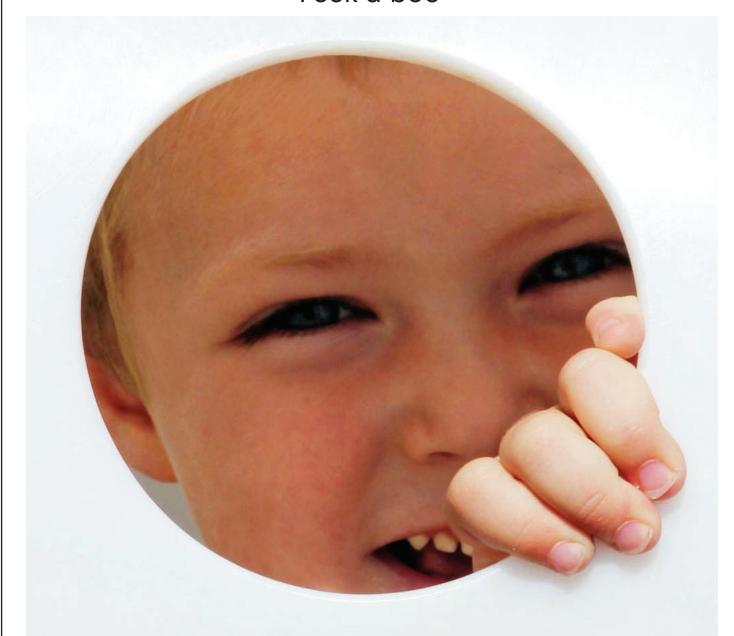
damage at the building, and offer proposals for repairs.

Commissioner Tracy Hunt made the motion to go into executive session to discuss the report based on an exemption in Wyoming's open meeting laws that allows a body to hold discussions in closed session when the possibility of litigation exists. Seeley and Commissioner Jerry Shepperson voted to do so, while Commissioner Marty Ertman cast the lone 'No' vote to the motion.

were allowed to participate in the closed-door session.

One of the members of the public who attended the meeting, but was unable to participate in the executive session, was Scott Patrol, a subcontractor on the

Peek-a-boo



Colter Rettinghouse peeks through a hole on the playground equipment at Centennial Park Friday afternoon. He was among a group of youngsters from the Weston County Children's Center. (Photo by Denice Pisciotti/NLJ)

Education committee to meet here

By Bob Bonnar of NLJ

Newcastle played host to a pair of public County Attorney Don forums earlier this year that focused on Hansen and Jerry Hunt, the the changes in leadership at the Wyoming county's contract engineer, Department of Education as a result of the passage of Senate File 104 by the Wyoming State Legislature. In about a month, local residents will be able to witness and participate in discussions pertaining to education accountability in Wyoming, the issue that made the reorganization of the WDE neces-Gerber, the CEO of Dan Hart sary according to many of the legislators who sponsored the bill.

According to the Wyoming State — See **Event center**, Page 3 Legislature's website, the Select Committee

on Statewide Education Accountability will meet in Newcastle on Sept. 10 and 11. The exact location of the meeting, and the topics that will be included on its agenda, have not been finalized.

The Select Committee was established under Senate File 70 in 2011, the original legislation that sought to create and implement a statewide education accountability system, and it includes 10 members of the legislature.

Sen. Hank Coe, R-Cody, said the Select Committee had its roots in the discussion that accompanied recalibration of the state's funding model for education in 2010. He said the legislature largely agreed that

schools were funded adequately at the time, and little to no change was made in funding. Instead lawmakers turned their attention to making sure Wyoming was getting the maximum return for the large sums of money that were being spent on education.

"We realized we were spending more than probably anybody else out there, and our focus shifted to accountability," Coe told the News Letter Journal this week.

The committee is chaired by Coe and Rep. Matt Teeters, who also serve as the chairs of the legislature's Joint Education Committee. The other members of the

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Preparations begin

■ Home-school families ready for school year

By Carrie Peterson for NLJ

Gearing up for the first day of school brings excitement and anticipation to even those that happen to attend school right in their own living room. It is the time of year when families with school-aged children begin finishing up those summer projects, and getting the school supply lists tackled. It is a time to evaluate the children's closets and donate the "too small" piles and buy new school clothes. It may even include looking at the family computer and deciding it is time for an upgrade. However, for several families in the area that have decided to "home school," they have just a few other items on the agenda.

Parents that choose to teach their children from home are also gearing up for school as "teachers and educators" and are preparing lessons, checking their curriculum and getting new workbooks, making copies, and organizing their classroom spaces, as well as looking for incentives and

Carrie Peterson/For NLJ

Home-school parent Tanya Foote showing the storage of supplies and how she has each student categorized by color.

materials to make the experience rewarding for the students at home. So it's not just a matter of getting their children ready for the first day of school, it is also a matter of getting the teacher ready for the first day of school for these families.

One such family is Roger and Tanya Foote of Osage, and they home-school seven of their nine children, with the two younger ones close at hand, and keep the lessons "family oriented." Schoolwork in their home includes life skills, such as cooking and cleaning, and this type of home economics class is not just for the older high school-age children, it includes all of them. Preparing their children for real life is certainly a portion of the Foote academics. Home-schooling is an option this family has made that truly works — and a decision that Tanya said she made even before marriage.

Both Tanya and Roger were public-schooled growing up, but Tanya explained that watching her younger sister have a home-school experience as a high school student really opened her eyes to the depth in which a student can be taught when home-schooled. The Footes explained

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Grant will help prevent bullying

By Denice Pisciotti of NLJ

Growing up is hard and it can be especially difficult when a student encounters teasing, bullying or racism. With a desire for young people in the community to feel safe at Newcastle Middle School and Newcastle High School, administrators have worked with the Challenge Day program out of California. It has been three years since the program has visited the district, which it will do again

To pay for the program, Weston County School District #1 applied for and received an Anti-Bullying Grant to bring the Challenge Day program to the schools once more. NMS Principal Scott Shoop explained it has been a financial struggle for the district to fund the program.

"The grant allows you to pay for things you already do. We want to be able to do the program every two years. We have not been able to do that financially," reported Shoop.

The purpose of the \$10,320 grant is to

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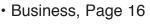


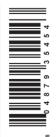




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Our View

Weston County can use the help

Te have long encouraged the Weston County Commissioners to create a position that would be responsible for all of the county's infrastructure, and help those officials who are already in place navigate the ever-growing sea of regulations and rules that govern public lands, resources and dollars.

We were pleased to see that the commissioners have acknowledged the need for such an individual themselves, and fully understand why they are being so careful in identifying exactly what the qualifications and expectations will be for the position.

We agree that the first attempt to bring extra help on board was ill-conceived, and simply hiring a county planner, or "Growth and Development Coordinator," under the criteria outlined during the illfated experiment that ended after approximately one year is doomed

A number of residents lambasted the hiring of Weston County's only growth and development coordinator when the commissioners elected to do so a few years ago. They generally said the hiring represented unnecessary growth of government, and questioned the need for any kind of regulation of private lands — one of the primary tasks assigned to the new position.

Although those individuals were right in predicting failure for that first experiment, they did so for the wrong reasons.

Some type of county planning and regulation is needed to protect taxpayers from having to foot the bill if private property owners (generally developers) fail to follow through on plans that increase the number of homes and businesses on a piece of land. While those individuals who buy such property are largely responsible for safeguarding their own purchase, scenarios do exist whereby the county would have to assume some liability if the developer doesn't deliver on his or her promises, and developers should be required to provide some assurance that the infrastructure required to support the number of people and structures attracted to a piece of property will be installed and properly maintained.

The hiring of an individual who oversees infrastructure, regulation compliance and grant opportunities is also necessary because county government has already grown considerably in the last few decades. The commissioners are wise to recognize that the county needs an individual who will be accountable for these things. The taxpayers of Weston County deserve to get more for what is spent, and the fact of the matter is that county government — and its relationship to other government entities — has grown too complex to be responsibly managed under a model that has been in existence for at least half a century.

If there was a failure in the previous attempt to hire an individual to increase the efficiency of county government by overseeing some of these areas, it lay in the fact that the position wasn't clearly defined, and the individual hired probably served too many masters.

That's why the commissioners are wise to insist that if and when they do create a new position, the individual hired to fill it will answer only to them. They will now have to decide how that individual fits in the rest of the county's chain of command, and give him or her the authority needed to manage the aspects of county government he or she will be held accountable for.

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Letters to the Editor

Harassment makes **Newcastle less inviting**

Dear Editor,

Most citizens won't complain because they are afraid of retaliation.

I was driving down Stampede from the fair grounds, dodging the construction vehicles that have been present for weeks, plus other vehicles, and travel trailers, looking at the pretty flowers in Lee's front yard and the holllyhocks on down the street. After I got across the bypass road to the church, the sirens were behind me. A state highway patrolmen stopped me for going too slow, and crossing the line.

What line? There is no line on Stampede as it's been under construction for weeks. That was just a warning, but I've never been accused of going too slow. My kids will laugh for days over that.

A friend, Nita Ottema, was stopped at the four-way stop. He thought she might have been drinking because she had been parked in front of Perkin's for several hours! Another laugh as Nita doesn't

Another lady counted five patrol cars with stopped cars along the road from Lusk to Newcastle. That sounds a little much. Our town gets a lot of publicity from that, and you can bet those people will think twice about coming through Newcastle again.

I listen to the scanner every night, and tourist after tourist is stopped for speeding along the bypass. The police cars are hiding behind the chamber building, or behind anything so as not to been seen. And wham, here comes

Does this create a name for Newcastle? Yes. I don't believe speeding should be overlooked, but if they were parked in full view, it would slow them down, but it looks like to me that they have to meet a quota.

I've called on my safety button for help when I have fallen. A policeman shows up, but he won't help me up or bring me a chair to help myself get up until Mr. Hespe gets there. So you sit flat on the floor with legs out in a most uncomfortable position for back injury or arthritis, waiting for 30 minutes until

speaker might get help to pick you up. If you were seriously injured that would be

I was born and raised in this town. My family came to the area even before coal was discovered in Cambria. I've so good. If a few courtesy tickets were

needs all the encouragement we can give.

to Newcastle, does that help with our reputation? Yes, they kill a few bikers every year, but maybe the bikers could be a little more careful. We can't save everybody with a ticket.

hills three times during biker week. I probably saw all 600,000 of them, and most of them are careful and courteous, just like the drivers in the cars. When you see them parked on Main Street in Newcastle, then see the numbers in Custer and Hill City, we can't compare to the numbers. Kindness goes a long way.

Another problem with ridding the town of cats — wait until the complaints of mice and rats start coming, or have you thought of that? We need a few cats

> dog catcher gets a few dogs now and then, but between speeding tickets and picking up stray or lost dogs, the police have a full-time job.

Okay Bob, I have stepped forward, but I refuse to shut up. When

you reach 80 there is nobody that can shut you up. I've seen it all. Thanks for listening. Until next time,

Get ready for the **Unaffordable Care Act**

Dear Editor,

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If this wasn't so serious, it would what we can't afford.

They voted to not let their own ox be gored. But we'll have to comply with this unwanted expense, else we could find

Princess Nancy, said, before they passed the darned thing, it should been read. A single-payer system is their long-term goal, the benevolent rulers will be in

Now that there emerges a better picture of the roosting of the chickens, even some of the low-information crowd are as mad as the dickens.

For years this plan festered on the old Marxist's easels, just awaiting passage by

Exemptions are granted, of course, to like-minded cronies, But if we're lucky this'll be the straw that breaks the backs of these phonies.

Several in the last week include:

drink. No never.

the siren.

they check your vitals. Sometimes I wonder why I pay

the monthly fee for help when a loud a different story.

seen many changes, some good, some not handed to those fleeting tourists, they

might be more apt to return. Our town

When the state sends 20 patrolmen

I've driven the road through the Newcastle could take lessons.

and no cat catcher. The

—Irene Tunnell

make me laugh, but it seems that our legislators and their staff, won't have to buy

ourselves behind a razor wire fence.

Contrary to what former speaker,

But if you voted wrong last election day, you might be sorry when the death panels have their say. I just love this bunch in Congress, they're so adorable, they had the nerve to name this train wreck "Affordable."

the right number of weasels.

—Jim Darlington

Deadline for Letters noon on Friday

Students provide their take on the school day

(Ed. note: The students in Debb Proctor's Freshman English Class write persuasive essays that are submitted for publication to the News Letter Journal each year. The following letters were among those submissions.)

School officials shouldn't make students wear uniforms

Dear Editor,

In today's society, more and more schools are choosing to require school-wide uniforms. People

think that with uniforms, children will be less bullied or it will make the classroom environment less distracting, but this is not always the case. Schools should not make the switch to school-wide uniforms for many reasons.

One reason that school uniforms are not a good idea is because it makes it harder for children to express their individuality. Some students can only express themselves through the way they dress. Taking that away from students would not give the results that people are looking for by trying to enforce the use of school uniforms. Quite a few of the students I talked to say that they would really dislike being forced to wear the same thing as every other student because they wouldn't

be able to show their differences. Many adults also are under the belief that school uniforms will reduce bullying in the schools, which is not true. The students that were talked to all agreed that most students don't get bullied for the way they dress. The clothes people wear are not a big factor in other students' minds. This is a

common myth thought by people in today's society, but according to students, most bullying is associated with other things.

Another popular belief about school uniforms is that they will help with distractions, but this is not true because there are distractions all over the classroom. The clothes we wear are probably the least of people's worries.

The students that were talked to say that of all the distractions in the classrooms, clothes are not something they pay that much attention to. There

are distractions all over from other students using all their electronic devices throughout the class. Students need to learn to deal with

these distractions, so as people they can

prepare for the future. These are the reasons that school uniforms are not a good idea. They won't

help bullying or with classroom discussions, and schools should not make the switch to school uniforms.

— Dusty Miller

An open gym and longer lunch hour adds quality to the day

Many kids get stressed out during the long eight hours of school, and what I want to do is make lunch an hour instead of 40 minutes. They should also put someone in the practice gym to supervise kids who want physical activity on the days when they don't have physical education, so kids can concentrate during class. All those hours of sitting down doing

school work makes people mentally drained, and they need to get out some of that energy.

Making the lunch hour longer would make many things better. The kids who want to get into the gym after they eat can have a fun part in their day if they don't have physical education. They could go into the gym during lunch and be supervised.

A longer lunch would also make it possible to eat at Pizza Hut because it can take so dang long to get your food. The extra time would also help kids finish homework. The lunch hour could make many positive contributions to the school.

Making a sport program during lunch would satisfy a lot of people in many ways. It would make athletes happy because they could work on things involving their sport. They would have to put someone in the gym to supervise, and to make sure no one was screwing around, and causing havoc, but this activity would make people concentrate on their work because it is hard to pay attention when you don't have some sort of physical education during school.

This would definitely satisfy me and a lot of other people, and it would make sure that people get out of the classroom who need to let out some energy. It would also give students a break from mental challenges like Math and English. This would help them let out energy because they could play games, and anyone could join in. It would be a fun time in the day that would make me and a lot of other people very happy.

Clearly this would be an extremely good idea in all the ways I just stated. It would be really fun, and everyone would have a good time.

— Taylor Allen













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Shake, rattle and roll donations wanted

Want to shake, rattle and roll? That's exactly what Sara Whipple, the new music teacher, is planning for her students this year at Newcastle Elementary School, and she needs a bit of help. Whipple is excited to begin teaching music at NES and about her project posted at DonorsChoose.org called Shake, Rattle, And Roll With Percussion! The organization, she explained, is non-profit and helps to gather resources for teachers and students by donation, and is open to any full-time teacher to create projects.

Whipple explained, "Playing in a band or group does not work if there are only enough instru-

ments for one or two people. My students need a supply of rhythm band instruments so they can experience music both individually and as a group/class."

Through DonorsChoose. org, Whipple is requesting a variety of rhythm band instruments, including tambourines, triangles, and rhythm sticks, for her students to use in class.

"These instruments are a staple to every music class, and our room has a limited number of these items. The students will be able to make and create their own music, accompany each other during class activities and concerts, and even use the instruments to learn funda-

mentals such as reading music, learning different sounds, and socialization," she wrote.

This summer Whipple secured 25 hand drums through donation and DonorsChoose. Org for students, and her current project will keep them in shake, rattle, and roll mode.

Whipple noted the project is already partially funded, and expires on Nov. 16.

"If it is not funded by then, all current donations will be dispersed to other projects on the website," she added. More information can be found at http://donorschoose.org/project/shake-rattle-and-roll-with-percussion/1026659/.

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construction job that was completed two years ago. The company was responsible for making the connection to the water line that was later revealed to be leaking.

He said he was interested in working toward a solution to the building's problems, which include a foundation that was weakened by the leak and accompanying cosmetic damage to the structure itself, and urged the commission after the meeting to include the company in any further discussions.

"We're just glad that we were invited finally," Gerber said after the executive session concluded.

There was no information provided, or discussion held, during the brief public portion of the meeting, and Seeley explained that the

closed session had focused on a review of the documents submitted by Basham. He suggested that the commissioners are going to seek clarification from the engineer on some of the information contained in the report before discussing it publicly.

"We have a draft proposal from Mr. Basham. We have some questions for him to address, and when we get the final draft, we will revisit it. That's what we met for, was to discuss that," he stated.

Seeley did express confidence in the progress that has been made since Basham's services were enlisted by the commission, and said he believes the commissioners are "miles ahead of anywhere we've been previously," in resolving the issue.

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committee are Senators Jim Anderson, Bill Landen, Phil Nicholas, Chris Rothfuss and Representatives Steve Harshman, Michael Madden, Tim Stubson and Mary Throne.

Although the agenda for the meeting in Newcastle next month has not been set, the Select Committee did hold its first interim meeting on May 9 and 10 in Casper to set its work schedule for the other three meetings that will be held during this interim. At that meeting, the committee discussed Phase I of the Accountability System, and how its components — assessment, accreditation, teacher/ school leader accountability — all relate to each other. As part of that discussion they also heard a report on the state's request for a federal No Child Left Behind waiver. Coe indicated that the first step in the implementation of the accountability system will be discussed in Newcastle as well.

"Our consultants, Scott Marion, Mike Flicek — who is now with [Wyoming Department of Education] — and Paige Fenton-Hughes will be there to report back on Phase I of the accountability system," he reported.

The committee also received an update in Casper on the status of development and implementation of the statewide student assessment (testing) system, and a report on the development of recommendations for how districts will use assessment to determine graduation requirements. Coe said the committee expects to hear from the Wyoming Board of Education on that portion of the accountability program

"We'll look at a status report from the State Board of Education," he indicated.

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The group also discussed

preliminary planning for outreach activities and communications with school districts and the educational community at large regarding development of Phase 1 and its components in Casper. Its final order of business was receiving a status report from Jim Rose, the Interim WDE director, on the transfer of duties and responsibilities in the department mandated by SF104.

When they meet in Newcastle, the committee will hear from the new director at WDE, Richard Crandall, who assumed the position on a permanent basis earlier this month.

"On Wednesday, we'll have a discussion of Phase II, which is the actual measuring of accountability," Coe said, noting that the second phase ties student achievement to teachers, administrators and other factors involved in education. The Select Committee has already begun work on Phase II of the Accountability System, and in Casper heard a report on the work plan for its development.

"Then we'll have a report on outreach activities and communication with school districts, and the educational community at large," he concluded, noting that the meeting in Newcastle will provide residents with an opportunity to gain a greater understanding of the committee's work, and education accountability in general.

"This is a unique opportunity for Newcastle to come and see what's going on in statewide education accountability. It's been a discussion piece in all 48 districts," he reasoned, noting that the committee has been unable to hold such a discussion in Weston County because of the need to have air service available to bring in the consultants who

advise the committee. He said that Casper has been a frequent location for meetings because of its central location as well.

"It's not that we haven't wanted to come to Newcastle or other parts of the state," he assured.

An advisory committee was also formed in 2011 to assist the Select Committee with its work on statewide education accountability, and in 2013 the Legislature specifically charged the advisory committee to work with legislative consultants in the study and design of a teacher and school district leader evaluation and accountability system as part of the Phase II work. The advisory committee, made up of a dozen individuals, most of whom are involved in education at the state and local level, will meet a day before the meeting in Newcastle, and many of the reports presented during the meeting here will be a result of that work.

"We're going to get a lot of reports back," Coe predicted, noting that he believes all of the work being done on education accountability will ultimately benefit students and taxpayers in Wyoming.

"We're doing the best we can to make our kids career ready and college ready. The legislature is dedicated to getting better results for the huge amount of money we spend on education," he asserted.

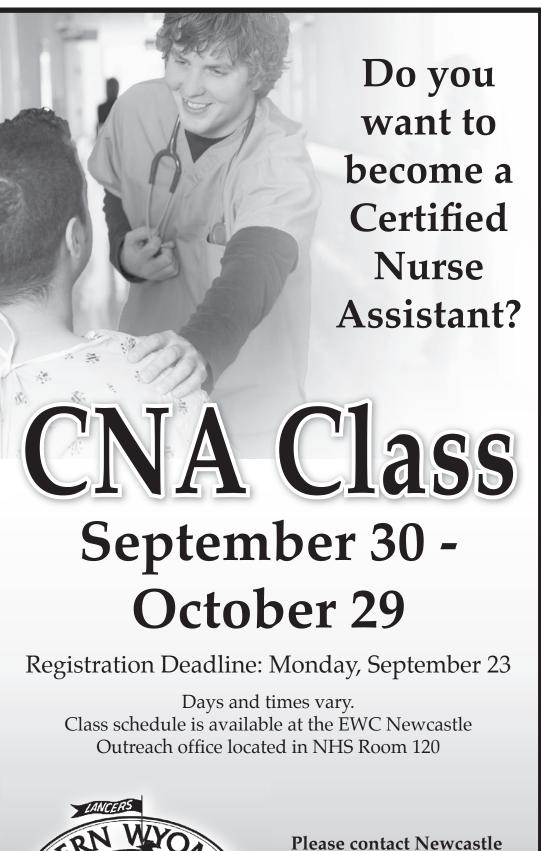
CORRECTION

In the Aug. 8 edition, on Page 5, a name was spelled incorrect for the photo "From the vault of the Anna Miller Museum." It should have said Joe Mefford.









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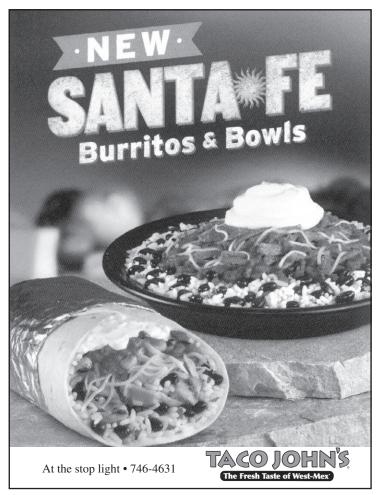
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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The USDA Weston County Local Work Group will meet on August 14th 2013, at 3:00 p.m. at Wyoming State Forestry Office in Newcastle, Wyoming at 431 Delaware Ave. The purpose of the meeting is to identify local natural resource concerns. Agenda items include: Purpose of the Local Work Group, how federal dollars should be used to address local environmental concerns, and identify resource concerns important to the local community. The public is invited. Contact Adam Wyant, District Conservationist or Jennifer Hinkhouse WCNRD District Manager at 307-746-3264 for more information.



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duties that would be associated with the is sharp enough to know where to go," she position, but their opinions varied on the necessary qualifications for the post.

"Where there is a glaring need for somebody to help out is with Rick Williams at the Road and Bridge Department," Shepperson said, indicating that the county can also use a person who is able to coordinate an ongoing effort to undertake upgrades at the Law Enforcement Center. He said there are a number of other county projects that have been discussed, including a number of proposals for improvements at Mallo Camp.

"There's always things there that need to be done and taken care of," he suggested.

The commissioners threw out a number of other possible duties for a new employee, including coordinating grant projects, writing requests for proposals (RFP's), writing grants, and assisting the Planning and Zoning Board.

"A person in that capacity would be able to pull everything together and help us with what we're supposed to do," Shepperson said.

Many of those duties fell under the purview of former Weston County Growth and Development Coordinator Ray Pacheco, whose employment with the county was terminated more than a year ago, but it was also suggested that if the county was to hire an individual to take his place, that person should also be responsible for managing a variety of projects and coordinating the county's engineering needs.

"I think that the person that we hire, if we chose to go that way, would take some of the duties and responsibilities away from Rick," Commissioner Tracy Hunt said, agreeing with Shepperson's assessment that the Road and Bridge supervisor's duties are overwhelming, particularly the extensive amount of paperwork associated with many of the projects undertaken by that department.

He suggested that the county should hire an engineer to handle those types of responsibilities, and cautioned that the cost of such a person may exceed the amount that Pacheco was being paid — approximately \$50,000 per year — considerably.

"It seems like a description for an engineer, and a guy with those actual credentials. I know that \$6,000 a month is not going to hire one, and we need to decide if we want to spend that kind of money," he said.

Commissioner Marty Ertman agreed that an individual is needed to handle many of the tasks described by other members of the group, but she wasn't sure an engineer is necessary.

"I'm of the persuasion that it doesn't need to be an engineer, but a person that

said, referring to an ability to seek outside help when necessary, and a general knowledge of where to find such assistance.

Ertman believed that one of the most important tasks associated with the new position would involve providing assistance to the county's Planning and Zoning board, and said she wants to avoid some of the confusion associated with Pacheco's position by insisting that the new employee answer directly to the county commissioners.

"That (Planning and Zoning Board) is an integral part of this county, and it needs to be a big part of his or her job, and it needs to be the Board of County Commissioners that is his or her boss, Ertman insisted.

Commission Chair Lenard Seeley said he agrees that anybody the county chooses to hire should assist the Planning and Zoning Board, and also help research, write and submit grants, but he also believes the need for an engineer exists.

"There's three things that we get behind on, and one of them is Planning and Zoning. We get behind on the grants, and both of those things Mamie could use help on," Seeley said, referring to County Clerk Mamie Krank. "The engineering part of it, we have a backlog that needs to be done, and if we could find a person in engineering that could do all of this, that would work."

He expressed concern regarding whether there is enough workload to justify a fulltime position, and the salary associated with it, if engineering duties aren't a part of the package.

"My question is, do we have enough work to keep a person busy without the engineering?" Seeley asked.

Shepperson stated he believes there is plenty of work to be done without any engineering duties being assigned to the position, and said the most important qualifications for the position would be an ability to organize and coordinate the efforts of the Planning and Zoning Board, the Road and Bridge Department, and any grant opportunities the county seeks to investigate and apply for.

"We can hire an engineer on a job by job basis," he suggested.

Hunt said he still believes that advertising for an engineer will provide the county with the best chance to attract applicants able to handle the variety of tasks in the proposed job description, and asked if the objections to hiring an engineer are simply based on the expectation that such a professional will command a significantly higher salary.

Ertman suggested that she is afraid an engineer might feel overqualified to

perform some of the tasks associated with the position.

'Would it be below him to take minutes at a Planning and Zoning Board meeting?" she asked, noting that she doesn't believe a full-time engineer would be able to accomplish all of the other duties proposed during the discussion. She suggested that the county continue to seek the assistance of contract engineers when the need arises, and said she feels one of the main pitfalls associated with the county's previous effort to hire a "growth and development coordinator" resulted from putting too much on Pacheco's plate and making it unlikely that any of the tasks were completed satisfactorily.

"I think we can keep him busy," Seeley agreed, pointing out that the county is also faced with the issue of working with other local governments to meet federal and state landfill requirements. Shepperson reminded the group that they also grapple with those entities regarding sagebrush and grouse issues, and that assistance in understanding those regulations will serve the county well also.

"This person could be invaluable in interpreting regulations for us," Hunt nodded.

With such a diverse job description, the commission was left wondering what sort of title should be attached to the position.

"I think the one thing we all agree on is that the position ought to answer to the board. I think there's some real clarity there," Hunt offered before Krank suggested calling the new employee — if the commission ultimately agrees to hire one — should be called a "county coordinator." Ertman suggested the group refer to the individual as a "project manager," and that was well received.

The commissioners also agreed that while the county's resources are limited, they should not focus on hiring an individual for the least amount of money possible because the position has the potential of saving the county a much greater amount through increased efficiency and greater access to outside grant funding.

"It's the wrong place to be pinching pennies," Seeley reasoned.

"They would be worth their weight in gold," Ertman concurred.

The group elected not to move forward with finalizing a job description until Commissioner Randy Rossman, who was absent from the meeting, can provide input as well. They did, however, give a clear indication that the county will be creating a new position and seeking somebody to help address at least some of the issues identified in last week's meeting.

"We have the consensus that we need somebody, we just don't know who it might be," Seeley concluded.

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The wedding took place July 7, 2013, in Spearfish, S.D., at **Indian Springs.**

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Trey Sutherland, brother of the bride, officiated the ceremony. The wedding party consisted of Tess Grebner, cousin of the bride, Nick and Zach Siebert, brothers of the groom, and Moriahn Kenney, family friend, as flower girl.

The couple resides in Gillette where Timothy is employed with D & DJ Oil Tools, and Summer is employed with Campbell County Parks & Recreation.

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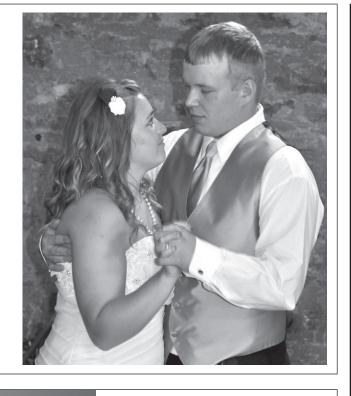
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EVENT

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LOCATION W.C. Senior Center Corpus Christi Church VFW Hall Upton Community Center Corpus Christi Church Council Chambers W.C. Courthouse **NHS Commons** Mondell Heights W.C. Senior Center W.C. Senior Center Weed & Pest Office Shelter Corpus Christi Church W.C. Senior Center **Board Room Board Room** Corpus Christi Church Newcastle Library

Meetings & Events Calendar

Aug. 15: Kelby Tranas, Bob & Phyllis Thompson , Joan Holwell, & Anniversaries Verna Scheinder Aug. 16: Mr. & Mrs. Duke Ottema Aug. 17: Jessie Stevenson Craig & Renel Ellis , Bea Jagelski, Aug. 18: Patrick Crow Aug. 19: David Tysdal, Birthdays Jean McColley, Leslie Harder Aug. 20: Cassie Sylte Ronning Aug. 21: Daniel Sylte, Romona Atkins-Smith, Mary Decker



100 YEARS AGO - AUG. 21, 1913

7:30 p.m. Bingo

Mayberry were united in marriage at Lead, S.D., Monday. The groom has been a resident of Canyon Springs prairie for a of Mrs. E.L. Mayberry and has lived in this county since childhood.

There will be an old-fashioned basket picnic at A. Fogelberg's next Sunday. Come gentlemen did not meet them. and bring a well filled basket and a few cups as hot coffee will be served.

Mrs. W.J. Kissick and son Robert, of Cambria, left Wednesday for a few days' stay with her daughter in the Big Horn basin.

Haviland and sister of Mrs. J.D. Purvis, was visiting at the Purvis ranch the first of the week.

One of the most enjoyable events of recent date was a surprise given by a few of the friends of R.W. Curry on the event of his birthday, Aug. 12. About 12 guests were there and everyone enjoyed themselves not only while eating a lovely seven o'clock dinner, but later at progressive high five. Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Curry goodnight, after wishing "Bob" many happy returns.

Most of the people from Beaver Creek attended the Old Settler's picnic at Boyd last Friday and report a fairly good time, but the day was boiling hot.

tion with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Lassen, has gone to Newcastle and is employed in the Riordan dining room.

A change was made in the MW cowboy force Wednesday. Earl Stopher is now foreman with Frank Robinson of the Cheyenne River as helper.

Dinner. You get it all for 35 cents.

C.S. Thomas and family have recently

moved into the Fred Holwell residence in Mr. David Rawhouser and Miss Elva the northern part of town, while the family of Matt Hill have moved into the Menghin cottage vacated by them.

VFW Hall

A.M. Nichols and Mr. Eichelberger number of yeas. The bride is the daughter drove to Beulah last Wednesday to meet the Pathfinder contingent of the Chicago-Yellowstone Park party, but as the tourists were 48 hours behind their schedule, the

Charles A. Murray and Miss Fern I. Hardy were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the M.C. parsonage last Saturday afternoon. The groom has been a resident of the Skull Creek vicinity for some time, Mrs. McDonald, mother of Willie while the bride has also been a resident of Weston County for a number of years.

75 YEARS AGO - WEEK ENDING AUG. 17, 1938

The Osage Town Contact Club met with Mrs. P.J. Westfall Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Lester Updike won the high score and Mrs. Bergstrom, Leon and Peggy Bergstrom Lee Hunter low. Mrs. Lee Hunter will be hostess to the club next Tuesday.

The Firemen softball team slaughtered About 11 o'clock most of the guests bade the Slenker Motor squad 22 to 5 last night as the city softball season nears a close. The Knights of Pythias team and their manager, Karl Thoeming, were presented the pennant for winning the softball league championship this year.

The complete list of the School Ethel Christiansen, who spent her vaca- District No. 7 instructors for next year was announced yesterday. L.W. Nelson, successful Bobcat coach for the past few years, will succeed H.R. Dmbrill as superintendent of the Upton school, and Walter Jensen will take up the duties of coach and science teacher.

Weston County is building a new stock Take pity on your wife these hot days drive to the stockyards this week, which of a "ride that she made one bitterly cold and take her and the family to the Riordan will be a big benefit to the stockmen of the night from Bitter Root to Fort Washake on Hotel every Sunday for that Big Chicken county who annually drive their herds to the city for marketing.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hurd and Mr.

and Mrs. Lloyd Schneider moved back to Buckhorn Thursday after living in Newcastle for the past six weeks.

Eddy Myers, Tom Kendrick and son, Elmo Spencer and Charles Hagerman were callers at the Olive Lampert ranch Saturday.

Red Owl Ad: VanCamp's pork & beans, cents for 16-ounce can. Quart canning jars 79 cents a dozen.

Mrs. Fred Cullen, mother of Mrs. L.W. spent Wednesday with F.A. Bergstrom's at Clareton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Boulden and daughter Doa spent Friday visiting the Girl Scout camp on Beaver Creek. Dora expects to remain there until Sunday night.

Dr. W.O. Horton yesterday moved his equipment from the old office which he and his father, Dr. Fred Horton, have occupied for many years, to his new office, located behind the city hall, adjoining his residence.

Thirteen boys and girls 4-H clubs in Weston County have 101 members enrolled in which these members attend regular semi-monthly meetings.

According to Tobe Borner, a nephew of Calamity Jane, who lives in Newcastle, his aunt received her nickname as the result the little Wind River." The famous Black Hills character was called there to nurse two soldiers. Upon her arrival the soldiers said, "We knew you would come, because whenever there is a real calamity, and someone is badly hurt, you always get there to help them."

50 YEARS AGO - AUG.15, 1963

The gasoline seepage problem which has plagued Newcastle for the past two weeks has been solved. On Aug 4, gasoline seeped into the basement of the library and was ignited by a water heater. The resulting explosion did several thousand dollars in damage and necessitated closing the library. The source was discovered to be from a leaky gasoline storage tank on Main Street.

Helen Keeline of Newcastle was runnerup to the rodeo queen at the National Championship High School Rodeo at Tarkio, Mo. Miss Keeline won the first go-round of barrel racing.

Joe Podio of Boyd combined Thursday and Friday. Helping him were Jack, Omer and David Rawhouser, Howard Pitts, William Morrissey and Butch Rawhouser.

The decision to "go ahead" was clearly affirmed at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Fund of Weston County on Monday. Every effort will be made to fully organize and conduct a United Fund campaign this fall, for the year 1964.

Gateway Rebekah Lodge No. 37 will meet in special session Wednesday evening for the visit of the Assembly president, Mrs. Mary Thompson of Cheyenne.



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Contact Marge McCoy at 746-2513 or Rhonda Gordon at 746-3493 with questions.



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Anna Miller Museum:

The house of Frank W. Mondell, elected as the first mayor of Newcastle on

Nov. 12, 1889. This photo was taken in the late 1800s or early 1900s.

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Ross Patmore





Family: Husband, Max; daugh-Black Hills State University

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Jade McConkey

Education:

Bachelor of Science in Math and Science (Physics), Composite Education; Master's degree in Science Education (Chemistry) What were you hired to

teach? High School Science What are your favorite hobbies or activities?

Mountain biking, rock climbing, and just about anything outside. I enjoy traveling and spending time riding motorcycles.

Why Newcastle, and what do you think about the upcoming year?

Newcastle was close to home and has an awesome science department. I am extremely excited to begin and teach high school Science. It is a new challenge that should be a lot of fun!



Family: Wife, Marti; son, Cade, daughter, Jaylen **Education:**

Bachelor of Science from South Dakota State; Adaptive PE endorsement from Black Hills State

What were you hired to teach?

Adaptive Physical Education, K-12 What are your favorite

hobbies or activities? Anything my children are involved with. Why Newcastle, and what do you think about the

upcoming year? We have lived in Newcastle for 18 years, and think it is a great place to raise a family. I am very excited for the new year.



Family: Wife, Candace Patmore; son, Rogue Patmore **Education:** Bachelor of Science Degree in **Elementary Education**

What were you hired to teach?

Fourth Grade What are your favorite

hobbies or activities? I enjoy spending time with my family, watching football, playing ultimate Frisbee, watching movies, playing drums and piano and playing board games.

Why Newcastle, and what do you think about the upcoming year?

Newcastle reminded us a lot about home towns. We really wanted to live in a smaller community. I am very excited to meet my students and get started on a great year! I've heard nothing but good things about Newcastle and the

school district!



Family: Husband, Todd Wainscott; sons, Shawn and Gunnar; daughters, Katlyn and Ashlee

Education:

I received my bachelor's degree from San Diego State University and my master's degrees from Tarelton State University and University of Wyoming

What were you hired to teach?

Speech/Language Therapist What are your favorite hobbies or activities? Drawing and cooking. Why Newcastle, and what do you think about the upcoming year? I'm excited about the

upcoming year.







Family: Husband, Joel; daughter, Hadley **Education:** Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary and Special Education from Black Hills State University; working on Master of Arts Degree through University of Wyoming What were you hired to

teach? Second- and Third-Grade Special Education What are your favorite hobbies or activities? Spending time with family, hunting and fishing.

upcoming year? I was raised in Newcastle and am coming back to be close to family. I am excited to see all the new faces and children, and am ready to be in an elemen-

tary setting.

Why Newcastle, and what

do you think about the



Family: Justin McConkey, husband; three sons, Holden, almost 9, Collin, 5, and Weston, 2

Education: Elementary Education with Early Childhood endorsement from Chadron State College, and Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction with Emphasis in Reading from Chadron State College. What were you hired to

teach? Fifth Grade

What are your favorite hobbies or activities? Camping, baking, singing, acting, running, walking, scrapbooking and spending time with my family and friends. Why Newcastle, and what do you think about the

upcoming year? I am very excited to begin the new school year here in Newcastle. I am looking forward to meeting my students and getting to know the staff and families over the next year. I have enjoyed living in Newcastle for the past two years, and watching my own children grow and learn in this community.





Family: Husband, Todd; boys, Caleb, Gabe and Eli **Education:**

Master of Arts Degree, Library and Information Science; Bachelor of Arts Degree, Elementary Education What were you hired to teach?

What are your favorite hobbies or activities? Reading, running, camping and spending time with my family. Why Newcastle, and what do you think about the

District Librarian

upcoming year? I'm excited for my new adventure and the challenges that it will bring.



Ryan Whipple

Family: Wife, Sara Whipple **Education:** Bachelor of Arts Degree in Instrumental Music Education from Dickinson State

University, 2008 What were you hired to teach?

5-12 Band What are your favorite hobbies or activities? Watching the 49ers, watching NASCAR, fishing, camping, hiking and reading

Why Newcastle, and what do you think about the

upcoming year? When I interviewed for the position, I was drawn in by the friendly staff and the beautiful community. I am also excited to work in the district with my wife, Sara. I am excited for the upcoming year and all the music our schools will make.





Education: Elementary Education and Special Education from Black

Hills State University What were you hired to teach?

K-1 Special Education What are your favorite hobbies or activities?

I enjoy camping, watching my nieces and nephew, and helping on my sister and her family's ranch.

Why Newcastle, and what do you think about the upcoming year?

The great staff, the Black Hills, and the opportunity to teach kindergarten and first gradeaged children. I'm excited to get to know my students and for all they'll learn this year.



Family: Husband, Ryan Whipple **Education:**

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Instrumental Music Education. K-12 Certified, from Dickinson

State University What were you hired to teach?

K-5 Elementary Music What are your favorite hobbies or activities? Scrapbooking and crafting, reading, outdoor activities. playing music, spending time

with family and friends. Why Newcastle, and what do you think about the

upcoming year? My first visit to Newcastle left a very positive impression on me. Everybody in the community was very welcoming and helpful. I am very excited to work with the faculty and staff in the district, and to meet all the students.

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increase positive school climates and facilitate the vision that love and connection are possible student achievement through a reduction in bullying and related anti-social behavior.

Providing youth and their communities with experiential programs that demonstrate the possibility of love and connection through the celebration of diversity, truth and full expression is the mission of the Challenge Day program.

According to their press release online, at a Challenge Day, students, teachers, school counselors, parents and members of the community are challenged to step out of their comfort zones, open their hearts and build connections with others. Two trained Challenge Day leaders guide participants through a carefully designed series of games, activities and trust-building exercises that break down the walls of separation, creating new levels of empathy and respect.

in schools. Through their years of professional experience with teenagers and their families, the couple recognized that teasing, bullying and other forms of social oppression are symptoms of greater underlying problems — separation, isolation and loneliness. Challenge Day was designed to build connections and forgiveness between young people while inspiring them to become positive forces of change in their schools and communities, stated the release.

On Nov. 13 facilitators with the Challenge Day program will be speaking with students at NMS, and the following day at NHS, teaching tools for peaceful conflict resolution while inspiring teens and adults to work together for positive changes.

"We will be looking for community helpers to help those days. If they want to join in they The program was created in Martinez, Calif., can start thinking about that," NMS counselor in 1987 by Rich and Yvonne Dultra-St. John with Eileen Vickers told the News Letter Journal.

Home-school from page 1



Carrie Peterson/For NLJ

Most of the members of the Foote family in their newly remodeled area that is now their school room for home-school activities.

they enjoy the fact that homeschooling gives the opportunity to determine how each of their children learn, and they can set goals for each one accordingly.

For the Foote family, getting ready for school has actually been one of their summer projects as they have a new area of their home they have been working to convert into their school room. They turned what was a garage area into a multi-purpose room, with newly drywalled walls, fresh yellow paint, and several new windows, to make this room as pleasant as any one-room school house in the area. As you enter the school room, you notice bookshelves lined with books, maps on the walls, as well as a large globe. It is a work in progress, as they hope to finish bringing in the family computer to add a bit of technology to at least the older students' lesson time. They usually go to the libraries in Newcastle and Upton, both to supplement their research resources and the computer usage.

One of the reasons they wanted to complete their school room is also the same reason they opt to home-school, Mr. Foote's work schedule. He is on shifts, and to allow him to enjoy time with his children, it is a benefit to everyone that their classes are held in the school room while he is still sleeping. So even if the lessons include some activities that are noisy, or the children jumping rope for PE class, it is important to have a classroom where those activities won't disturb his sleep. Music lessons may now be an option they can implement right there in the new classroom.

Preparing a school year for

takes discipline and organization and Mrs. Foote has worked out a way to plan a four-day school week that starts as soon as possible in August, and includes wrapping up most of the class work in time to have lunch with Dad and see him off to work. With this, she uses a Christian education-based curriculum, A.C.E., in which she only has to purchase new workbooks each year. This is the same curriculum other home-school families in the area use as well.

Dawnette Peterson, also a home-school parent, said she uses this same curriculum and teaches History and Science for the home-school group. There is a support group in Newcastle "NACHO," known as Newcastle Area Christian Homeschool Organization, that meets regularly throughout the school year to assist families with home-schooling needs. President of the home-school group, Jon Anderson, said the August meeting is to plan the fall calendar, as well as make plans for the Thursday activity days the group hosts. NACHO plans events for students to participate in as a group for socialization, field trips, such as a history fair, or other times it may be a service project within the community. They have a book club and a choir, and also participate with the community bell choir.

To prepare for the new school year, this group got a jump start by having a "curriculum swap" at the end of the school year where some of the families were able to trade, or sell, curriculum they no longer needed, or to lend for others to try. Anderson explained that home-schooling families have a real sharing

a great buy on supplies in bulk they usually share with the group. For his family, they stock up all year, taking advantage of sales throughout the year. They also have in place some networking with family out of state that swap and trade books and curriculum — a big help when you have multiple ages to teach.

When it comes to homeschooling, it may look different even from family to family, with a very open schedule. Not all have a school room like the Foote family, and instead choose to teach from the dining room table or allow the children to complete their lessons on the living room sofa. No matter where they are teaching or learning their lessons from, they are learning real life skills along with it. For the Peterson family, they opted to go school supply shopping and even purchased new back packs. Peterson said it teaches responsibility for the students to keep track of their own supplies and helps at the end of a school day. The children place their things inside the packs and back to their rooms it all goes, so the classroom area can become the home area once again.

As the new school year approaches school-age children are anticipating their new classes of the year, along with new classrooms, and perhaps a few new school supplies — and if you are a home-school family, you may even be anticipating being more involved with the NACHO group. Anderson said the group will meet the last Thursday of August at 6:30 p.m. at First Christian Church, and anyone can attend. Call Anderson for further questions in regards to

grades second through 10th attitude; when someone finds the home-school group. \$50,000 REWARD

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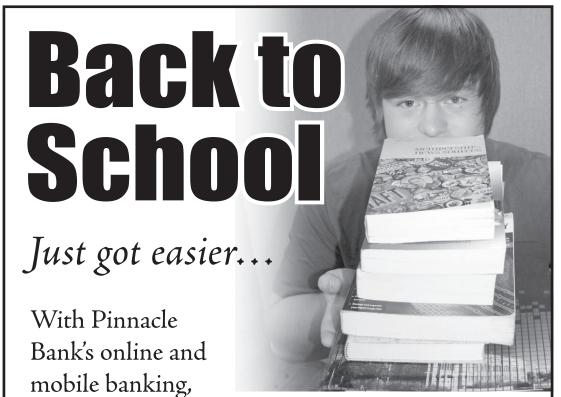
On the morning of June 3, 2011, the body of Katherine Grace Coffee, also known as Katy Coffee, age 35, was discovered in her home in Newcastle, the victim of an apparent homicide. Her death is being investigated by the Newcastle Police Department and the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation.

Anyone with information about the crime or knowledge of Coffee's whereabouts on the evening and night-time hours of Thursday, June 2, 2011, are asked to please call the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation at (307) 682-1796, or the Newcastle Police Department at (307) 746-4486.

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Heather Lenardson

of Lenhart, Mason & Associates LLC chosen for American Institute of CPAs Leadership Academy



Lenardson is one of only 38 under the age of 36 selected for the prestigious group.

Casper WY, July 18, 2013 — Heather Lenardson, Senior Accountant at Lenhart, Mason & Associates, LLC, has been selected as one of just 38 CPAs under age 36 to participate in the American Institute of CPAs 5th annual Leadership Academy in Durham, N.C. this fall.

Ms. Lenardson will join rising stars in the accounting profession from across the country to learn leadership theory and strategic planning techniques, develop tools for handling complex management challenges and discuss the most important issues facing CPAs and the accounting industry.

Leadership Academy participants will be joined by some of the profession's most influential leaders, including AICPA Chairman Richard Caturano CPA, CGMA, and Barry Melancon, CPA, CGMA, the Institute's President and CEO. "Being selected for the AICPA's Leadership Academy means being part of an elite group of the best and brightest young minds in the accounting profession," said Caturano. "These young CPAs are poised to make a positive impact

in the profession, and the training they will receive will serve them well as they take the next steps in their careers. " The AICPA selected the 38 attendees of the Leadership Academy from more than 120 candidates recommended by their employers, state CPA societies or both. Candidates submitted resumes which included work history, licensure information, professional volunteer activities, community service, and awards and honors.

Candidates supplied a statement explaining why participating in the Leadership Academy would be important to them personally. The AICPA reviewed each submission and selected the 2013 class.

Ms. Lenardson is a proud Wyoming native growing up in Newcastle, Wyoming and graduating from the University of Wyoming in 2008 with a Master of Science Degree in Accounting. Upon graduation, Ms. Lenardson began her accounting career with Lenhart, Mason & Associates, LLC in Casper, Wyoming. In 2009, Ms. Lenardson earned her CPA certificate and is a member of the Wyoming State Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She is actively involved in the Casper Rotaract Group for Young Professionals, local CPA Chapter, and is a member of the accounting committee for the American Cancer Society - Relay for Life. She is excited for the incredible opportunity and career growth she will be able to experience associated with attending and being a part of the 2013 Leadership Academy.

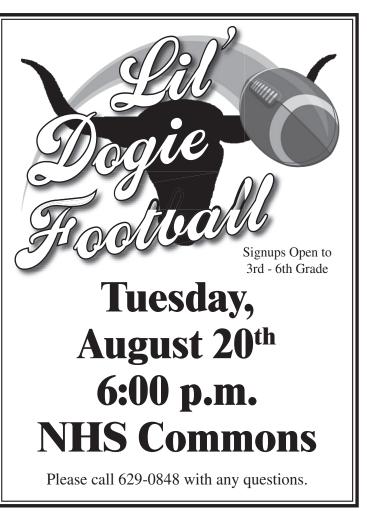
Lenhart, Mason & Associates, LLC is pleased with Heather's selection and the opportunity for her to participate in the AICPA Leadership Academy.

The American Institute of CPAs Leadership Academy will be held from Sept. 29 - Oct. 3 at the Washington Duke Inn - Durham, NC. Additional information is available on AICPA.org.

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Lenhart, Mason & Associates, LLC located in Casper, Wyoming serves a statewide client base offering a full range of accounting, auditing, tax and management consulting services. The firm's client base consists of small, medium, and large entities; for profit businesses, nonprofit organizations, and government entities.







A day fit for a queen

Rebecca Podio, the first Newcastle native to be crowned Miss Wyoming, held court during a Pie and Ice Cream Social on Aug. 3, at the Newcastle Country Club. The event included a live and silent auction, as well as live entertainment by Jamie Barton. Podio, who will be vying for the Miss America title on Sept. 15 in Atlantic City, N.J., has been busy preparing for the event, including creating a video.

The community will have an opportunity to view the videos in July and vote online for their favorite Miss America contestant.

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At left, Podio with "future Miss Wyomings" Leah Hadlock, Morgen Frank and Alana Hadlock. Below, with her grandparents Marie and Joe Podio Sr., parents Delores and Andy Podio.





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Practice begins for **Newcastle** teams

By Denice Pisciotti of NLJ

A sure sign that school will be starting will be seen Monday, when Newcastle High School and Newcastle Middle School sport teams hit the courts, field and running paths.

All athletic practices begin next week at various times. Three of the four fall sports at the high school will have two practices a day until school starts, while the younger students will practice once a day.

NMS volleyball practice will be from 5:45 to 8 a.m. in the middle school gym. On Aug. 26 it will be moved to after school, stated coach KyLee Shoemaker,

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New trail in the works

By Denice Pisciotti of NLJ

The Wyoming Board of Land Commissioners approved a Special Use Lease for the City of Newcastle on Aug. 8 to lease state land north of town to be used for a new bike and pedestrian trail.

The Flying V Trail, which is estimated to be open for public use by the middle of 2014, is currently in the works but still quite a ways from completion.

"It is not going to happen right away, it's a process. I am glad to see we are going to get another beautiful trail. It comes from a large cooperation from everyone," Newcastle Mayor Greg James stated. "The city made a commitment to pay the annual lease because we believe very strongly it adds to the quality of life in the community.'

He continued to say he is impressed with the cooperation among the different agencies involved —Wyoming State Forestry Service and Wyoming State Lands Office — and the entire process has been done correctly and without a hitch.

City of Newcastle Council Member Linda Hunt traveled to Cheyenne last week to meet with the Board of Land Commissioners in regard to the Special Use Lease. She has been working toward obtaining the permit for almost two years, she related, but now the hard work will begin with laying out

Entry to the trail head, along with a parking area, need to be prepared.





Signs need to be made and installed, including posting private property boundary signs in addition to marking the trail.

"It initially is three and a half to four miles with spurs. This one is going to be built differently than the previous trails, more user friendly for mountain bikes and hiking," reported Hunt.

The 25-year lease is reviewed annually and is shared by other parties such as hunters and landowners, informed the council member. Hunt encourages people to respect the other leaseholders on the property once it is ready for use.

"It's in its infancy stages. Linda Hunt is ram-rodding the project for the city. She will need volunteers to lay it out. We will help with the mapping and layout of the sensitive areas, avoiding areas that are leased by others and neighbors," Bill Kohlbrand of the Wyoming State Forestry office in Newcastle told the News Letter Journal.

He encourages anyone willing to help with the trail to contact Hunt. She may be contacted at 629-1512 to volunteer to work on the trail or to contribute monetarily.

"The public will be informed once it is ready to open. They may leave contributions to the Newcastle Flying V Trail at Lunatic's on Main Street. These contributions will be used to purchase signs, posts and other needed materials for this trail. The trail will be a community investment,' concluded Hunt.

City takes over care of Upton course

By Denice Pisciotti of NLJ

Numerous volunteers through the Upton Golf Association have been responsible for the upkeep of Cedar Pines Country Club in Upton since its inception 32 years ago, but last year's harsh weather conditions, a lack of funds and a shortage of volunteers presented a challenge to maintain the property, which resulted in a change in who handles those responsibilities.

Since the recreation site is leased from the City of Upton, the decision was made earlier this summer to have the city take over care of the grounds.

"We are taking it over, hopefully getting it back to good condition. It is getting better every day," Upton Mayor Don Sharkey told the News Letter Journal

The city asked UGA to continue to maintain the clubhouse, however, a task they readily agreed to, according to Jan Douglas, president of the Ladies Upton Golf Association.

The change does represent a financial burden, however, so the City of Upton budgeted \$30,000 this year for maintenance at the golf course. The money will be used to pay the two part-time workers at the golf course, along with repairs for the older machinery.

'We hired a greens keeper and someone to take care of the water system. It's been a good thing,' reported the mayor.

The city and one of its founding fathers, Tom Dick McMillian, built Cedar Pines Country Club, Sharkey stated, adding the McMillian was the person most involved in the venture. As a tribute to McMillian, his grandson, Dustin Materi, placed a rock with his picture on it with a message that says, "You were the rock of this foundation," which is in front of the entrance to the A-framed clubhouse.

Throughout the years, members of the UGA have volunteered to take care of the grounds at the golf course, but sadly many of them are no longer with us, or are unable to. Douglas explained that care of the



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course in the past was one of the main duties of the president of the association, who would spend many hours doing so.

"It has truly been a labor of love for the volunteers. They liked seeing their accomplishments," Douglas stated.

That's why it was difficult last summer to see the course looking so rough, declining from their past efforts. Something had to be done, Douglas offered. Although not all of the board members were in on the decision to have the city take over, she noted, it is now obvious it was a good decision.

"We are really proud of what we have, it has been

a good thing the city took it over," she commented earlier this week.

With the grounds back in top shape the course has been in full swing this summer. A Calcutta is planned for Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 17 and 18, at Cedar Pines Country Club, and Douglas invites anyone who would like to participate to call the clubhouse at 468-2847 for more information.

"Our golf course is one of the nicest things about Upton. I was just golfing out there last week — thank the Lord it's green! The city has done an outstanding job! The workers are out there every day, that is what you need to have at a golf course." Douglas smiled.

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Waiting out the storm

Last week inclement weather produced flood warnings in Newcastle, and although some culverts filled no serious damage was reported. Above, a rabbit waits out the weather under a bench at Centennial Park. (Photo by Denice Pisciotti/NLJ)

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from 3:40 to 5:45 p.m.

Netters on the high school team, for all girls entering grades 9-12, will need regular volleyball gear including a T-shirt, knee pads, spandex and indoor shoes when they meet for practice in the Dogie Dome at 7:15 Monday morning.

"Morning practice should end around 8:45, then second session of the day will start at 4:45 p.m. and may go to as late as 7 p.m., with the same schedule on the 20th and 22nd. On the 21st, the morning practice is the same and evening practice ends at 6 p.m. Friday, only morning practice will be 7:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.," head volleyball coach Maja Jechorek told the News Letter Journal. "Both practices are required."

The following week there will be a session a day, from 6:30 to 8 a.m. on Aug. 26 and 27. School will begin on Aug. 28, then practice will move to 4:45 in the afternoon for Junior Varsity and Varsity, with Freshman beginning right after school, the coach explained.

Both the NHS and NMS Cross Country teams will meet at Schoonmaker Field at 8 o'clock Monday morning. Coach Pat Hayman stated that the athletes will need to bring a bike with them. Additionally, NHS runners will practice at 4 p.m. Each Saturday there will only be one practice for the older students, at 8 a.m. After school starts early

morning practice will be at 6 o'clock, with afternoon practices for both NMS and NHS teams at 3:45.

The first meet for all the Cross Country runners will be at Mallo on Aug. 29.

Jenny Pederson, NHS' new Lady Dogies swim coach, is excited for the season to begin. As previous assistant coach she knows what to expect. Their first practice of the day will be from 7 to 10 in the morning, with an afternoon workout from 3 to 5. Tuesday and Thursday, practice will be in the weight room from 6:30 to 7:30 in the morning. After school commences, it will be from 3:45 to 6 p.m. each weekday. The first meet will be on Aug. 30 in Gillette.

"For the fist two weeks they will need to bring land clothes — shorts and gym shoes — as well as a one-piece swimsuit," noted the swim coach.

Nate Smith, NMS football coach, said practice will begin for team members on Aug. 19 with a one-hour meeting which parents are encouraged to attend. Students need to have cleats and workout clothes along with their physical forms. Monday through Thursday practice will be from 8 to 11 a.m. He anticipates practice will be moved to the afternoons beginning next Friday.

Dogie high school football players will also need shorts and cleats to hit the field Aug. 19 to Aug. 22, from 7 a.m. to noon. The last day of the week practice will be from 6 to 7:30 in the morning. Look for them to put their practice to work on Friday, Aug. 23, when the annual Black and Orange Game at Schoonmaker Field will held, starting at 6 p.m. Matt Conzelman, NHS head football coach, said everyone in the community is welcome to attend the first game of the season.

The following day players will be back on the field practicing from 7 to 9 o'clock in the morning. Monday and Tuesday there will be two practices each day from 6 to 7:30 a.m., and 3:45 to 6 in the evening. Wednesday and Thursday there will only be practice, from 3:45 to 6 p.m., with the first home game of the season taking place on Friday, Aug. 30, against the Custer Wildcats at 7 p.m.

"The kids and the coaches are excited to get this season started, everybody is ready to go!" proclaimed Conzelman.

When the News Letter Journal spoke with each coach before the start of the season, they stressed that all athletes for both the middle and high schools must have a completed sports physical by a physician, dated after June 1, before they can begin practice. Cedar Hills Clinic has the mandatory forms players need to have completed by a doctor.



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The difference between the sexes

Jessalyn Centifanto

Summer Solace

The first few moments in a new home are always a little bit overwhelming. There's always the stacks of boxes and other miscellaneous things, and that sinking feeling that it's not all going to fit. That fear may be closer to the truth than most people — and by people I mean women — would actually admit, but it is a very real fear. And then there's the immediate thought process, of course, after all that stuff does — barely — fit, that you need new and more stuff for your new place. And, suddenly, you're no longer overwhelmed by the amount of stuff you need to make fit, you're overwhelmed by all the stuff you still need to get.

Thankfully I have a very sweet and handy husband that has been putting together furniture for almost a solid week now, since moving from Newcastle to our new apartment in Wisconsin. And still, I face the age-old dilemma of still thinking I can fit more stuff in our small apartment. So my husband builds another shelf. And then I get new stuff to fill my new shelf or find a "few" new Pinterest projects, and so the problem continues.

To further compound the issue I am also a sucker for a good thrift store, rummage sale, antique store deal, clearance section or almost anything from Target. Basically, if it's a deal, I'm sold no matter what the monstrosity is. Now, you'll understand the problem this creates when I tell you the place I moved to is the equivalent of an antique mecca and has more Target stores within a 15-mile radius than any other place I've lived, not to mention that there's a rummage sale or flea market almost any day of the week.

This problem is nothing new; ever since I was child I would rearrange my room and "redecorate" about every two or three months, sometimes more during summer months when I was

out of school. I'm not entirely sure if I got this complex from my mother or if it is an innate thing that all women have, but I think it must be the latter.

My mother had the classic case of paint-the-house-a-new-color-every-week and sunny weekends were a holiday at our house because that meant a classified section full of yard sales. And, at those yard sales were things to redecorate the house with so it would match the paint color of the week. This makes perfect sense to all of you men reading I'm sure — if you've made it past the words "rummage sale," that is. I think the worst was probably when she painted the whole house mustard yellow with gold accents. Did I mention the "oops paint" section at Home Depot was also another favorite of hers? Anyway, my point is this, it's hereditary. And not only that but I'm beginning to think it might be innate as well.

Women will always want to make a place "homey." While men may collect so-called "junk" at an equal or greater magnitude than women, there is a definite difference in the kinds of "junk" they collect. For example, my junk would include paintings, furniture and generally decorative items — which does include a great many pairs of shoes and clothes. My husband's "junk" includes — but is definitely not limited to - a horse-head mask he bought for no reason other than he thought it was "cool," old sports equipment he hasn't used since high school and a bright yellow and orange ukulele from Uruguay that he swears he is going to play some day. Now, I admit I cannot be the judge of whose "junk" is better, and both do serve some purpose — although besides attributing a horse head mask to a manly expression of some kind I really can't think what the purpose of that is — allow me to say that a woman's "junk" does seem to serve a clearer purpose than most men's. And that purpose is to make a home.

A perfect example of this are dorm rooms, which many young graduates

will soon be heading off to. Girl's dorm rooms may have a lot of stuff — even "unnecessary" stuff like "cute" curtains, "cute" lamps, "cute" throw pillows, "cute" mirrors, "cute" mini Christmas trees with tinsel for the holidays, "cute" potted plants, "cute" rugs, and "cute" photos of them and their friends, boyfriend and family — all doing the "duck face." I think you get the point.

Now boy's dorm rooms, on the other hand, basically just revolve around one thing and that one thing is all the "home" that they need to sleep safe and sound every night while they are away at college. I'll give you a guess, it's not a pretty pink throw pillow or the fuzziest throw blanket "EVER" or being able to kiss a photo goodnight as they fall asleep. It is their TV. And, often, that TV will, in fact, take up so much space that really is all the "home" they have room for. The rest of the overwhelming and occasionally quite rank — mess all over will mainly consist of manly expressions of their manhood, like horse-head masks and unwashed clothes. That is the best I can explain it. I'm not saying I can explain every sentimental notion and design choice that every girl makes, but I do know that all that "junk" is what they use to make a place a home. And with that, I rest my case.

Now, I don't pretend I don't have a problem. Do I have an addiction? Maybe. Am I in need of counseling? Probably. But I am convinced it's heredity, possibly even innate, which somehow makes me feel better about the fact. For any of you women out there planning just one more Pinterest project and buying one more antique you don't know where you'll fit, I have faith in you. And for all of you men out there asking "when will this madness end?" Probably never. So the next time you see that lady in your life on Pinterest, don't ask, just start building another shelf, she'll make it fit. That is what women do, they make things fit, and they make homes.

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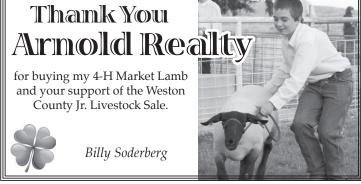


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SWEETFROG

You're missing out on a comfortable experience if you're not visiting SWEETFROG at 2610 South Douglas Highway in Gillette, phone 682-2834.

This family friendly establishment offers delicious soft serve yogurt. Choose your favorite flavor and add toppings from the topping bar.

This community minded business understands how very, very important repeat customers are. That's why you will notice the extra personal service that's given such a high priority here whenever you visit for soft serve yogurt.

For information about fundraisers, you're invited to phone 682-2834.



T & T GUNS AND AMMO INC. "Celebrating over 60 Years Of Excellence"

Today, as always, T & T GUNS AND AMMO INC. is a local business that has always been committed to excellence. They specialize in offering the best selection of new and used guns; optics; reloading equipment; hunting supplies; and much more; as well as a public shooting range.

T & T GUNS AND AMMO INC. is situated at 13646 Highway 51 in Rozet (10 miles East of Gillette at Timber Creek Road), phone 682-5283.

You'll get more from a local business like T & T GUNS AND AMMO INC. because they simply put more into everything they do.

GLENN CONSTRUCTION LLC

The crew at, GLENN CONSTRUCTION LLC is unquestionably, one of the best. GLENN CONSTRUCTION LLC is located in Moorcroft at 314 West Converse, phone **756-3938** or **756-2595**. You can count on them for professional general contracting for your home or business. These pros are the experts in custom design and building; pole barns; storage units; garages; remodels; backhoe; bobcat work; concrete work; and more.

When you think about it, you can see why these people are in this business for the long haul, it's just that simple. GLENN CONSTRUCTION LLC is, and will continue to be, an important asset to communities. Call at 756-3938 or 756-2595.

SUNDANCE STATE BANK

"Serving Northeastern Wyoming Since 1895"

Understanding the many options and services available in the banking profession today can sometimes be challenging, to say the least. But the power of communication is never more evident than when you visit SUNDANCE STATE BANK located at North Second and Main in Sundance, phone 283-1074.

For financial services, including loans; checking and savings accounts; online banking; ATMs; night depository; and more, simply stop in or call SUNDANCE STATE BANK at 283-1074. Their courteous personnel will see that all your questions are answered promptly and completely.

They're proud to be a part os the community. Also visit www.sundancestatebank.com

-C & A MEATS -

C & A MEATS genuinely cares about each of their friends and customers. Quality meats is a way of life at C & A MEATS located at 104 North 11th Street in Sundance, phone 283-2505. They started in business 21 years ago with the concept of providing families with the highest standard of custom cutting and processing for delicious beef; pork; sheep; and all wild game. Bring all of your domestic animals and wild game to them for expert custom cutting and processing. With hunting season around the corner, they're ready to serve you. Plan on

visiting these folks at C & A MEATS on a regular basis all year long where quality is truly a way of life.

·REIMER -**CONSTRUCTION & HANDYMAN SERVICES**

"Locally Owned & Operated"

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But not at REIMER CONSTRUCTION & HANDYMAN SERVICES. Quite the opposite. Today and every day, Steve Reimer, the owner and his crew pride themselves in providing general contracting work for your home or business; roofing and siding service; landscaping; patios; carpentry work; and more. They are an accredited member of the Better Business Bureau. They're located to serve the area from Sundance. Please call 299-4709 or visit www.reimerconstructionwy.com or www.reimerconstructionwy.net

CASTLE AUCTION SERVICE & CONSIGNMENTS

"Locally Owned & Operated" This local business has served Campbell, Crook and Weston County

communities for over 3 years now. CASTLE AUCTION SERVICE & CONSIGNMENTS is located at 2904

Conestoga Drive, in Gillette, phone 685-4115, and they are known for providing professional auction services for items including antiques; machinery; furniture; firearms; farm equipment; estates; business liquidations; and so much more.

Remember that CASTLE AUCTION SERVICE & CONSIGNMENTS also has a full service consignment shop. Stop in often as their extensive inventory changes

- NANNEMANN BROTHERS AUTOMOTIVE -"Family Owned & Operated Since 1975"

When you call on NANNEMANN BROTHERS AUTOMOTIVE you'll appreciate

the way they do business. They're located in Gillette at 1810 Gold Road (two miles north on Highway 14-16), phone **682-9082** or **1-800-462-5673**. Since 1975, NANNEMANN BROTHERS AUTOMOTIVE has offered ASE-

Certified Mechanics that are experts in automatic and standard transmission work, rear differentials, and transfer cases. You will also find rebuilt and used automatic transmissions, and new and used parts.

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POWDER RIVER HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING 'Your Local CARRIER Dealer'

Folks from our area agree that it's a good feeling to have a company like POWDER RIVER HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING INC. around. They have three locations: in Gillette at 3707 Tanner Drive, phone 682-3009; in Buffalo at 96 North Lobbing Avenue, phone 684-7512; and in Sheridan at 900 Gillette Street, phone 674-4822.

At POWDER RIVER HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING INC. they are the experts in 24-hour sales, installations, service, and repairs of CARRIER and all major brands of furnaces, heating equipment and air conditioners for residential; commercial; industrial; new construction; additions; remodels and more. Also call for plumbing installations and service. Visit www.powderriverheating.com

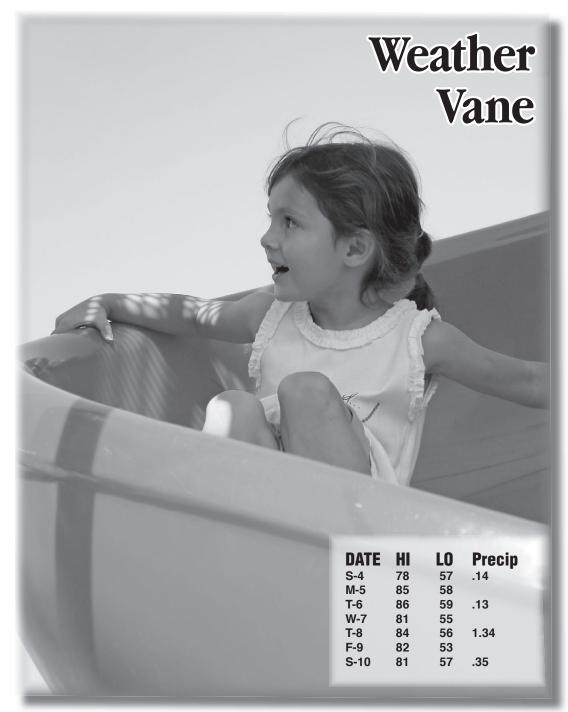
-JOHN HENRY'S COUNTRY KENNEL -

"Sherryl Hardy - Owner/Certified Vet Tech"

Consistently professional service is just one of the reasons for the steady growth over the years of JOHN HENRY'S COUNTRY KENNEL. They are genuinely committed here to giving you and your pets the best in clean, heated and airconditioned individual spaces; large play yards; indoor runs; indoor suits; and more. If you are going away on business or a vacation, phone 682-3572. Sherryl

Hardy, the owner, is a Certified Vet Tech, and everyone at JOHN HENRY'S COUNTRY KENNEL will offer each and every pet with the best care.

JOHN HENRY'S COUNTRY KENNEL, is located at 13264 Highway 51 in Gillette, phone **682-3572**. Thank you for your continued trust. © UBC 2013



PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The facility will cease disposal activities of industrial waste generated from the adjacent coal fired power generation facility such as paper, cans, boxes, sweepings, paint cans, wood, iron, concrete, bearings, and gaskets. Additionally, triple rinsed chemical drums were crushed and disposed twice yearly. A segregated, fenced, and signed portion of the landfill was utilized for the permitted disposal of friable asbestos wastes generated from the adjacent coal fired power generation facility. The 4.62 acre facility is located approximately 0.5 miles northeast of Highway 16 of Osage, Wyoming. More specifically, this facility is located in the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 10, Township 46 North, Range 63 West, in Weston County, Wyoming.

The Department of Environmental Quality, Solid and Hazardous Waste Division (DEQ) has reviewed the closure permit application and determined that it is complete and suitable for publication. The DEQ's solid waste rules, in Chapter 1, Section 2 (b)(ii) require that the applicant must provide public notice that a proposed closure permit has been issued and inform the public that there is an opportunity to file comments on the proposed closure permit before it is issued in final form. The notice is also required to indicate that the public may file formal written objections to issuance of a final permit. This publication provides notice of those opportunities.

Copies of the permit application, the DEQ's review of the application, and the proposed closure permit can be viewed at DEQ's Chevenne office located at 122 West 25th St., Herschler Building 4W, Cheyenne, WY 82002, the Weston County Public Library located at 23 West Main Street, Newcastle, WY 82701, and the Weston County Clerk's office located at 1 West Main Street, Newcastle, WY 82701.

Any interested person has the right to either: provide comments on the proposed closure permit, which the Department will consider prior to taking final action on the closure permit application, or file formal written objections to the proposed closure permit. The period for providing comments, or filing formal written objections to the proposed closure permit, shall begin on August 8, 2013 and end on September 16, 2013. Any comments or formal written objections must be received by 5:00 PM on the last day of the notice period. Comments or formal objections must be submitted in writing to the Department of Environmental Quality, Todd Parfitt, Director, 122 West 25th Street, Cheyenne, WY 82002. Formal written objections must be accompanied by a statement of the facts upon which the objection is based. If substantial written objections are filed, a contested case hearing will be held by the Environmental Quality Council.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, special assistance or alternative formats will be made available upon request for individuals with disabilities.

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Utility Notice Foreclosure Notice

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given by Pinnacle Bank - Wyoming, a Wyoming banking corporation ("Pinnacle Bank"), that default has occurred under the terms of certain promissory notes payable to Pinnacle Bank as payee, and under the terms of two (2) real estate mortgages securing said promissory notes in which Pinnacle Bank is mortgagee, which mortgages cover the followingdescribed real property together with improvements thereon and appurtenances appertaining thereto situate in Weston County, Wyoming ("Mortgaged Property"), to-wit:

Township 48 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M. Section 3: S½NW¼, W½SE¼, N½SW¼, SE1/4SW1/4, and the SW1/4SW1/4 less a tract conveyed in Book 252 of Photos, page 864, recorded October 10, 2001

Section 4: Lot 4. S½NW1/4. SW1/4. SW1/4SE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

Section 5: Lot 1, E½SW¼, SE¼, SE1/4NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4

Section 8: NE1/4NE1/4, S1/2NE1/4

Section 10: NE¼NW¼, NW¼NE¼

and which mortgages are as follows: Real Estate Mortgage dated May 10, 2010 granted by Jimmy Hansen Land And Livestock Company, LLC as mortgagor to Pinnacle Bank as mortgagee, recorded on May 13, 2010 in Book 322 of Photos at page 12 in the records of the Office of the County Clerk in and for Weston County, Wyoming; and Real Estate Mortgage dated May 10, 2010 granted by Jimmy Hansen Land And Livestock Company, LLC as mortgagor to Pinnacle Bank as mortgagee, recorded on May 13, 2010 in Book 322 of Photos at page 21 in the records of the Office of the County Clerk in and for Weston County, Wyoming and modified by Modification of Mortgage dated February 9, 2011 granted by Jimmy Hansen Land And Livestock Company, LLC as mortgagor to Pinnacle Bank as mortgagee, recorded on February 14, 2011 in Book 327 of Photos at page 363 in the records of the Office of the County Clerk in and for Weston County, Wyoming, and as further modified by Modification of Mortgage dated January 10, 2012 granted by Jimmy Hansen Land And Livestock Company, LLC as mortgagor to Pinnacle Bank as mortgagee, recorded on January 24, 2012 in Book 334 of Photos at page 256 in the records of the Office of the County Clerk in and for Weston County, Wyoming,

Each mortgage contains a power of sale which by reason of default Pinnacle Bank as mortgagee declares to have become operative. No suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the indebtedness secured by either mortgage, or any part thereof. The amounts due upon the obligations secured by the aforementioned mortgages (principal, interest, late fees and other amounts, if any) as of the date of first publication of this Notice is \$824,446.95, to which will be added the costs and expenses of foreclosure (including reasonable attorney's fees) and accruing interest after the date of first publication of this Notice.

Pinnacle Bank as mortgagee will have the mortgages foreclosed as by law provided by causing the Mortgaged Property abovedescribed 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 a.m. on September 3, 2013 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main Street, Newcastle, Wyoming.

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

Pinnacle Bank - Wyoming A Wyoming Banking Corporation James M. Peck Attorney No. 5-2021 Hansen and Peck Attorneys At Law 18 West Main Newcastle, Wyoming 82701 (307) 746-2761

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Fun and Games

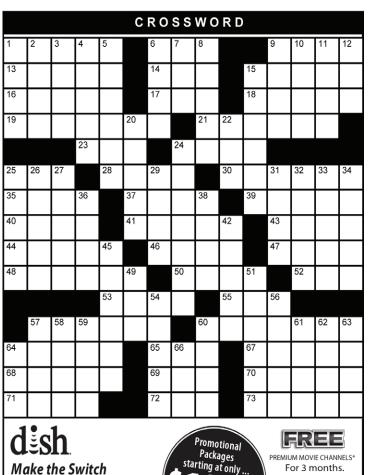
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- against crime 16. Japanese bed
- 17. Decompose
- 18. *Found in art class 19. *Pedagogue
- 21. *Energy outlet 23. Magic's infection
- 24. It often holds 24
- 25. Tax pro 28. First female Attorney
- General
- 30. Breath freshener
- 35. Two quarters
- 37. Grannies
- 39. Top of Lady Liberty 40. Seed covering
- 41. Virgo's brightest star
- 43. "Laughing on the inside" in text message
- 44. Officially allowed
- 46. Way, way off 47. Diabolical
- 48. Doghouse
- 50. Cupid's counterpart 52. "The ___" by The Doors
- 53. Swerve
- 55. Bovine sound
- 57. *Junior's ruler? 60. *Required substance
- 64. Editor's insertion mark
- 65. Tarzan's mom, e.g.
- 67. Papal court 68. Like a video game bird
- 69. *Sophomore's grade
- 70. *Class action to find president 71. 100 centavos
- 72. Baseball Giant and hall-offamer
- 73. "The Sun Also _ **DOWN**
- 1. Dagger handle 2. Flu symptom
- 3. Pro
- 4. Period 5. Large upright stone
- 6. Young salmon
- 7. *Pencil type
- 8. Bone hollow 9. Highlands hillside
- 10. It's often denoted in red 11. Half of binary code
- 12. Used for styling 15. Trickery
- 20. 0 and 2, e.g.
- 22. "C'___ la vie!"
- 24. Pine, e.g. 25. *Calcium sulfate's common
- 26. Humorous slang for "Paris"
- 27. Set straight
- 29. Famous valley 31. This king was a merry old
- 32. Treasure collection
- 33. Perform in 34. *Not to be left behind
- 36. Custard dessert
- 38. Capone's mark 42. Enophile's sensory concern 45. Funny business
- 49. Actor DiCaprio 51. Goal-oriented activity
- 54. Inspiration for poets and musicians
- 56. Eyes
- 57. All there
- 58. Units of work 59. Infamous Roman Emperor

60. Blowhole 61. Wraths

- 62. Not naughty
- 63. Beanery sign 64. Upper limit 66. *Teacher's apple-giver



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Delinquent Property Tax Sale

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR 2012 DELINQUENT TAXES THE STATE OF WYOMING **AUGUST 01, 2013 COUNTY OF WESTON COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE**

Notice is hereby given that I, Susan Overman, the duly elected, qualified and acting county treasurer within and for the county and state aforesaid, will on the 26th day of August A.D. 2013 at the courthouse at Newcastle in the county and state aforesaid, offer for sale the following described real estate for taxes due and unpaid. The real estate will be sold subject to any special assessments for local or public improvements. Said sale shall take place between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m of said day and will be continued from day to day, Saturdays and Sundays excepted, until all of said land has been sold.

The real property to be offered at said sale, together with the taxes, penalty, interest and costs due on the same is described as follows,

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LOEBS SUSAN

T46N R63W SEC 9 ACRES 0.60 A TRACT OF LAND IN THE E2E2SW LOCATED SOUTH AND WEST OF US HWY 16 THAT IS NOT IN THE OSAGE WATER DISTRICT.

59.89 0103

LARRALDE JOSEPH F JR & DARBY A TRACT OF LAND IN THE NENW, NWNE OF SECTION 25, T48N, R61W DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE R.O.W. BOUNDARY OF US HWY 85 WHICH LIES S 01° 02' 15"E, 578.51 FT FROM THE N 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 25 & THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S 85° 08' 43" E

25004 HWY 85 387.37 LARRALDE JOSEPH F JR & DARBY A TRACT OF LAND IN THE N2NE OF SECTION 25, T48N, R61W, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE EAST R.O.W. U S HWY 85 WHICH LIES S 01° 38' 51"E A DISTANCE OF 554.02 FT FROM THE N 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 25 & IS THE POINT OF

BEGINNING; THENCE S 85° 08' 2 616.11 PAUL LLOYD D ETAL

T48N R61W SEC 12 ACRES 40.00 SESE ETAL LYNN PELLETIER 149 QUARRY RD 1511 621.39

WEAVER BRENT A A TRACT OF LAND IN THE SW OF SECTION 23, T47N, R 61W OF THE 6TH P.M. DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE EAST R.O.W. BOUNDARY OF US HWY 85 WHICH LIES N 58° 54' E FOR 1475 FT FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF

SECTION 23; THENCE N 13° 56' E ALON 24380 HWY 85 1974 412.07 0105

TURNER HORACE EDWARD & JUDITH LOT 23, SUNSET RANCH SUBDIVISION,

WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING 11 KIOWA CIR 2166 166.40 0113

KENNEDY ANTHONY P ATTN LEIGHTON ROBERT LOT 13, CAMBRIA ESTATES, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING ANTHONY P KENNEDY 1/2 UND INT DANA GORDON 1/2 UND INT 64 BREAKNECK RD 2691

BOCK KIMBERLEY & ROBERT A TRACT OF LAND WHICH LAYS IN THE NWNE OF SECTION 9, T46N, R63W MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE QUINTON HOLWELL PROPERTY WHICH LAYS N 90° 00' 00" E A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FT FROM THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF BLO 77.56 **BOCK ROBERT**

SEC 9 ACRES 3.5540 TRACTS OF LAND LOCATED IN SECTION 9, T46N, R63W START AT A POINT 250 FT NORTH & 10 FT EAST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 9, BLOCK 4, TOWN OF OSAGE; THENCE NORTH 100 FT; THENCE 100 FT EAST; THENCE SOUTH 100 FT; THENCE 100 FT W

1322 BROADWAY AVE 2744 477.08 CLYDE BARRY LEE & REBEKAH C/O PHILIPSEN-GRENSTINER KELLY L &

CUMMI LOTS 21, 22, 23 & 24, BLOCK 6, NEFSY ADDITION, OSAGE, WESTON COUNTY, **WYOMING**

529 SHERIDAN ST CLYDE BARRY LEE & REBEKAH LYNN C/O PHILIPSEN-GRENSTINER KELLY L &

LOTS 17, 18, 19 & 20, BLOCK 6, NEFSY ADDITION, OSAGE, WESTON COUNTY,

WYOMING 535 MONDELL AVE 2763 HARTSHORN VIRGINIA A ETAL ATTN CLYDE VERNON

LOTS 19 & 20, BLOCK 12, NEFSY ADDITION, OSAGE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING ETAL CHARLES D RAWHOUSER

684 NEFSY AVE 2828 69.53 LOEBS SUSAN T46N R63W SEC 9 ACRES 49.3590

E2SENW; E2E2SW; EXCEPTING 4.241 ACRES TO THE STATE AND EXCEPTING 2 ACRES TO JULIUS, ROY D. AND EXCEPTING 1.7 ACRES TO TAVEGIA, WILLIAM AND EXCEPTING 1 ACRE TO GAINER, D. AND LESS 2 ACRES TO RALPH SHUCK. ALSO A 0.9 ACR

925 SHERIDAN ST 1,208.26 0150

BARKER CHAD M & MARIE ANN LOTS 3 & 4, BLOCK 1, EAST ADDITION, NEWCASTLE. WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING 10 W HILL ST 510.33 3094 BURKE WENDY L

LOT 8, BLOCK 5, ROBY ADDITION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING 424 GROVE AVE 3200 259.99 DOELL LOUIE & AVENELLA C/O WEAVER BRENT A & CAROLEE LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4, 17, 18, 19 & 20, BLOCK 2,

KUGLAND ADDITION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING 634 S SENECA AVE 3505 622.79 HATCH JEAN L

LOT 12 & A TRACT, BLOCK D, COUNTY CLERKS ADDITION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING LOT 12, BLOCK D OF COUNTY CLERK'S ADDITION & A TRACT OF LAND ADJOINING THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LOT ON THE NW SIDE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON

SUMNER S 233 N SUMNER AVE 3806 400.79 LARRALDE JOSEPH F JR & DARBY THE NORTHERLY 50 FT OF LOT 12, BLOCK 4, ORIGINAL ADDITION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING 114 N SUMNER 4118

MOONEY MICHAEL LOTS 1, 2, 3 & 4, BLOCK 2, GREENWOOD ADDITION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, **WYOMING**

727 N WOOD ST 4304 1,095.45 MUNOZ ARTEMIO & ERENDIRA LOTS 44 & 45, PLAINVIEW ADDITION # 2, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING 118 SHERIDAN ST 4317 RUSSELL DAVID A

SOUTH 90 FT OF LOT 11. SOUTH 90 FT OF EAST 1/2 OF LOT 12, BLOCK 5, GREENWOOD ADDITION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING

903 WOOD ST 4586 204.92 SANDNESS RHONDA L

LOT 5, BLOCK 2, GREENWOOD ADDITION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING 4597 113.92

SANDNESS RHONDA L THE WEST 1/2 OF LOT 12, BLOCK T, COUNTY CLERKS ADDITION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING

441 W MAIN ST

SCHUESSLER MARK L & MARISOL M LOT 24, BLOCK 3, WEST SADDLE SUBDIVISION OF ARNOLD 1ST EXTENSION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING 3329 STIRRUP ST 4619 627.74

SPEAS JOHN E & AMANDA L LOT 4, BLOCK 1, BLACK HILLS VIEW ADDITION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, **WYOMING**

115 BONNIE BRAE AVE 4727 815.31 STORKAMP RINDA

A PORTION OF LOT 9, BLOCK BC, COUNTY 62.48 CLERKS ADDITION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING A TRACT OF LAND 55 FT X 85 FT DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF LOT 9, BLOCK BC, COUNTY CLERKS ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF NEWCASTLE; TH

12 E WARWICK ST 447.11 TIERRA GRANDE MANAGEMENT INC ALL OF LOTS 5 & 6, BLOCK 4, ELK MOUNTAIN ADDITION SUBDIVISION OF BLOCKS 1, 2, 3, & 4, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING & THAT PORTION OF VACATED ASPEN ROAD LESS THE EAST 75 FT OF LOT 5

1325 WASHINGTON BLVD 4836

TIERRA GRANDE MANAGEMENT INC LOTS 5, 6, 7 & 8, BLOCK 7, WASHINGTON PARK ADDITION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING & THAT PORTION OF VACATED ASPEN ROAD PREVIOUSLY BOYD AVE AS DESCRIBED IN PHOTO BOOK 201 PAGE 339

1,702.32

1225 WASHINGTON BLVD

2,586.56 VARNER COLBY J & AMBER D LOT 9, GATEWAY ESTATES, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING 3283 SAGE CIRCLE N 185.46 4901

LOTS A, D, E & H, COUNTY CLERKS SUBDIVISION LOTS 2 & 3, BLOCK T, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING 635 W WARREN AVE 4946 363.69 0700

FAUST PATRICIA A 1/4 INT ATTN MALONE C E T47N R65W SEC 31 ACRES 80.00 SENE,

WEAVER BRENT

NESE SEC 32 ACRES 240.00 NW, N2SW ETAL EDNA A NOLAN UND 1/2 INT, CECELIA A MALONE 1/4 INT 135.31 WILLIAMSON ROBERT J & ABBY A

A TRACT OF LAND IN THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 12, T47N, R65W, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT N 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 12; THENCE N 88° 12' 00" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 907 FT TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID POINT I 180 NESTER RD 352.69 5376

PASCHALL WESLEY R & DEBRA L ETAL T48N R65W SEC 23 ACRES 40.00 NENW 121.96 ETAL KARL L PASCHALL & KENNY I KING

SHEPPERSON COLE

717 BIRCH ST

A TRACT OF LAND LYING IN THE SE OR SECTION 14 AND THE NE OF SECTION 23, T46N R66W OF THE 6TH PM, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING SAID TRACT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A 3" BLM BRASS CAP MARKING THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 14

1322 HWY 116 S 5813 111.94

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1132 PEARL ST 5989 282.68 **GARHART TONY & REBECCA** LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4, BLOCK 1, PERRYS SECOND ADDITION, UPTON, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING

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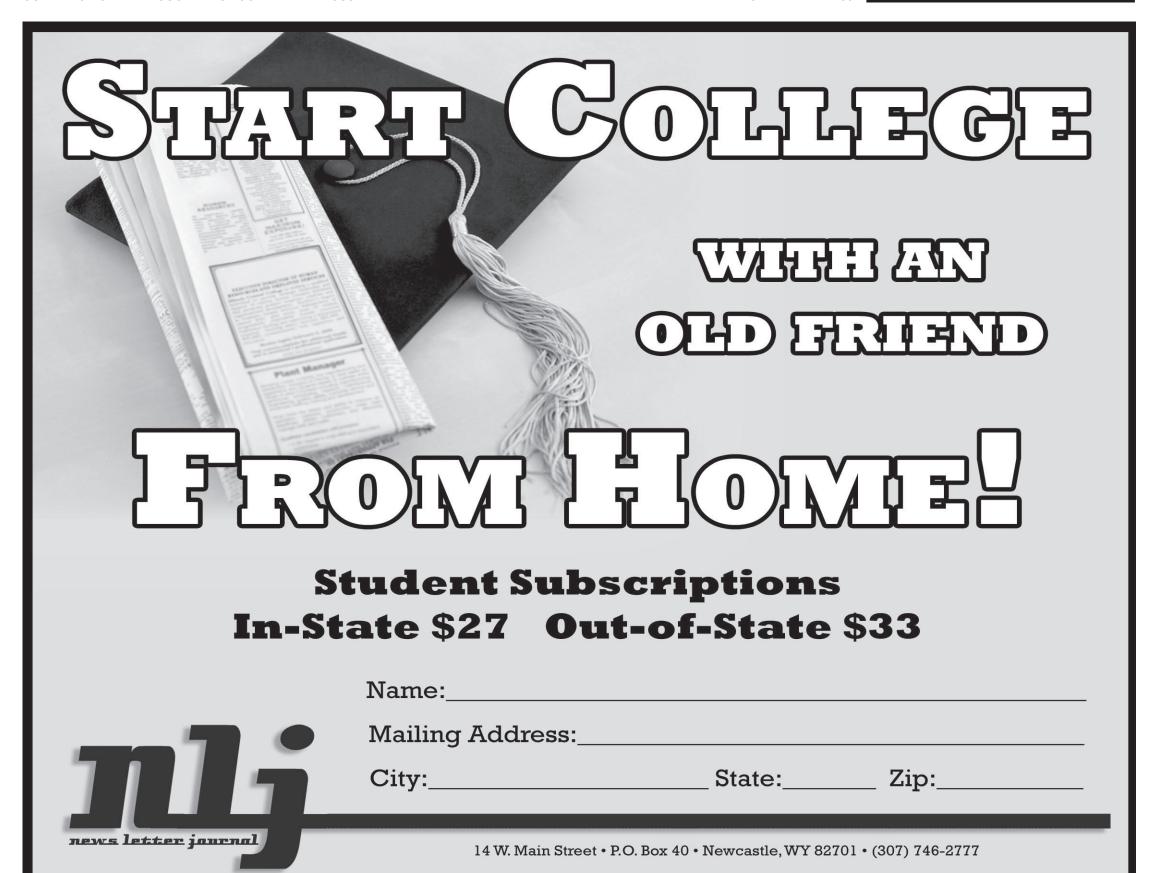
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describe the property. Witness my hand the day and year first above mentioned.

Susan Overman. **WESTON COUNTY Treasurer**

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City Council Minutes

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MINUTES MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2013

Mayor James called the regular meeting of Monday, August 5, 2013 to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were: Roger Hespe; Archie Callander, Linda Hunt, Mayor James, and Jim Bunch. Absent: Iva Carter, and Todd Quigley. Also present Department Heads: Attorney Jim Peck, City Clerk/Treasurer Brunner, Police Chief Jim Owens, Engineer Hartley and one guest.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor James prefaced the approval of the agenda with the statement that since Councilman Hespe may be called away from the meeting at any minute the Mayor would attempt to hold all "voting" business at the beginning of the meeting so quorum votes could be taken. Linda Hunt moved and Archie Callander seconded to approve the agenda for August 5, 2013 as presented. MOTION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Roger Hespe moved and Linda Hunt seconded to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 15, 2013. MOTION CARRIED.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS - IN WRITING: 1. Mayor James read a request from John's Electric to add Christopher Gray to their current 2013 Electrical License as an apprentice electrician. Linda Hunt moved and Roger Hespe seconded to approve the request as read. MOTION CARRIED.

Jim Bunch moved and Archie Callander seconded to pay the claims against the City dated August 5, 2013. MOTION CARRIED.

Jim Owens requested Council approval to hire a part-time person at \$8.00 per hour for 10 hours per week for 2 months to help the Community Service Officer "catch up" on paperwork on cats and weeds. Councilwoman Hunt asked if that was possible in the budget. Chief Owens responded that with the department being currently down one full-time officer that the wages costs would be covered by that factor. Jim Bunch moved and Archie Callander seconded to approve the request as made. Linda Hunt asked questions about the amount of time spent on cats. Chief Owens replied that the required record keeping for cat impoundment and destruction takes a tremendous amount of time. Question was called. MOTION CARRIED.

City Attorney Jim Peck - 1. read ORDINANCE #5, SERIES 2013 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-5 OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WYOMING 1961 TO ESTABLISH HOURS FOR DISPENSING ROOMS FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE on second reading. Linda Hunt moved and Jim Bunch seconded to approve ORDINANCE #5, SERIES 2013 on second reading. MOTION CARRIED.

NOMINATIONS FOR RECOGNITION: Linda Hunt nominated A-1 Agency for their exterior remodeling and painting; she also nominated the owners of the Old Bob Burns house on Cambria Street for removal of the structure. Jim Bunch nominated Bruce and Julie Perkins for their efforts with Augustfest. He also nominated Walt Soper for being the head cook for the fair barbeque.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION: Mayor James read a Certificate of Appreciation to Ann Hansen for the materials and labor at the pergola in Railroad Park. She was not in attendance to receive the certificate.

<u>CITIZEN'S BUSINESS – VERBAL</u> – None. MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS: - Mayor James requested scheduling a Committee of the Whole meeting for the purpose of possibly selling some of the City owned property. The meeting was scheduled for 6:00 pm prior to the regular Council meeting on August 19, 2013. No action will be taken at this committee meeting. 2. Mayor James requested a Sanitation Committee at 6:00 pm on 9/3/13 for discussion regarding setting up a Garbage District. 3. Jim Bunch commented on ads in some of the larger WY newspapers regarding "STOP EPAWY. com". His concern was why the City had not been contacted regarding support of the group. 4. Mayor James read a letter from Dr. Lanny Reimer regarding Cedar Hills Family Clinic. The City has a street east of Deanne Avenue which has a right of way that Cedar Hills uses for parking. Since Cedar Hills Clinic will be renting their building to Regional Health, Dr. Reimer requested that Regional Health's employees be able to use the same parking as in the past. Mayor James asked for City Attorney Peck to draft a letter granting permission for parking but that granting of such permission does not constitute any form of ownership.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Chief Jim Owens - 1. Both radio consoles are up and operational; 2. Twenty cats were impounded during July; 3. the department is down 2 officers currently and a third will be off duty by August 3rd. One resigned and two are or will be on medical leave. Chief Owens is interviewing a possible replacement for Ramsey this week. 4. the Sturgis Rally has resulted in increased traffic.

City Clerk/Treasurer Brunner - 1. reviewed the Notice of Public Hearing regarding adjustment to FY 2012-13 Budget for the Parks Account which was over budget at the end of June 2013 due to equipment purchases.

City Attorney Jim Peck - 1. discussed the renewal of the water agreement with Cambria Water District. He stated that the agreement is basically the same as it has been with a couple of changes regarding water lines. Rate changes, volume of water usage and terminology were the largest changes in the possible renewal agreement. Engineer Hartley recommended sending the proposed agreement to Cambria Water District for their review. 2. Atty Peck commented on his work regarding the Water Deposits proposed changes. City staff is still reviewing. 3. He commented on the Planning Commissions work on variances.

City Engineer Hartley - 1. Updated council on the project work in Frontier Addn. The project is possibly ahead of schedule by two to three weeks. 2. He commented on the water tank bids. Bids opened previously were significantly higher than the engineer's estimate or the amount of funding available through SLIB grant and Ioan. A Sherman Williams representative was out to discuss the cost of the paint. There hasn't been much progress in that area. He has been working with State Land and Investment Board to see if there was a possibility to get additional funding. He recommended rejecting all bids at this time and re-bidding the project this winter. Linda Hunt moved and Archie Callander seconded to reject ALL bids for the painting and work on the blue water tank; re-bid the project and seek more funding from the SLIB board. MOTION CARRIED. 3. The engineer reported on the patching crew progress. 4. The water line crew is working hard to put in services. 5. The sprinkler system is being installed at the arboretum. 6. Analysis of the landfill charges seems to indicate that the scales will equalize charges there and possibly increase the landfill revenue significantly. Linda Hunt thanked Engineer Hartley for his efforts on the grant work and project work he does for the City.

There were no STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS, no WRITTEN BUSINESS, NEW BUSINESS, or OLD BUSINESS:

Archie Callander moved and Linda Hunt seconded to close the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Claims: Aire Master of WY, office deodorizer, \$10.00; Alpha Communications, tower rent, \$95.00; American Business Software, web page hosting, \$354.00; American Engineer Testing, testing fees, \$655.00; Anderson Contracting, curb stop/remove meter, \$378.00; AT&T Mobility, cell phones, \$730.20; Bierschbach Equip, J hook ratchet, \$152.00; Biolynceus, probiotic scrubber, \$1714.88; BH Plumbing, vac down 22 units, \$484.00; BH Power, electricity, \$13,240.41; BCBS of WY, health insurance, \$27,453.52; Blue Tarp Financial, fuel transfer/light bar, \$1107.25; Bryand Streeter, airport wages, \$1158.75; Butler Machinery, parts, \$3066.01; Campbell Co. Memorial, 4 wellness, \$575.00; CDW-G, PD Acer computers, etc., \$7545.83; Century Link, monthly fees, \$954.80; Chief Law Enf., battery/stoffel filter, \$444.99; City of Newcastle, WA/SW/GA, \$556.94; Crowell Redi-Mix, concrete, \$5780.00; Dana Kepner, water meter, \$452.43; Deckers, grocery, \$64.11; Energy Labs, water samples, \$150.00; Farnsworth Services, power rake Stampede, \$582.00; Galls, specimen cups/gloves, \$355.93; Grabar Voice & Data, N-I-C-E labor, \$225.00; James Peck, monthly attorney retainer, \$2800.00; KOIS Bros., HL coil, \$69.51; Law Enforcement Systems, \$138.00; MasterCard, supplies, travel, training, etc., \$3069.79: Matthew Bender, State Statutes.

\$464.39; Midwest Tire, lawnmower tires, \$101.80: Minuteman Lube, oil changes, \$138.65: National Fire Protection Assn., annual dues, \$165.00; Newcastle Ambulance, monthly charges, \$8333.33; Newcastle Extinguisher, service calls, \$1200.34; Newcastle Mtrs., 2009 Chevy P.U., \$25,625.00; Newcastle Police Dept, reimb/ misc, \$118.07; Newman Traffic Signs, signage, \$304.99; News Letter Journal, legals, ads supplies, \$3003.26; NW Pipe, supplies, \$5622.03; Office Shop leasing, copier lease, \$29.00; Oil City Supply, supplies, \$750.65; Overhead Door, steel door, \$5288.00; Pat Crow, reimb, Lexis-Nexis, \$304.15; Postmaster, postage, \$256.00; Powder River Energy, electricity, \$885.81; RDJ Specialties, coloring books, \$531.03; RENEW, recycling fee, \$1050.00; Respond First Aid, supplies, \$89.98; Rocky Mtn., Information, membership fees, \$50.00; RT Communications, trunk line share, \$317.41; RT Communications, telephone, \$2836.08; S&S Builders, Pay Req #2/arboretum, \$26,298.46; Slattery Enterprises, 28 days/units, \$225.00; SourceGas, natural gas, \$237.31; TEAM Lab, weed killer, \$380.00; Terri Meyer, hall cleaning, \$360.50; Timberline Services, Frontier/Stockade, \$334,114.19 PLUS gravel, \$4189.58 = \$338,303.77; TOP Office, PD copy charge, \$78.37; Tru-Green Chemlawn, FD spraying, \$100.00; Two-Way Radio, 5 radios, \$2725.00; Ultramax, S&@ 165GR, \$366.00; USA

Bid Notice

BIDDING REQUIREMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees, Weston County School District Number 1, Newcastle, Wyoming, hereinafter referred to as "Owner", will receive sealed bid proposals for FUEL STATION IMPROVEMENTS, 116 Casper Avenue, Newcastle, Wyoming.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK

The work includes demolition of the existing diesel and gasoline above ground storage tanks, existing fuel dispensers, and associated plumbing and electrical and replacement with new fuel station infrastructure. The new fuel station infrastructure includes one new above split ground storage tank (8000 US gal diesel/4,000 US gal gasoline), two new fuel dispensers, fuel management system, and associated plumbing and electrical. A portion of the site is renovated with new concrete and asphalt to accommodate these upgrades.

BID OPENING

BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL 1:00 PM MDT, August 28, 2013, at the Board Room of the WCSD#1 Administration Building located at 116 Casper Avenue, Newcastle, Wyoming, then publicly opened and read aloud.

MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE A PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT 10:00 AM MDT, August 20, 2013 at the WCSD#1 Transportation Facility located at 8081/2 Birch Street, Newcastle, Wyoming. Attendance for General Contractors is mandatory. Attendance is strongly recommended for Subcontractors.

BIDDING DOCUMENTS

The Bidding Documents may be obtained by accessing the SFD Website at: sfc.wyoming.gov once you have reached the site click on Projects, click on Up Coming Project, and click on Click Here To Learn More on the project you are interested in. Clink on the hyperlink at the bottom of the page. Bid documents may also be examined on or after 1:00 PM MDT, August 6, 2013, at the office of West Plains Engineering, Inc., 1/50 Rand Road, Rapid City, SD 57702. Phone: (605) 348-

CLARIFICATION AND INTERPRETATION OF BID DOCUMENTS

Questions regarding clarification or interpretation of the bid documents shall be addressed in writing to:

ENGINEER: West Plains Engineering, Inc. 1750 Rand Road Rapid City, SD 57702 Phone: (605) 348-7455 chris.green@westplainsengineering.com

Brad LaCroix, Superintendent Weston County School District No. 1

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Bluebook, pipe deburring tool, \$66.65; WAMCAT, Deb Mills convention fee, \$450.00; WCS Telecom, tele I/d charges, \$139.96; Weston Co. Fire Protection, \$380.50; Weston Co. Treasurer, tax handling chg, LEC share, \$1011.01; Weston Co. Humane Society, food fee, \$18.00; WY Dept of Trans. Plates, \$5.00; WY Automotive, \$580.91; WY Fire Chiefs Assn,, membership dues, \$190.00; Water Deposit Refunds: Darlene Deford, \$50.55; Genevive Lowery, \$66.94; Janice Whitcher, \$92.56; Larita Brown, \$68.97; Sam & Christy Mitchell, \$25.25; Sonia Merritt, \$75.60; Tad Stumpff, \$88.94; Tara Conklin, \$79.18; Wesley Orsborn, \$41.47;

Greg James, Mayor ATTEST: Clerk/Treasurer Charita Brunner

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August 4, 2013

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Drunk pedestrian reported. Suspicious activity reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Missing dog reported. Traffic stop, Verbal Warning issued. Civil standby requested. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Citation

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issued. Accident reported, Citation issued. Traffic hazard reported. Missing dog reported. Civil standby requested. VIN inspection requested. Civil standby requested. Child abuse reported.

August 5 Suspicious activity reported. Six VIN inspections. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic

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August 6

Suspicious activity reported. Runaway reported. Six VIN inspections. Residential alarm reported. Traffic complaint. 911 hang up. Vehicle alarm reported. Assist other agency. Barking dog complaint. Warrant arrest.

August 7

Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Assist other agency. Assist other agency. 911 hang up. Barking dog complaint. Assist other agency. Civil assist. Abandoned vehicles reported. Traffic hazard reported. Traffic complaint. Weather Warning issued. Traffic hazard reported. Drunk pedestrian reported. Vehicle alarm reported.

August 8

Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Suspicious phone activity reported. Barking dog complaint. Three VIN inspections. Traffic control requested. Theft reported. Missing cat reported. Dog found. Drug activity reported. Barking dog complaint. Traffic stop, no action taken. Curfew violation reported. Suspicious activity reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

August 9

Missing dog reported. Motorist assist. Report of a dog at large. Four VIN inspections. Report of a missing dog. Welfare check requested. Theft reported. Civil standby requested. Suspicious activity reported. Possible drug activity reported. Weather advisory issued. Extra patrol requested.

August 10 Accident reported, one DUI arrest. Fight reported. Extra patrol requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Custody problem reported. Found dog. Parking complaint. Weather advisory issued. Hazard reported. Welfare check requested.

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County Commission Minutes

AUGUST 6, 2013

The regular meeting of the Weston County Commissioners convened at 9:01 a.m. with Chairman Seeley presiding. Present for the meeting were Commissioners: Lenard D. Seeley, Jerry Shepperson, Marty Ertman, Tracy Hunt and County Clerk, Mamie C. Krank. Commissioner Randy Rossman was not present for the meeting.

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

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to approve the minutes of the Budget Hearing held July 15, 2013 and the minutes of the regular meeting held July 16, 2013, as published.

Accept Collections

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to accept the collections of the District Court in the amount of \$1,778.74 and the collections of the County Clerk in the amount of \$13,439.00. Carried.

2013 Consensus Projects

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to reaffirm action taken to sign and mail a letter to Governor Mead and the Legislative Service Office regarding the 2013 Consensus Projects. This letter stated that Weston County is in compliance with Wyoming Statute 16-6-101(a)(i). Carried.

2013-2014 CMAQ Agreement

A motion was made by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on two copies of the 2013-2014 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Agreement. The Agreement is in the amount of \$200,000.00, the local match portion is \$40,000.00. Carried.

Rebates of Taxes

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to approve and sign four (4) rebates of taxes to M&K Oil. The rebates of taxes were numbered 1057 in the amount of \$229.31, 1058 in the amount of \$455.37, 1059 in the amount of \$378.05 and 1060 in the amount of \$153.45. Carried.

Second Dispensing Room Permit

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Shepperson, to approve a request for a second dispensing room for the Fountain Inn on August 10, 2013. Discussion ensued, carried.

The meeting recessed at 9:40 a.m. and reconvened at 9:47 a.m. with all present.

FY2014 Mill Levies

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, to accept and approve the mill levies as set by Tina Conklin, Weston County Assessor, for Fiscal Year 2014. Carried.

Budget Amendment Hearing - Airport

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to set a Budget Amendment Hearing for August 20, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. to consider increasing the general fund portion of the Fiscal Year 2014 budget by \$10,000.00 for Phase II of the Mondell Airport Runway Renovation Project. Carried.

Mondell Airport - Supplementary

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, Commissioners and discussed the 2012-13 to accept and authorize Chairman Seeley's signature on six (6) copies of Supplementary Agreement #1 for the Mondell Airport in the amount of \$6,277.50 for temporary fencing. Carried.

Budget Amendment - Airport

The hour being 10:30 a.m. Chairman Seeley opened a Budget Amendment Hearing to consider increasing the general fund portion of the Fiscal Year 2014 budget by \$1,832,630.00 for Phase II of the Mondell Airport Runway Renovation Project. Chairman Seeley called for public comment, hearing none; the public comment portion of the hearing closed at 10:32 a.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, to approve a budget amendment for the Airport Runway Project Phase II in the amount of \$1,832,630.00. Carried.

The meeting recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 10:47 a.m. with all present.

Homeland Security

Doug Jorrey, Homeland Security Coordinator, met with the Commissioners and discussed 2013 Homeland Security Grant Funding. The Office of Homeland Security has funding available, however; requested counties across the state respond if they want to receive the funding and explain how the funding would be used. Mr. Jorrey stated that Weston County could use the funds to maintain the code red emergency system and make upgrades to communications systems. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to request 2013

Homeland Security Funding to be allocated in Fiscal Year 2014. Discussion ensued, carried. Joint Powers Agreement

The hour being 11:15 a.m. the Joint Powers Agreement Public Health Emergency Preparedness held its organizational meeting by conference call with Crook County. Present for the telephone conference were: Jim Hadley, Kelly Dennis and Jeanne Whalen, Board of Crook County Commissioners; Joe Baron, Crook County Attorney; Connie Tschetter, Crook County Clerk; Becky Tinsley, Crook County Public Health Nurse; Judy Stallman, State Public Health Supervisor; Lenard D. Seeley, Marty Ertman, Tracy Hunt and Jerry Shepperson, Board of Weston County Commissioners; Mamie Krank, Weston County Clerk; Lori Bickford, Weston County Public Health Nurse and Bob Bonnar, News Letter Journal. Mr. Baron prepared a Certificate of Organization for Chairman Hadley and Chairman Seeley to sign. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to accept and authorize Chairman Seeley's notarized signature on the Certificate of Organization for the Joint Powers Agreement. Discussion ensued, carried. Crook County: A motion was made by Kelly Dennis, seconded by Jeanne Whalen, to approve a Certificate of Organization for the Joint Powers Agreement Public Health Emergency Preparedness. Carried. The Certificate of Organization along with the Joint Powers Agreement was recorded in the Weston

and Crook County Clerk's Office. Single Land Division – Gloria Fox

Brent Sundstrom met with the Commissioners and discussed a Single Land Division Application pre-approved by the Planning & Zoning Board for Gloria Fox. Mamie C. Krank, Weston County Clerk, acknowledged that all of the paperwork had been approved and was in order in her office. A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to approve and authorize Chairman Seeley's notarized signature on a Single Land Division Permit issued to Gloria Fox. Discussion ensued, carried. A survey map of the Gloria Fox Single Land Division will be recorded in the Weston County Clerk's Office.

Sheriff's Department

Bryan Colvard, Sheriff, met with the Commissioners and discussed the monthly accounts receivable and fees for his department. Sheriff Colvard and Doug Jorrey, Homeland Security Coordinator, discussed a WY Court Security Report which has been completed. Weston County has implemented additional security measures and will continue improvements as funding allows. Dispatch equipment and funding for future equipment replacement was discussed The group discussed forming a Joint Powers Board for Law Enforcement Dispatch. This would enable all entities involved including the City of Newcastle, Town of Upton, Weston County, Ambulance Services and Fire Districts to have input into dispatch operations and support.

The meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with all present.

Special Meeting - Weston County Event Center

The Commissioners received a draft report on the Weston County Event Center from Dr. Kim Basham, KB Engineering. The Commissioners decided to hold a Special Meeting with Don Hansen, County Attorney, to discuss the Weston County Event Center. The Special Meeting will be held on August 9, 2013, at 9:00 a.m.

Contract Engineer

Jerry Hunt, Contract Engineer, met with the Consensus Projects. Mr. Hunt discussed the Weston County Event Center progress and a draft report which was received from Dr. Kim Basham, KB Engineering. Mr. Hunt discussed the Upton Logistics Traffic Study Committee. Mamie C. Krank, County Clerk, related that a scope of work is needed on the Traffic Study Project before funding from WYDOT can be finalized. No action

was taken. Weston County Fairgrounds

Dean Kettley, Fairgrounds Manager, met with the Commissioners and discussed needed electrical upgrades to the Youth Exhibit Hall. The Commissioners agreed that Mr. Kettley should present quotes for the upgrades before the work can be completed. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 1:56 p.m. and recon-

vened at 2:05 p.m. with all present. **County Position Discussion**

The Commissioners discussed the need for a county employee to coordinate projects. The Commissioners discussed duties of the position including helping with the Road & Bridge Department on roads and right-of-ways, coordinating grant projects, writing requests for proposals (RFP), writing grants, assisting the Planning & Zoning Board, managing projects and coordinating engineering. The Commissioners decided to continue this discussion with Commissioner Rossman present. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 2:47 p.m. and reconvened at 2:55 p.m. with all present.

Wage Ceilings

The Commissioners agree to discuss

employee wage ceilings with both the Sheriff's Department and the Road & Bridge Department. No action was taken.

Approve Vouchers

A motion was made by Commissioner Shepperson, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, to approve the vouchers as presented. Carried. They are as follows:

066 NCPERS, financial admin, \$288.00, AFLAC, payroll ded, \$1,752.16, Blue Cross Blue Shield, financial admin, \$55,614.55, Office of Child Support, payroll ded, \$175.00, Orchard Trust, payroll ded, \$1,170.00, WEBT, financial admin, \$182.90, Weston County Clerk, financial admin, \$45,846.00, WY Child Support, payroll ded, \$1,175.00, WY Dept of Workforce Services, financial admin, \$3,142.17, WY Retirement System, financial admin, \$24,743.53, WY Retirement System, financial admin, \$613.98, Hermes Consolidated Inc, oil/gas, \$53,746.84, Chemical Testing Program, brd of prisoners, \$99.00, Hermes Consolidated Inc, oil/gas, \$26,445.03, Ad Pro, p-hlth exp, \$72.06, ADI Insurance Agency, misc, \$485.00, Alpha Communications, radio exp/tower rent, \$209.00, Arrow Electric Inc, brd of prisoners, \$75.00, AT&T Mobility, comm, \$930.95, Bearlodge Engineering & Surveying, maj repairs, \$4,740.20, Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial, brd of prisoners, \$26.99, Black Hills Plumbing, repair/maint, \$1,797.55, Black Hills Power, util, \$3,433.13, Byrand Streeter, contract wages, \$1,071.88, C&J Newcastle Hardware, repair/maint, \$373.12, Cambria Car Wash, veh maint/fuel, \$20.00, Cambria Supply, repair/maint, \$3,158.05, Casey Thorson, janitor supp, \$1,300.00, Cedar Hills Family Clinic, pre emplymnt, \$23.00, City of Newcastle, util/ dispatch/circuit crt/pub def/landfill/p-hlth exp. \$12,154.32, Cody Connor, p-hlth exp, \$800.00, Culligan Water Conditioning, misc, \$15.00, David Bickford, p-hlth exp, \$25.00, Decker's Market, supp/school exp/ag exp, \$264.85, Dixon Bros Inc, oil/gas, \$346.86, Doug Jorrey, hmlnd sec exp, \$99.00, Fastenal Company, supp, \$141.44. Fisher Sand & Gravel, grvl/rd mtrl, \$27,237.70, Frontier Home Ranch & Hardware, repair/maint, \$668.68, Gateway Auto Supply, veh maint/fuel, \$3.09, Golden West Technologies, new equip/ comp software, \$8,432.97, Grimm's Pump & Industrial Supply, oil/gas, \$161.17, Hansen & Peck, office exp, \$4,250.00, Hopkins Medical Products, p-hlth exp, \$150.90, Jerry Shepperson, mile/trvl, \$168.00, Jodi Brooks, wic, \$5.74, KASL, p-hlth exp, \$684.00, Lab Corp, pre emplymnt, \$4.25, Lenard D. Seeley, mile/trvl, \$80.00, Lichen Research Center, comp software, \$1,000.00, Lori Bickford, p-hlth exp, \$793.06, MasterCard, school exp/mile/trvl, \$122.74, Matthew Bender

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENCE

Notice is hereby given that on August 5, 2013 application for the Transfer of Ownership for a Retail Liquor License was made at the City of Newcastle. The application is for the transfer of Retail Liquor License #5, C.W. Morris Inc., dba: Antler's Lounge, 205 W. Main Street, Newcastle, WY, to Heidi Cleveland, dba, Antler's Lounge, 205 W. Main Street. Newcastle. WY. Protests against this transfer, if there be any, will be heard at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, September 16, 2013 in the Newcastle City Council Chambers at City Hall, Newcastle, Wyoming.

Dated: August 5, 2013. Charita Brunner, Clerk/Treasurer City of Newcastle

(Publish August 15, 22, 29 and September 5,

Budget Notice

NOTICE OF BUDGET AMENDMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the board of Weston County Commissioners proposes to amend the county budget for the Fiscal Year 2014 in the following particulars:

Transfer funds in the amount of \$2,400.00 from expenditure line item 100.00.20.0099000.0000 to expenditure line item 100.00.07.0085000.0000 Law Enforcement Dispatch Costs in the General Fund to cover FY2014 Dispatch Costs.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that these matters will be considered and acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners at their meeting on September 3, 2013 at 10:15 a.m. DATED this 9th day of August, 2013.

Board of County Commissioners Weston County, Wyoming

(Publish August 15, 2013)

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admin, \$56.27, WC Road & Bridge, veh maint/

fuel, \$4.029.37. WC Weed & Pest, repair/maint.

\$1,000.00, Woody's Food Center, new equip/

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misc, \$125.00, WY Dept of Health, p-hlth exp,

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school, \$435.00, WY Network, financial admin,

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gas/repair/maint, \$240.25, WY Coroners Assoc,

\$278.76, Weston Engineering Inc, engineer srvs,

& Co Inc, law library, \$114.94, Max Masters, gis

land records, \$1,900.00, Minuteman Lube Center,

veh maint/fuel. \$110.00. Motor Power Equipment.

\$201.25. Net Payroll, \$141,728.37. There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

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

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Commission Minutes

AUGUST 9, 2013

A special meeting of the Weston County Commissioners convened at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Seeley presiding. Present for the meeting were Commissioners: Lenard D. Seeley, Jerry Shepperson, Marty Ertman, Tracy Hunt and County Clerk, Mamie C. Krank. Commissioner Randy Rossman was not present for the meeting. Also present: Don Hansen, County Attorney, Jerry Hunt, Contract Engineer, Scott Gerber, CEO Dan Hart Patrol Service, Bob Bonnar, NLJ and Mike Morrison, concerned citizen.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the Weston County Event Center.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance Chairman Seeley gave the Invocation and

Commissioner Shepperson led the delegation in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunt, seconaea by Commissioner Snepperson, to enter into executive session to discuss proposed litigation to which Weston County may be a party under W.S. 16-4-405 (a)(iii). Carried. The recorded votes are as follows: Yea: Commissioners Shepperson, Hunt and Seeley; Nay: Commissioner Ertman.

The meeting entered executive session at 9:04 a.m. and returned to open session at 10:11 a.m. with all present, including Commissioner Rossman who joined the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

The meeting recessed at 10:12 a.m. and reconvened at 10:17 a.m. Present were: Commissioners: Lenard D. Seeley, Jerry Shepperson, Randy Rossman, Marty Ertman, Tracy Hunt and County Clerk, Mamie C. Krank. Also present: Don Hansen. County Attorney: Jerry Hunt, Contract Engineer; Scott Gerber, CEO Dan Hart Patrol Service and Bob Bonnar,

Chairman Seeley explained that Dr. Kim Basham of KB Engineering had provided a draft report of findings on the Weston County Event Center. The Commissioners agreed that until the Final Report is received from Dr. Basham, no public comment will be provided.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

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

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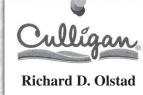
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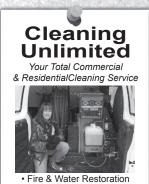




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Kristina Stith

Card of Thanks

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"Mags"

Card of Thanks

A little late but a special thank you to Loretta Murphy for driving her car in the Weston County Fair Parade (awesome car) to Denice Pisciotti, and Kara Sweet for judging the parade (great job ladies)! The Chamber certainly appreciates your taking the time to help us out.

Thanks again!! Newcastle Chamber

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First drought, then flooding

hat a difference a day makes! Sunday, July 29, dawned calm and clear — and stayed that way till afternoon, when the inevitable thunderstorms arrived. Here on the XB we only got .61 inch of precipitation. I can say that with certainty to the hundredth because we finally got one of the CoCoRaHs rain gauges and many of us in this southwest corner of Weston County are designated weather spotters for the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow Network.

The National Weather Service frequently telephones those folks who appear, from radar images, to be experiencing severe weather of some sort. Sunday night the phone rang here, and at the Harshbarger's and at Patt Lynch's shortly after nine p.m. The NWS wanted to know if we were having hail, high winds, or any other extreme weather conditions.

The wind had been gusty but nothing unusual here, south of the Ridge Road (or Dull Center, or Cheyenne River Road, take your pick of names). North and west of the Lynch Road some hail had fallen and a thunderstorm had dropped quite a bit of hail more toward the Rochelle Hills, but no one could have estimated the damage that would result from that very localized storm.

Most of the ranchers in the sagebrush prairies of Weston County have ravines that bear the

names of one creek or another but, for the most part, they're not creeks at all but merely dry gullies — problematic when there's enough moisture to make mud in the bottom of the gulch or on top of whatever dam is built to provide stock water, but otherwise unremarkable.

Lion Creek is no exception. As a general rule, there's no water at all Living Local in the "creek," just as the Cheyenne River is usually nothing more than a sandy track as far east as Highway 85 where it sometimes picks up some water. (We have had hunters call and ask if we fish the Cheyenne. I have to force myself to be polite and explain that the "river" is an intermittent stream, dry 99.9 percent of the time.)

July 29, however, Lion Creek became a raging torrent when a wall of hail and rainwater rushed down the gully, destroying or removing everything in its path. (Having seen the Cheyenne come up — with a wall of water, oh, probably six inches tall — the amount of water that thundered down Lion Creek that night is difficult to imagine.)

The disastrous aftermath, however, was painfully apparent the next morning. When Patt Lynch looked outside that night, the flood waters were seething all the way around his house and he was soon wading through his living room. Tossing on whatever clothing he had at hand, he took his much-loved dog, Taco, and began to make his way across the "yard" — now a torrent of muddy water.

Both Patt and Taco were swept downstream but Patt managed to grab onto a tree and continue on. Three times, trying to make the crossing, Lynch was dragged under by the current but he eventually made it up the hill to somewhat drier ground. Tragically, Taco disappeared forever. Despite numerous attempts to locate the old dog along the gully, among the debris and driftwood, his final resting place remains unknown and unmarked.

Monday morning, an army of neighbors rallied 'round to help Patt retrieve anything salvageable from the house and anything that



could be located along the creek. With the help of two hefty pumps, the crew began trying to remove the water from the basement and anything that might be saved from the upstairs.

The flood took the barns, most of the corrals, two propane tanks (a thousand-gallon and a 500gallon tank that were brim full of gas), all of the saddles and tack, the calving pens and equipment,

> a four-wheeler and a camper, among many, many other items. A 20-foot-something horse trailer was turned over and washed down the creek until it lodged between the house and some trees in the back yard. A pickup floated down until it caught in the fence and stuck there, where the roof became the final resting place for a picnic table when the water receded sufficiently to start marooning things. The house was moved off its

foundations and rendered a complete loss. Sheriff Bryan Colvard was among the phalanx of friends, neighbors and family

who arrived to help. Colvard spent several hours walking the creek bottom, picking up soggy saddles, bridles and detritus. By the end of the second day of clean-up, search and retrieval, all of the saddles had been found, but it remains to be seen whether any of them can be repaired.

The 1,000-gallon propane tank came to rest on its side, venting propane — perhaps a mile from its original spot. The smaller tank was even farther away. The ATV and camper were located approximately four miles downstream, almost to the neighbor's yard. Needless to say, the things that floated down the creek, twisting and turning in the roiling water, were mostly destroyed.

All of the metal buildings and corral panels were twisted and deformed beyond repair, many of them washing up against trees along the creek or left moored on the prairie when the waters receded.

Flooding has proven to be nearly as capricious as fire. Cement yard ornaments were tossed along in the water, planters and benches deposited sometimes miles away, fences destroyed, water wells filled with silt. Among the neighbors along the Cheyenne River, Black Thunder and Little Thunder Creeks, the amounts of rain that were seen in July and August have put other, less pressing chores on hold while roads, dams and fences are rebuilt and cattle rounded up.

Many Weston County residents have been praying for rain for years — but it appears the lesson here is, be careful what you ask for, you just might get it! (Or, as Garth Brooks sings, "Thank God for unanswered prayers.")



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