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Mrs. Wyoming wants a rec center

Bob Bonnar
NLJ Associate Publisher

When Priscilla Pruitt decided to enter the Mrs. Wyoming pageant, she promised the local children and teenagers who participate in the youth group run by she and her husband, Seann, that donning the crown wasn't her ultimate goal. According to Pruitt, it was simply a means to an end.

"That's the reason I entered Mrs. Wyoming. I wanted to use the title to build a rec center," Priscilla told the

News Letter Journal on Monday.

True to her word, she and Seann launched the effort to build community and financial support for the construction of a recreation center in Newcastle immediately after competing in the Mrs. America competition, where she finished as the first runner-up.

One of the first steps she took was to post the project to a fundraising website, gofundme.com, to begin collecting donations from both local residents and individuals who became aware of Pruitt — and her cause —

through the Mrs. America Pageant.

"We have spent hours with the kids of our community, we've heard their cries. Now, I beg you to hear ours ... HELP US! Our dream and goal is to unify the community in building a youth recreational center, where kids can safely play," she announced on the website, which she has helped promote through social media.

Although he admits to being a bit taken aback by his wife's promise to use the notoriety she gained by finishing second in the Mrs. America

Pageant to have a rec center built in Newcastle, Seann shares her commitment to the project because the couple has consistently heard from the youth they have mentored for the past two years that there is a crucial need for such a facility here.

"The thing that I kept hearing when I moved here, the teenagers kept saying over and over again, that there is nothing to do here. The ones that are using drugs or alcohol or [engaged in] substance abuse are just bored. This is us answering the voice of the youth

of the community. This is what they want," he professed.

The Pruitts were also motivated by alarming suicide rates that have been reported for the community, and they shared that information with those who are drawn to donate on the website.

"Newcastle is in Weston County, the number one county for suicides in America!" the website proclaims.

They admit that when they first moved to Newcastle a little more

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Upton roads addressed

Alexis Shultz
NLJ Reporter

Thomas McMurtry, GISP, AICP, of KLJ engineering, was hired after the Weston County Commissioners partnered with Wyoming Department of Transportation to conduct a traffic study of the roads in and around the Upton Logistics Center located west of Upton, with emphasis on determining the relocation of County Road 20, which runs through the park and connects Highway 16 to 116. A proposed railroad loop at the Upton Logistics Center also presented concern. A public meeting was held at the Upton Community Center on

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Stephens goes to Washington

Denice Piscioti
NLJ Reporter

A global association of educational professionals, Phi Delta Kappa International, has recognized Summer Stephens, superintendent of Weston County School District #7, as an Emerging Leader. She will be honored along with 25 other education change agents in the nation at a weekend networking event in December, which will be hosted in Washington, D.C.

"It is my moral imperative to provide opportunities for the individual success of each and every child and staff member in our organization," Stephens said. "To achieve excellence for our students, we must be committed to being the highest-quality system possible, which includes attracting and retaining excellent educators

who can provide a challenging and relevant program."

Stephens believes that superintendents are the instructional leaders for school districts. That means taking responsibility for all of the learners in the organization — both students and teachers — is paramount to any of the other roles they serve. However, she adds, a superintendent's other roles, those of finance, facilities maintenance, and as a community liaison, are also critical.

Stephens became involved in Phi Delta Kappa 16 years ago, when she was a beginning teacher in Nebraska. What she likes most about PDK is that they honor all levels of educators — from classroom teachers and staff, to administrators and college students entering the

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Homecoming Royalty

Newcastle High School students voted on the candidates for Homecoming King and Queen, with coronation held on Monday. The winners, Hannah Williams and Nate Pillen, will reign throughout Homecoming Week.

Previous trustee fills vacancy

Denice Piscioti
NLJ Reporter

Weston County School District #1 accepted the resignation from Trustee Christine Winter on Aug. 27, giving them a short 30 days to fill the position she left

vacant on the board. After a short deliberation Wednesday, though, board members passed a motion to unanimously accept Joni Kachelhoffer to fill the vacancy until the newly elected board members take office after the election in November.

Several citizens of Weston County

stepped forward with letters of intent, however, one was not able to make the meeting and another candidate had to decline because he is currently a WCSD #1 employee, which left past board members Joni Kachelhoffer and Steve Carter in the

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Tyler Bartlett, Newcastle Middle School math teacher, was awarded last week as Wyoming Teacher of the Year.

Bartlett: Keeping it positive

Denice Piscioti
NLJ Reporter

By the young age of 10, Tyler Bartlett knew what he wanted to do — coach, teach and mentor young people. On Wednesday, Wyoming Superintendent of Public Instruction Cindy Hill announced in front of the entire Newcastle Middle School that the eighth grade math instructor had made such phenomenal success in doing just that, that he had been chosen as the 2015 Wyoming Teacher of the Year.

"Congratulations, Mr. Bartlett, you make Wyoming proud," Hill said to the group that had gathered in the Crouch Auditorium. "Thank you for your great service to your stu-

dents, your community, and our state."

Cheers and applause filled the room as Bartlett walked up to receive his award. After shaking Hill's hand, he turned to the stage behind him where his parents, Mike and Bev Bartlett, and his in-laws, Dean Highfill and Nancy Johnson-Highfill, had just stepped out from behind the curtain with balloons to surprise him during the presentation.

Although his parents live in Chadron, Neb., they are faces that are seen frequently at the school. During the winter sports season, Bartlett is the head coach for the Newcastle High School Lady Dogie basketball team, and his parents are his

biggest supporters, traveling to as many of the games as they can to watch their son at work.

The following day, during an interview with the News Letter Journal, he humbly stated that following the ceremony he was back to teaching math equations to his students. What he enjoyed most about the ceremony, though, was that Hill informed the students of the many recognitions Weston County School District #1 has received in the past few years.

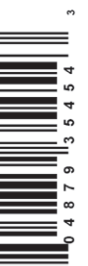
"We have had a lot of good educators around here. I really liked that my parents got a little recognition, because I don't think that they realize how important they were to me. The way they raised me is

probably the way that I teach — [with] a little bit of humor, but high expectations. That was just growing up in their house," expressed Bartlett. "I interpreted what they were doing as teaching."

There was not a specific 'aha' moment he can pinpoint, when he decided he wanted to be an educator as an adult, but he does remember a particular assignment in third grade when the class was asked to draw what they wanted to be when they grew up. Every other boy in the class was drawing themselves as a professional athlete. Bartlett, though, drew himself coaching on the sidelines for the

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Opinion

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Our View

Lens-capped

We would like to be among the first to recognize and thank Senators John Barrasso, R-Wyoming, and Ron Wyden, D-Oregon, for reaching across the partisan divide to fire a shot in defense of the First Amendment while also asserting the right of public access to public land.

On Tuesday, the two senators sent a letter to Tom Vilsack, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, urging him to immediately scrap a proposed Forest Service rule that "may require reporters and photographers to obtain a permit before shooting a photo or video in wilderness land managed by the agency," according to the letter.

The senators believe the proposal would represent a violation of the First Amendment's guarantee of a free press, and also indicate that they do not see any "clear benefits for wilderness management" in the rule.

They fear the proposed rule will create an arbitrary system to determine when a permit will be needed — and how much it will cost — to take pictures in the wilderness. The two claimed that some agency officials have reported that permit fees or fines could be as high as \$1,500. They see no reason for such a rule.

"It is also unclear what problems this rule intends to solve," the senators wrote. "The agency currently has procedures in place to address permits needed for Forest Service lands and also has the ability to stop activity prohibited within wilderness areas. It is unclear what fees and permits would do if the activity in fact presented a danger to the wilderness character of the lands."

They warn that Congress will hesitate to designate future wilderness areas if Americans are forced to worry about "excessive regulation and agency power" when they seek to celebrate, enjoy and photograph wilderness areas, and express chagrin at the Forest Service's choice to propose such a rule on the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act.

"These lands are meant to be enjoyed by all Americans, not kept from them. The ability to photograph, experience and learn about these places should not be unduly restricted," they urged.

We obviously applaud the effort of these two lawmakers to defend the freedom of the press, but also urge our readers to express their own outrage to the Forest Service and Secretary Vilsack as residents of a state and county that contain some of the highest percentages of federal land found in the United States.

This proposal is a glaring example of a government agency making rules to govern public lands simply because they can, but it is doubly threatening because it represents a significant step towards controlling what information and images are available to citizens most likely to use those public lands.

If something is taking place on public land that should be concerning to our readers, we aren't going to ask for a permit before we go to take pictures and share the story with you, and we hope you'll join the senators in telling the Forest Service we shouldn't have to.

Letters to the Editor

We shouldn't write checks our oil can't cash

Dear Editor,

There is talk now at the county level to create a garbage district. The way these talks go is that the garbage district will be county wide. This means that all the oil produced in the county would be taxed at a disproportional rate so much higher than the regular property values.

The oil wells do not stand to benefit from such a tax but will be paying for most of the garbage district. The average oil well in Weston County produces less than a 1,000 barrels per year. A (1) mill levy created by the garbage district will take one barrel of production from the oil well operator per year. If the garbage district ends up being 6 mills, then each oil well will have to kick in an additional six barrels of its production each year to add on to the already 75 or so mills that the wells are taxed presently.

That will place the county tax burden on each Weston County oil well over 80 mills. This means that a total of 8 percent of the oil well gross revenues will go to the county. Take a look around at the pitiful site of the oil wells in this county. They have been here for more than 50 years for many of them. They are barely turning enough profit to keep themselves going. Yet oil wells pay about 75 percent of the property taxes in Weston County. Additional taxes on oil wells at the county level would add to the 4 to 6 percent state tax on oil. That brings the tax burden on oil production over 12 percent tax on the gross value of the produced oil. As a reader, could you afford a 12 percent state and county tax on your gross salary? Probably not.

The legislature has passed a bill that will allow county voters to pass taxing districts to levy 55 mills onto the existing county mill levy. There will not be many oil wells left after so much taxation. In 1955 the county produced over eight million barrels of oil, today the production is less than a million. Oil production is dropping fast. What will make up the

difference when oil is no longer produced in Weston County?

—Bobby J. Davis
Upton

Political advertising is the tool they use

Dear Editor,

"See the USA, in your Chevrolet," "Things go better with Coke," "Buy 3, Get One Free," "Got Milk?"

Over time, thousands, millions of dollars are spent on advertising by very smart businessmen. They know that advertising works.

Advertising makes people obey the message and act accordingly. Politicians and politically inclined people also know that advertising works. That's why they do so much of it.

For important decisions, it is better to make up your own mind and not let advertising convince you of something others want you to believe. Others have their own agenda that may not match yours.

There were laws that limited the amount of advertising/money that any one entity or person could spend for a political campaign. That "evened" the playing field so that the really rich could not buy a politician outright.

The really rich do not like to be restrained. They brought a Supreme Court case (Citizens United) and on a 5-4 vote the Justices overturned established law. Basically, now the U.S. government is up for auction to the highest bidder.

An attempt was made, by amending the constitution, to restore the "One Person, One Vote" rule of democracy. In the Senate all of one party voted to defeat the amendment. All of the other party voted to pass the amendment.

The U.S. Senate defeated the amendment with a 42-54 vote. That would include our own senators. Now, the big money people, the plutocrats and oligarchs can spend as much as they want to convince you with their advertising dollars to vote with them! Need I remind you, they have their best interests in mind, not yours.

—Jerry Baird



Kids clamor for more recreation choices

Teens could improve game room by volunteering

Dear Editor,

Thank you Bruce Perkins for opening up the game room.

It does good business, but it could be better, and made more profitable by closing later. Teens could volunteer to help make more money, and the adolescents need to respect the games.

Teens can volunteer to work for free or minimum wage just to keep open till the closing time. These teens could go in for a certain amount of hours, so that it can stay open later. One of the good things that work does is gives you an opportunity to work in an arena that is not school. It could be better for the teens who like to hang out with friends. It could be fun to work there. They could work for free or minimum wage.

By closing later it would make more of a profit. A lot of teens go in there to play games and to talk to friends. The more money that is made, the more games could be in there.

Everyone needs to take care of the games, and thank Bruce Perkins for providing them the games that cost a lot of money to get in there. We should really thank Bruce for using his money to open it up. He never had to open it up; and he could close it whenever he wants to. We should be happy he spent his money for teens to play in the game room.

So thank you Bruce Perkins for doing this. This is a really good business for all teens, and it was opened so that teens and adults could go and play games.

—Ryan Oliver

A bowling alley would bring numerous benefits to Newcastle

Dear Editor,

Bowling is so much fun. It's a way that someone can just be himself. Newcastle once had a bowling alley, but it shut down. The reasons for needing a bowling alley in Newcastle include being nice to have something new, it is where someone can spend quality time with our friends and family, and it is for everyone's entertainment.

To start this off, this town does not have much, so why not add something to it? This town has some good things, and we did just get a game room but why not add the game room to the bowling alley? This would make it better and the game room/bowling alley would make loads more money.

In 2008, Leisure & Travel Business also announced that bowling is generating more revenue than ever before, making a \$10 billion impact on the U.S. economy. This shows that bowling alleys

have made a lot of profit over time. We could come through by profiting off of the bowling alley. The last one did not succeed, that is why it shut down, but now we have gone up in population— making it so we would make more money off of it. This bowling alley will succeed.

Just spending some good, quality time with our friends and family and maybe someone we might not know is valuable too. Everyone could go and meet new people. It just might make our town grow a bit. People would get to know others better and would become a better family by picking out some moments that they get when they are at the new bowling alley. This place could be some teens' hangout. They would go there maybe everyday after school, to just bowl a bit and talk with their friends. The older citizens could go and even bowl off of the racks that little kids use because the ball is too heavy. Also, the adults could join in and play some Bingo to brighten up other's spirits.

Last but not least, the entertainment of a bowling alley is a benefit. It is something fun that can be put into some competition or just to mess around with. It's fun because it's a sport anyone can do, and it can be competitive. Maybe someone could even start a tournament. People can just mess around with it because there is no right way to throw the ball down the alley into the

pins. For example some people bowl under the legs, behind the back, put a spin on it, roll it backwards, and much more.

Our community could also make it fun for small children, teens, and older people, making it a good time for everyone.

All that has to be done is that there would be a children's play room and maybe a Bingo room. Put in a good old game room with pool tables, air hockey, darts, and a lot more. This is what makes a bowling alley entertaining, and what could happen if our town had one.

This town would profit from this so much, it could be called "The Dogie Bowler." It could fit into the Dogie spirit of this town. Newcastle once had a bowling alley but it shut down, and the plan is to bring it back to this amazing small town.

—Preston Rushton

Time to allow boys and girls to compete with each other

Dear Editor,

There are many things that can happen when girls are in school sports, and girls should be allowed to play any sport of their choice. Many people want girls to be allowed to participate in boys' sports because girls like to compete with boys, it prepares girls to compete with boys when they are older, and it shows

that girls are tough enough to do what boys can do.

Girls participate in boys' sports because girls like to compete with boys. In the article "Girl Power: co-ed wrestling is a tough subject," it said that competing with boys can be a good thing. As one young female wrestler said, "It got me tougher." This meant that the girl being in wrestling helped her become tougher when she was competing. Clearly, girls being in boys' sports gets girls tougher.

When girls are in boys' sports they are gaining confidence, strength, and the ability to compete with men. Also, girls start to build up self esteem when they participate in boys' sports. Girls think that they should be able to participate in boys' sports, but some students argue that boys should be allowed to play in girls' sports so that it is fair.

Boys are starting to sue in court because girls are getting to play in boys' sports and they are not able to play in girls' sports. Boys and girls being able to play in each other's sports would be fair to both of them.

School sports helps prepare girls to compete with boys when they are older. Many girls want to compete with boys just for fun, and that way they can prepare themselves for the future. In some schools boys say that they should be able to play girls' sports so that they will be prepared for the future also.

In the article, "Court Sports: Boys Sue to Play with Girl," Mr. Ebbett says that, "If Harwich High School opens the doors for one (boy) then they open the door for everybody." He also says that, "That kind of limited the number of boys who wanted to go out."

This will give boys a chance to play in girls' sports because they are saying that if the doors get opened for one boy to play girls' sports, then the door is opened for every boy to play girls' sports. Boys and girls competing together would be a fair way to have school sports.

Sometimes school sports show that girls are tough enough to do what boys can do. If girls can prove that they are tough enough to play a boys' sport then they should get that privilege.

When girls become tough like boys they are showing boys that they can do what they can do. If girls can make a touchdown and nobody is trying to tackle them, they are showing that they can play in an actual football game.

There are many things that can happen when girls participate in school sports. Girls should be allowed to play in any sport of their choice. Truly, there are many people that want girls to participate in school sports because of what it can do to their physical and mental ability.

—Sadie Payne

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

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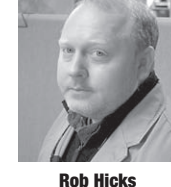
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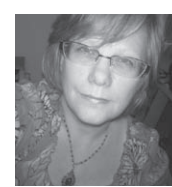
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Cold weather is upon us

Alexis Shultz
NLJ Reporter

Winter weather is soon approaching the area, so the National Weather Service is sponsoring the annual Winter Weather Awareness Day on Wednesday, Oct. 8, to remind people how important it is to prepare for severe winter weather conditions. The warm weather we have been enjoying in Weston County can soon turn into cold winter weather, as those who remember last year's October blizzard are aware.

"The blizzard last October showed how a major winter storm can affect every person in a large area. The storm brought heavy snow, strong winds and cold temperatures," explained Susan Sanders, warning coordination meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Rapid City, S.D. Sanders continued to express that many people were caught off guard by this storm, especially people in towns. With trees being blown down by the strong winds and heavy snow, power crews couldn't access downed lines, leaving people in populated areas without power for much longer than they would normally expect.

"People living in rural areas are usually more prepared than people in towns. They have generators, and usually have some

sort of fuel supply," Sanders reported, adding that rural people are generally more self sufficient in emergencies, due to the location of where they live.

The National Weather Service encourages people to practice safety guidelines in order to survive these dangerous winter storms, and to prepare as much as possible for extreme winter conditions. Precautionary measures should begin pre-season, when people should check their homes and start weatherizing — before facing harsh winter weather conditions.

"Pay attention to the weather and road conditions, and stay put when things are bad," Sanders warned, explaining that people should always have supplies in their cars when travel is necessary.

"Even if it's just going to work or the store, things can happen," Sanders stated, adding that no one wants to get stuck on the side of the road with car problems with no winter gear in their vehicles.

In a press release issued by NWS, Sanders also explained the importance of understanding the terms used to describe hazardous winter weather, and what actions to take.

A Winter Storm Watch means there is possibility of a dangerous winter storm. Watches are issued to give people time to

prepare before the actual storm develops. This is when people need to take the opportunity to get to a safe place, make sure there is substantial food in their homes, and consider moving elderly, ill, or oxygen-dependent family members to safer places where heat and electric power are likely, NWS advised.

Winter Storm and Blizzard Warnings are issued when dangerous storms are imminent. These warnings are letting people know that travel is not advised unless there is an extreme emergency, and to be prepared to stay warm if power loss does happen.

Wind Chill Warnings and advisories are there to emphasize the increased risk of hypothermia and frostbite during extreme cold and windy situations. People are encouraged to stay inside as much as possible, and if you must venture outdoors, wear several layers and cover all parts of your body. People should also remove damp clothing as soon as possible to avoid getting overly chilled.

Anyone seeking additional information about preparing for winter weather can contact the NWS at www.crh.noaa.gov. A local source for winter preparedness and emergencies is also the Weston County Homeland Security office, at 746-4315.

Bartlett

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San Francisco 49ers.

"Really, I liked the leadership aspect that comes with it, the decision-making with it. I am such a big believer that coaching and teaching go hand in hand. I think it is really possible to be good at both, because, I think, if you think of it, if you are coaching your team, you are doing a lot of teaching — it's explaining, it's repetition, it's practice. When you are teaching your class there is a lot of coaching. Motivation with this is a struggle, but we can get through this. I try my best at both. It is really nice to get this honor, as far as the teaching side of things, because it shows what I am trying to do in both of those avenues — I must be on the right track," he commented.

To draw a picture of his childhood, Bartlett described himself as a baseball player with his father on the field coaching his team, giving them directions, demanding and expecting them to play hard and do their best. At the same time, his mother was in the dugout, keeping score, cheering them on.

"If anyone has been to the [Dogie Dome] they have probably heard Bev Bartlett just cheering, and they have probably heard my dad. It is a lot of positive confidence, building praise, trying to get you to give it a shot, hang in there, do your best, work hard. What my parents did — and I hope most students who have had me would say — we laugh in here. Have a positive attitude and find some ways to make some joy in it," expressed the Wyoming Teacher of the Year.

His chief goal in teaching is to make sure his students are engaged. It is an element of teaching encouraged during the Professional Learning Communities and by the middle school's previous principal, Scott Shoop, and carried on with its current principal, Todd Quigley. Once students are involved in what is happening in the classroom, Bartlett explained, they will learn.

"If you have the students actively involved, good things are going to happen. Especially at the middle school level. This is where math class can start to be, 'we got to go to math class.' So my first priority when I get them, at the first of the year, is to get them to not dread coming to math class. It might be fun today to go to math class. Then, when I get them there, I can get them actively engaged," he continued.

Adjusting to different learning styles ties into engagement, but he says he can best reach his students by building relationships with each of them. It is why he loves teaching and coaching, because he gets to hang out with them and gets to know them individually, allowing him to learn how to teach them what they need to be successful. Another tool he utilizes to reach his seventh- and eighth-grade students is by asking other teachers that have had them in the previous two years at the school what worked for them, he said, because teaching is a team effort.

He also sees the importance of knowing more than just the students in his classroom. He makes a point to know as many of the scholars in the school as possible.

"The other thing that comes down to relationships, is I love seeing the kids in the halls. I don't have any sixth-graders, but I like to know who the sixth-graders are. I want to be able to go to them and give them a high-five and say, 'How is your day going?' Because, there again, when they come up in seventh or eighth grade, I am not the scary guy that they don't know," Bartlett acknowledged.

Not only does he credit his parents as great role models, but he also feels that throughout his life he had mentors in Chadron, Neb., where he grew up, in the way of great coaches, professors and teachers. He mentioned Jerry McClain, M.D., George Watson, Rob Stack, John Spink, Jerry Traphagan and Linda Drinkwalter as some of the people that taught him what it takes to be a great teacher with a great sense of humor, and how to make class fun.

"I had role models upon role models. So what I hope I did was take a little of Coach Stack and a



Denise Piscioti/NLJ

Tyler Bartlett's wife, Nikki, has tears in her eyes as she watches her husband receive an award as Wyoming Teacher of the Year, at the Crouch Auditorium Sept. 24.

little of George Watson, a little Jerry McClain and little of Papa B and Mama B, and tried to combine it together — and I guess that is where I come in," he described.

Bartlett said he hopes that by being named as Wyoming Teacher of the Year he can pass on what he has learned through his mentors, and be a role model for other teachers. He admits there is always room for improvement, so he was never dismayed when Shoop would challenge the NMS team to step up and always do a little bit better.

"I know I still have room for improvement, but I hope I can be somewhat of an example for some good things in teaching," Bartlett acknowledged.

After graduating from Chadron High School in 2004, he continued his education at Chadron State College earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Education, with an endorsement in Secondary Mathematics four years later. His student teaching assignment was in Newcastle. He originally planned to only stay in Newcastle for a year or two, then move on. But he didn't. The 2014/2015 school year marks his sixth year at NMS.

Working with a great team was one factor in his decision to stick around. The other reason is a blond-haired Newcastle native, Nikki, who became his wife over the summer.

"I have loved working here! I didn't ever know if I was going to teach middle school or not. I got the opportunity to work for Scott, and I have loved it down here. I like working with the people. I really do feel like we have a really good school district. I didn't expect to be here this long, but now I don't have a time-table to leave, now it is just right. I enjoy it," he said.

Not only is he pleased with the opportunity to work at NMS, he said, but he is grateful to the other staff who aid him with proofreading, who guide and encourage him, and who work with him as a team. He is also enjoying working with Nikki, who joined the NMS staff this year as an English instructor.

"I feel really fortunate to get this award. I definitely feel like it has more to do with the people I work with than with just me. I think I'm very blessed to work with the people I do, and that's the reason this award came to be," Bartlett said in a press release from the Wyoming Department of Education.

As part of the award, he received a check for \$5,000, and will represent Wyoming nationally.



Please join First State Bank in supporting the Dogies during Homecoming week. We also want to welcome all those coming to town to honor our second class of NHS Hall of Fame inductees. Please join us at the banquet on Thursday, October 2nd at the Weston County Senior Center beginning at 7 p.m.



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Proposed Amendment to the Wyoming Constitution to be voted on at the General Election Nov. 4, 2014

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Constitutional Amendment A

The adoption of this amendment would allow the governor to appoint nonresidents of the state to serve as University of Wyoming trustees. Not more than twenty percent (20%) of the appointed trustees may be nonresidents of the state. The governor would not be required to appoint any non-resident as a trustee. All appointments to the board of trustees are with the advice and consent of the Wyoming Senate.

Article 7, Section 17. Government of university.

The legislature shall provide by law for the management of the university, its lands and other property by a board of trustees, consisting of not less than seven members, to be appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate, and the president of the university, and the superintendent of public instruction, as members ex officio, as such having the right to speak, but not to vote. The duties and powers of the trustees shall be prescribed by law. Not more than twenty percent (20%) of the appointed trustees may be nonresidents of the state, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 6, Section 15 of this Constitution.

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Obituaries

JIMMY S. HANSEN
July 4, 1928–Sept. 20, 2014
Jimmy S. Hansen, 86, of rural Weston County, passed away at his home on Skull Creek on Sept. 20, 2014.



Jimmy S. Hansen

He was born July 4, 1928, on the Canyon Ranch near Four Corners, to Carl and Ella (Toth) Hansen. His childhood was spent on the ranch during the summers and in Newcastle in the winters. He attended school in Newcastle and graduated in 1948. His high school highlight was playing basketball.

Jimmy loved Zelpha (Davis) Hansen from age 16 until death. They were married Sept. 13, 1949. They made their home in the canyon the first year then moved to the Davis Ranch, where they lived for 44 happy married years. They were blessed with four children, Gwenda (Tom) Freed, Williston, N.D.; Dale (Carmel) Hansen, Banner; Paul (Lori) Hansen, Cody; and Bruce (Kim) Hansen, Newcastle.

Jimmy was known for loving all the teens of the neighborhood. He was always willing to help anyone with a problem. He loved the youth activities. His family has fond memories of their dad callings square dances, chaperoning camp, making the pickup into an amphitheater, and taking all the kids to the drive-in. He hauled horses to rodeos and then the truck was a camper at night. All the kids were welcome to rodeo at the Hansen arena. Jimmy always welcomed all youth to hunt on his ranch.

Jimmy was an inventor, welder, mechanic, machinist, carpenter, cowboy, rancher and farmer by trade. He was a member of the Skull Creek Farm Bureau for years, and an active 4-H leader. He served a term on the Newcastle school board.

Jimmy was an avid reader and debater of politics and local government. He loved company and guests. He always had a story or a joke for every occasion.

Jimmy was blessed with nine grandchildren. He was able to love 14 great-grandchildren and one godchild in his life. They remember best going down to Grandpa's to get ice cream bars from the freezer, and listening to all his stories.

Jimmy leaves a large family of his four children, eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, three brothers and four sisters.

Jimmy is preceded in death by his beloved Zelpha; his parents; a dear grandson, Matt; and two great-grandchildren, Kody and Kyle.

HAZEL KUEMMERLE
May 11, 1931–Sept. 22, 2014
Hazel Kuemmerle, 83, of Upton, passed away on Sept. 22, 2014, at the Crook County Nursing Home.



Hazel Kuemmerle

A Celebration of Life for Hazel was held at 2 p.m. on Sept. 27 at the First United Methodist Church in Newcastle, with Pastor Jeff Thoms officiating. Visitation took place an hour prior to the service. Burial followed at Greenwood Cemetery in Newcastle, with refreshments following at the church. For those wanting to remember Hazel through memorials, you can make a donation to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Hazel was born on her parent's homestead near Clareton on May 11, 1931, to John LeRoy and Goldie (Morris) May. She attended a country school near Clareton in the grade years and a few years in Sheridan before moving back to Newcastle. She graduated from Newcastle High School in 1948. During high school, she worked

at the Cold Storage, and before marriage, Johnston's Fuel Liners.

On March 15, 1950, she married Carl Kuemmerle and they were married for 64 years. After the marriage she joined Carl on the ranch south of Upton. Together they raised four daughters.

People that came by the ranch were always welcomed in, and Hazel made sure she had plenty of food for everyone. She even provided blankets for people that would stop at the ranch in the winter and their heaters in their vehicles would not be working very well. She rode horse, drove tractor, fed bum calves, and did whatever was needed to help run the ranch.

Hazel loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and she always involved them in games and made it fun at the ranch. She loved playing card games, pounding out a tune on the piano, and she was often singing or whistling in the kitchen while she was cooking.

She was an active 4-H leader at the local, county, and state level for many years. She was a member of the Community Cheerful Workers Homemaker Club and was a part of planning annual community picnics on the Divide. Until recently, Hazel planted and cared for a large garden and canned and froze the vegetables and fruits the family enjoyed throughout the year.

Hazel is survived by her husband Carl; four daughters, Betty (Tom) Latos of Dallas, Texas, Carol (Steve) Nicholls of Newcastle, Sharon Kuemmerle of Gillette and Cindy (Troy) Dysart of rural Upton; sister, Sarah (the late Fred) Kostyk of Alberta, Canada; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and three siblings.

Arrangements are under the care of Fidler-Roberts & Isburg Funeral Chapel of Sundance. Online condolences may be written at www.fidler-isburgfuneralchapel.com.

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Regular Church Attendance



- ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH:** Rev. Norm Brotzman, 216 S. Seneca, 746-2249. Call to Worship 9:30 am; Children's Church during Call to Worship; Faith Rally Sunday 6 pm.
- BAHA'I FAITH:** Firesides (Open to All) 1st & 3rd Fridays 7:30 pm at 15 Skyview Dr; 746-3626.
- CAMBRIA COMMUNITY CHURCH:** Pastor Chris Walton, 19 Stampede St. 746-2321. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship 10:30 am; Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm
- CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL:** Rev. Sally Boyd, S. Summit & Winthrop Streets, 746-9684. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday, Morning Prayer 10 a.m.; 2nd & 4th Saturday 4 p.m.; Holy Eucharist. haydishall@hotmail.com
- CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Pastor John Hopper, 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9 am.
- CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS:** Bishop Greg James, 120 Ash, 746-4131. Sunday Sacrament Meeting 9 am; Sunday School 10:20 am; Relief Society & Priesthood Mtg 11:15 am
- CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Killian Muli, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5:00 pm; Weekday Mass 8 am.
- COUNTRY CHURCH:** Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley, 746-9712, Worship 10 am.
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:** Pastor Gary Anderson, 903 S. Summit, 746-2188. Bible Study 9:15 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Teaching Service 6 pm; Wednesday Service 6:30 pm.
- FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH:** Pastor Lynn Schleicher, 301 Delaware, 746-9663. Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship 10:45 am; PrayerService 5 pm, Christian Academy.
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Jeff Thoms, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Sunday School 8:45 am; Church Services 8 & 10 am; Nursery care available.
- GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Jon Andersen, Evangelical Free Church meets at the Weston County Senior Services; Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship 11 am. Call 746-8091.
- KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES:** 5018 US Hwy 16, 746-2319 or 746-4517. Tuesday 7 p.m. Congregation Bible Study, Theocratic Ministry School and Service Meeting. Sunday Public Talk 10 am; Watchtower 11 am.
- NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sunday Worship 10 am; Wednesday Night Prayer.
- NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Wayne Wilson, meets at Black Gold Realty Building, 1517 W. Main, 746-5542. Sunday Worship 10 am.
- OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH:** 348 Sheridan St. Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm.
- SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST:** Pastor Gary Force, 78 Old Hwy 85, 746-3504 or 278-0254, Pastoral Assistant Jason Logan 746-2974. Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11:20 am.
- ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Killian Muli, Upton. Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
- VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH:** Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366.
- UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Rev. Sharee Johnson, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Worship 9 am; Fellowship 10 a.m.; Adult Study 10:30 a.m.; 1st & 3rd Wed Evenings Prayer and Praise Service 7 pm.

Jesus said to his disciples:
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John 15:1

Too Much Information



Email! Voicemail! Texting! Social Networking! Because our world is increasingly frantic, we need all the help we can get. We need to regain some control. In both mundane and significant matters, ask God to take control, for, "...to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace." (Romans 8.6) The peace and strength you receive from Him will bring some order into your life. Pray with Him this week at your house of worship; the time you spend in God's House will be returned in good measure.

Weekly Scripture Reading						
Proverbs	Proverbs	Proverbs	Psalms	Psalms	Psalms	Psalms
11.1-31	12.1-28	16.1-33	7	9	10	11

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Newcastle High School cheerleaders, circa 1920: Front row, Debbie Keogh, Patti Piana, Paula Highland, Carmel Dummer; back row, Susie Hockett, Yvonne Cullum, Susie Seppla and Linda Latham.



Weston County Jr. Rodeo Meeting

October 15, 2014 at 6:00 pm

Michael's Room at the Sr. Center

Discussion on possible rule changes, so please attend if you have input.

AND

Individuals interested in running the 2015 Jr. Rodeo, Contact Jill at 746-9477 by October 10th

NHS
Hall of Fame

Restaurant will close at 2 p.m. on Thursday, October 2nd for the NHS Hall of Fame Banquet. Tickets are available at the High School office.

Winefest



Restaurant will close at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 4th for the Winefest. Tickets are available at the Chamber office.

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100 years ago - Oct. 1, 1914

Otis Webber died in the hospital at Hot Springs Monday night, following an operation for appendicitis. The remains were brought to this city and the funeral will be held in the Episcopal church this afternoon.

Lou Newman is working for Clarence Foltz putting in 20 acre of rye on his ranch, also the same amount on Roscoe Micheals' place.

George Stanton sent a large load of butter to market in Lead City this week, receiving a return load of groceries for the Buckhorn store.

We understand that Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Sawyer, the founder of the Buckhorn post office and store, are in Newcastle visiting their children. Mr. Sawyer moved his family to Colorado 11 years ago but they are by no means forgotten by their many friends, who will all be glad to see them once more.

Miss Boyd, the Limestone teacher, visited Saturday and Sunday on Beaver Creek and attended the B.W.B. Club given Saturday night.

Carl Hays of Howard raised a squash this year that weighed 41 pounds. Some squash that, and it was dry framing.

Mr. Davis, from the divide west of the Lodge Pole, passed through Howard Friday stopping over night at the Bartholomew home. Mr. Davis had had his arm dislocated the night before when a loaded wagon ran over him and he suffered considerably. We hope the arm will soon be all right.

W.H. Welty, the Six-Mile Basin rancher, was a business visitor in the county seat last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H.J. Johnson returned the first of the week

from Lincoln, Neb., where they were present at the golden wedding anniversary of Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Munson. All of the family were present except one son who was unable to attend. On their return, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were accompanied by the former's brother, Mr. W.M. Johnson and wife of Bladen, Neb., for a visit.

75 years ago - Oct. 5, 1939

An improved bunch of Dogie football players, who gained nearly twice as much yardage by ground plays as the Gillette Camels, went down in defeat 6 to 2 here Friday night in a hard conference tussle.

Eleven carloads of cattle, consisting of more than 350 head, were shipped out of Newcastle to market last week. The LAK ranch had the largest shipment, with six cars of cattle being shipped to the Omaha market.

Mrs. Herbert Musgrave was hostess to the Busy Beaver Club Thursday. The afternoon was spent tying a comfort after which a delicious lunch was served. The next meeting will be held at the home of Sarah McCoy, with election of officers.

Carl Larsen and Marvin Carter of Skull Creek motored to Manville Tuesday morning, where they expect to find employment.

Miss Genevieve Tobin and Leo T. Aimonetto were united in marriage on Wednesday morning at seven o'clock. The young couple were married by Father P.J. O'Connell, pastor of the Sacred Heart Church in Custer, where the ceremony was performed.

Members of the Twentieth Century Club will enjoy an

outing today, when they motor to Lead, S.D., where a 1 o'clock luncheon will be served.

Mrs. Arch Dixon was hostess to the members of the X-T Club on Friday afternoon; 11 members were present.

Fifteen Newcastle ladies enjoyed an outing at Moskee on last Thursday when they were guests of the Moskee Women's Club.

Mary Guilfoyle returned Tuesday morning from a business trip to Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rawhouser of the prairie became the parents of a daughter, born at the Sundance hospital.

A proposal to redistrict the state for high school athletic purposes will be considered this month during the annual meeting of the Wyoming High School Athletic Association in Sheridan. Four instead of five districts would be set up under the plan. District 4, Powder River, will consist of Sheridan, Johnson, Campbell, Weston, Crook, Converse and Natrona counties.

The Smallwood High School pupils and Robert Bergstrom spent the weekend at Claretton.

Henry Englehaupt has been very busy building a new granary on the old John Stanton place in the Cold Creek area.

50 years ago - Oct. 1, 1964

Homecoming at Newcastle High School will be this weekend with a full day of events scheduled for Friday to be highlighted by the Newcastle-St. Mary's of Cheyenne football game. The traditional homecoming parade has been cancelled this year by school authorities because of misbehavior by students working on floats this week.



Funeral services for Mrs. W.G. (Inez) Morgan will be this afternoon in the First Methodist Church of Newcastle.

Toomey's Mills of Newcastle has been sold to Bill Todd Inc. of Denver, according to an announcement made this week. The mill will continue to be operated under the Toomey's Mills name, and will continue to manufacture and distribute the Toomey's brand of products.

Emil and Marie Sederstrom announced this week the sale of the Black Hills Café in Newcastle to Ella Hastings of Sturgis, S.D.

(Photo) Mrs. Bob Meyer and Mrs. Jerry Simmons are shown discussing the art show in Newcastle to be held Nov. 12, 13 and 14. The show is sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi.

In the past 20 years, Wyoming 4-H Club enrollment has more than doubled itself, reports J.M. Nicholls, state 4-H club leader.

Mrs. Robert Pope of Newcastle and Mrs. Carl Larson were Friday afternoon callers of Mrs. John Barker of Osage.

Mrs. Lotti Cullers of Crawford, Neb., arrived Friday for a visit at the home of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Russell McMeekin. Mrs. Cullers returned home Monday.

Mary, Theresa, Lawrence and Dolores Bock were overnight guests of the John Barker family Wednesday. Their mother left early Thursday morning to attend a Deanery meeting in Buffalo.

WHAT'S UP

Meetings & Events Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Oct. 1	6 p.m.	Wall of Guns	West End
Oct. 3	8:30 a.m.	Customer Appreciation	Pinnacle Bank
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
Oct. 4	5:30 p.m.	Winefest	Fountain Inn
Oct. 5	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
Oct. 6	7 p.m.	Newcastle City Council meeting	City Chambers
Oct. 7	9 a.m.	WC Commissioners	Courthouse
	6:45 p.m.	ALANON (746-9791)	Mondell Heights
Oct. 8	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
	8 a.m.	Stakeholders Day	WCSD#1 District Office
	7 p.m.	Cantata Practice	CTK Lutheran Church
Oct. 9	7 p.m.	Preacher in the Patch	WC Fairgrounds
Oct. 10	7 p.m.	Preacher in the Patch	WC Fairgrounds
Oct. 11	6 p.m.	Humane Society Poker	Newcastle Country Club
	7 p.m.	Preacher in the Patch	WC Fairgrounds
Oct. 12	7 p.m.	Preacher in the Patch	WC Fairgrounds
Oct. 15	6 p.m.	WC Jr Rodeo Meeting	Michael's Room

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Oct. 3: Mr. & Mrs. Dan Roberts

Oct. 4: Carter Doell, Barbara Rhoades

Oct. 5: Carl Hinz, Amy Hawk, Deb Piana

Oct. 6: Mr. & Mrs. Mike Coté

Oct. 7: Mr. & Mrs. Chris Escandon, Tyson Merdink

Oct. 8: Becky Decker, Annette Koester

The Weston County Humane Society would like to invite you to a
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TRACTORS - BACKHOE - BOBCAT - IMPLEMENTS
Zetor 7340 Front wheel assist Dsl Tractor w/cab & air. Includes Bush Hog 2446QT loader, bucket, & bale forks, 3pt., only 771 hours, good; John Deere 310 backhoe, w/cab, loader, 24" hoe bucket, good; Clark Bobcat 843 Dsl, 4304 hrs, good rubber, w/bucket, hydraulic posthole digger and pallet forks, good condition; John Deere 2010 gas tractor, 3pt., wide front, needs work; JD 80 6ft. angle blade; Bush Hog 3pt. rotary mower; cement mixer on rubber w/gas engine; 3 pt. post auger; 2 bottom plow; etc.

RANCH EQUIPMENT - BRAND
WY BRAND (Lazy 2 Cross) Right shoulder, cattle and horses; Welker 25 ton overhead cake hopper & Welker 1500 pound cake feeder, both A-1; Real Tuff self-catch squeeze chute; self-catch head gate; 3 pt. hyd. log splitter; 6, 12' galvanized feed bunks; round & square bale feeders; 12-12' stock panels; 250 gallon poly tank; 200 gal. portable sprayer w/5hp motor; 300 & 500 gal. fuel tanks on stands; 40 pcs., 1 1/4" PVC pipe; large asst. of PVC fittings; 18"x14' galvanized culvert; 2-12"x 16' culverts; 100 new T-posts; rolls of woven wire; cedar & pitch posts; pointed posts; RR ties; lumber & plywood; several bags of mineralized stock salt; several rolls of insulation; Dodge pickup box, new; garage door; siding; and more.

TOOLS - SHOP - MISC.
Coast to Coast lawn tractor; ATV sprayer; APP 6000 generator; Powermate 4000 generator; 30,000KV Diesel Powered Generator; Pressure Wave pressure washer; Yard Machine roto-tiller; Lincoln 225 arc welder; Magna-force 30 gallon upright compressor; Stihl chain saw; 1 1/2" portable pump, gas; portable shop compressor; battery charger; Hitachi chop saw; Cummings drill press; shop vac; good anvil; vises; bench grinder; walk-in cooler, disassembled; ready heater; perforated pipe; roll of new Max-Tight horse fence; ext. ladder; Rigid pipe threader & 450 pipe service vise; handyman jacks; fencing tools; roll plastic; gate closers; drop cords; tank heaters; pipe wrenches; drills; saws; bits; oils & lubricants; air tanks; tires; shelving; stock saddles & tack; new bolts & hardware; asst. hand tools, come-a-longs, and much more!

ANTIQUES - COLLECTIBLES - HOUSEHOLD
Antique grain wagon, fair; horse drawn mower; wagon wheels & axles; old implements; harness; Kant hook; single/double trees; horse collars; sickle sharpener stone; square oak table & chairs; buggy shaves; buffalo skulls; mantle clock; kerosene lamp; 2 cook stoves; oak chairs; glassware; wooden butter churn; wheelbarrow; iron beds; sleds; trunks; crocks; cream cans; oak dresser; cream separator; oak office chair and much more yet to be discovered! HOUSEHOLD including Schwinn Airdyne exercycle; NordicTrack treadmill; microfibre sofa; coffee & end tables and more!

AUCTIONEERS NOTE: Claude & Annette have sold their ranch and will sell the following lineup of ranch equipment. This is a large auction with a wide variety of good usable items, many things unlisted. Plan to arrive early and spend the day!
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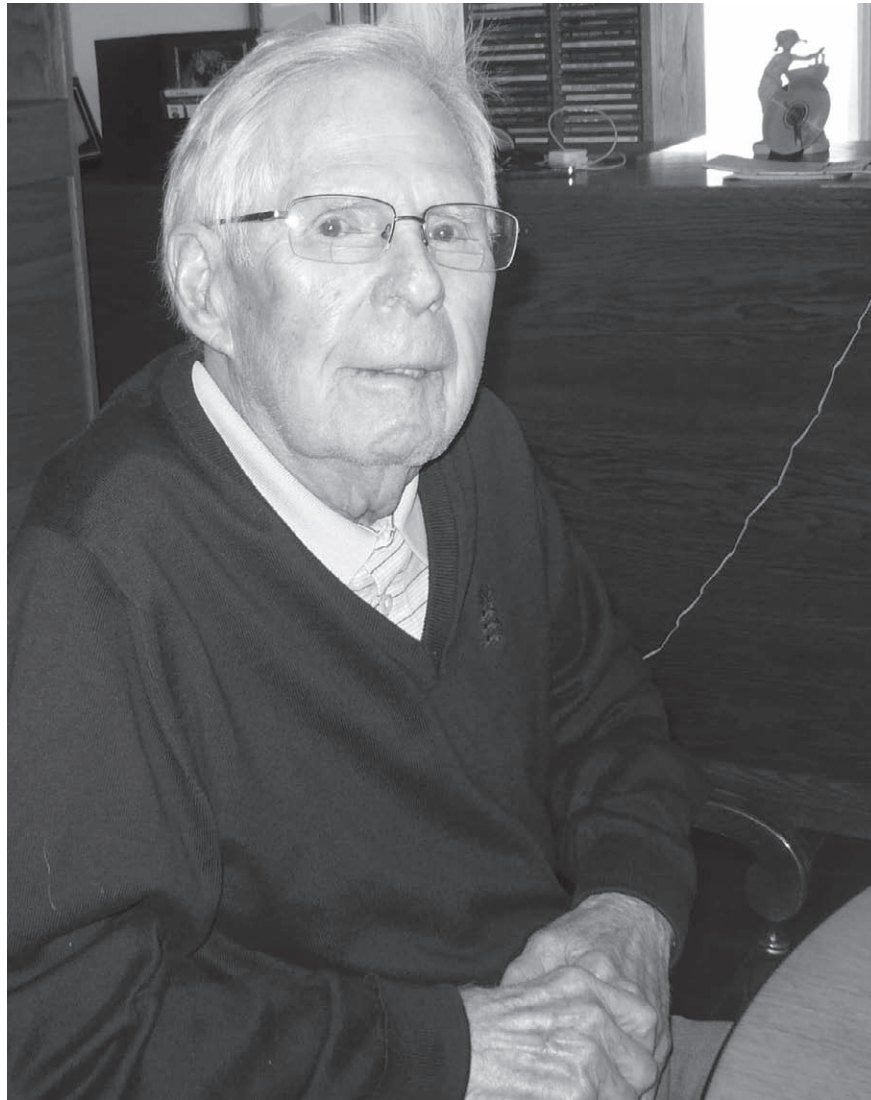
Many of you will remember Ed Halsey, who served this community for so many years with his law practice. Halsey is 92 years old now and no longer practicing law. He gave up his license several years ago and settled into retirement.

He was born in Rock Springs and had started in the early 1940s going to law school, but World War II came along and he was called to the Army, where he served as a platoon officer in the Infantry, 103rd Division (Cactus), a second lieutenant in heavy weapons through France, Germany and Austria.

In 1944, he married Ella Bishop, in Cheyenne, a marriage that lasted 51 years. Their first child was born while Halsey was still overseas, and it was two years before he laid eyes on his firstborn son, Steve. He and Ella had three more children, Mary, David and John, and he also counts six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

While Halsey was serving his time in the Army, his wife moved to Chicago to live with her sister. When he was released from the Army in 1946, he too moved to Chicago, graduating from law school there in 1948. He and his family moved to Lusk after graduation because he had heard that a law office there was looking for an associate. Four years later, in 1952, they moved to Newcastle, where he continued his law practice, and this became his permanent home. They found that they really liked the setting of Newcastle, with the hills so close, and found it much prettier than the country farther south.

When he first started his practice



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Now retired, Ed Halsey practiced law in Weston County for many years. He keeps his mind sharp working crossword puzzles, despite failing eyesight.

in Newcastle there was no public defender, so the judge would appoint different attorneys to defend criminals. When asked what his most interesting case was, he recalled one

where he had represented the railroad against the driver of a big rig who was hit by the train. The driver had ignored the signals and was killed, and the family had sued the railroad.

There were no gates at that time, but this case resulted in installation of the gates that we have now. The biggest part of his practice consisted of making wills, administration of estates, and oil and gas business. In 2008, Justice Scalia handed him a 60-year plaque to commemorate his long service as an attorney.

He enjoyed playing golf and usually played a couple of times a week until just a couple of years ago. Halsey started having eye problems, macular degeneration, and his playing partner, Verne Barton, also had health issues so they both quit. He had enjoyed being outdoors and the exercise that golf gave him. When asked what he thought gave him his longevity, he replied "Just good luck, I guess." He has survived a total of three heart attacks that required having stents implanted. A couple of years ago, he recalled, the library gave both he and Lola Bradley awards for the two longest-held library cards in Newcastle.

His life had its ups and downs, as most do. Among them was the fact that they discovered his wife suffered from bipolar disease. New types of medication for this were discovered and made her life much better, but it was also passed down to their children. As a result, he lost his youngest son to suicide during what he believes was a bout of deep depression, in 2009. In spite of the hardships that life has presented him, he looks like a much younger man, and he is lucky with his health. He says that he works crossword puzzles every day with the aid of a set of magnifying glasses, among other things, to keep himself mentally alert. I'd have to agree, it has been a success!

Senior Happenings

Weston County Senior Services

- Oct. 2: Trip to Tin Lizzie
- Oct. 2: Ceramics
- Oct. 2: VFW Ladies Auxiliary
- Oct. 4: Open Rec Room
- Oct. 6: Bingo
- Oct. 7: Mexican Train
- Oct. 8: Board Elections
- Oct. 9: Medication Therapy
- Oct. 10: Blood Pressure Check
- Oct. 11: Open Rec Room
- Oct. 13: Blood Drive
- Oct. 14: Mexican Train
- Oct. 15: WCSS Board Meeting
- Oct. 15: Toenail Clinic
- Oct. 16: Trip to The Lodge

Weston County Manor

- Oct. 2: Al & The Gang 2 p.m.
- Oct. 3: Homecoming Parade
- Oct. 4: Movie 2 p.m.
- Oct. 5: Laughter Group 11 a.m.
- Oct. 6: Wii 10:30 a.m.
- Oct. 7: Ceramics 10:30 a.m.
- Oct. 8: Kickball 10:30 a.m.
- Oct. 9: Manicures 2 p.m.
- Oct. 10: Bingo 2 p.m.
- Oct. 11: Happy Hour 3 p.m.
- Oct. 12: Trivia 10 a.m.
- Oct. 13: Crazy Cart 3 p.m.
- Oct. 14: Keepsake Kraffers 2 p.m.
- Oct. 15: Bingo 2 p.m.
- Oct. 16: Al & The Gang 2 p.m.



Note: This list is not complete. For complete schedules see the event calendars at each facility.

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Gen Roan, with her daughter, Barb Hansen (on left), and her great-granddaughter, Heidi Farnsworth (on right), during Roan's 100th birthday celebration Saturday.

100 years

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NLJ Senior Correspondent

Gen Roan celebrated her 100th birthday this last Saturday at the Weston County Senior Services center, surrounded by a large crowd of well-wishers, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends. Displayed on a table were, among other things, a letter from Wyoming's governor, Matt Mead, and an American flag, also from the governor.

Her daughter, Marcella Carson, had made displays of things that had belonged to Roan's grandmother, a quilter and crafter, and another that included Roan's nursing certificate and a picture of her dressed in her nurse's uniform and hat. Guests had the pleasure of seeing Roan's daughter, Barb Hansen, wearing her grandmother Severa Koski's wedding dress. Heidi Farnsworth, Roan's great-granddaughter, wore the wedding dress the centenarian had worn herself, many years ago.

The great 'bear episode'

In the mid 1960s, when we came back from France, we still had some leave time from the military. Our furniture would not show up for some time yet, but I had seen our new house in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, and it was as empty as last year's bird's



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I Remember When

nest — not even a curtain or curtain rod in sight. We spent one night there, sleeping on the floors, kind of dashing all bent over to whip into the bathroom in our night-time attire — it was a crowded subdivision and the neighbors had a TV- screen view right into our windows. It was brand new, not even grass in the yard, and there wasn't much we could do, so we got back in the car and headed west, visiting along the way.

We made that stop at Dooley's in Kansas, then went over to Colorado to visit brothers Larry and Butch and their families, and my parents had driven down from Seattle and met us there, pulling our



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He may look harmless and small, all these years later, but this bear cub that decided to eat our steaks in Yellowstone National Park caused quite a ruckus!

ski boat that we had left with them when we went overseas.

When we got ready to head east again to Ohio and our new home, Dad gave us some absolutely wonderful steaks to cook for supper when we stopped again for the night. We headed off for Yellowstone National Park, where my husband and the boys rolled out our tent and

put it up, and us girls got the food and dishes out along with the trusty old camp stove. We were all salivating in anticipation of a steak and potato supper, cooked outdoors, which made it even better!

Except for one little thing. A hungry young bear had his nose in sniffing mode and he

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We would like to sincerely thank the Middle School IMPACT group for their hard work painting the tunnel with such a community minded theme.

We continue to improve through cleanup and new construction and applaud others in Newcastle who demonstrate a desire to make ours one of the most appealing communities in the Black Hills.



2014 Inductees

Banquet tickets are available at NHS!



The 2014 Class of the Newcastle High School Hall of Fame, honoring individuals that have made a significant contribution to the school, was announced earlier this month, but the real festivities will begin Thursday night with a presentation of the awards.

A banquet will be held at the Fountain Inn on Oct. 2, with cocktail hour at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m., where this year's four inductees into the Hall of Fame will be the guests of honor. The inductees, Judy Anderson, Ronnie Mills, Major Chris Roness and Fred Perino, will each be awarded an engraved plaque with their picture on it, matching the one that will hang at NHS. Tickets for the banquet will be available through Thursday, at the school. The following day, at 2 p.m., they will be the grand marshals in the NHS Homecoming Parade, held on Main Street. Also, on Friday night, the inductees will be introduced during half-time at the NHS Homecoming football game against the Wright Panthers.

The following is more information about each of the inductees, and why they were chosen to represent their local high school.

Judy Anderson

Judy Anderson is the daughter of Durward and Evelyn Zingery. At the age of 4, the family stopped in Newcastle en route to Texas, and ended up staying. Judy was educated in Newcastle from kindergarten through high school. She attended Black Hills State, where she was the junior class attendant at Homecoming. She graduated with a degree in Education and began teaching in Rapid City. She taught high school in Oregon for two years, then returned to Newcastle, where she taught elementary school grades for 38 years.



She met her husband, Jerry, and they raised two daughters in Newcastle, Jennifer and Jessica. Both daughters are college graduates of the medical field, and are now practicing professionals as licensed practical nurse and nurse practitioner, respectively.

Judy has been involved in many organizations throughout her life in Newcastle. She was the Honored Queen of Jobs Daughters; member of First United Methodist Church, P.E.O., Eastern Star, Delta Kappa Gamma, and also served as president of the Newcastle Country Club. She, her mother and daughter are cancer survivors. All were honored at the Relay for Life Cancer Walk as three generations of survivors. She was honored as the guest speaker for the Newcastle High School's Class of 2001.

She continues to substitute teach, as well as volunteer for Cookie Day at the grade school. However, after 40 years in education, she earned her retirement to enjoy golf, travel and her 11 grandchildren.

Ronald "Ronnie" Mills

Ronnie Mills is well known to Newcastle students, as a school bus driver and as a devoted Dogies fan. His motto, "they are all MY kids," resonates in his actions.

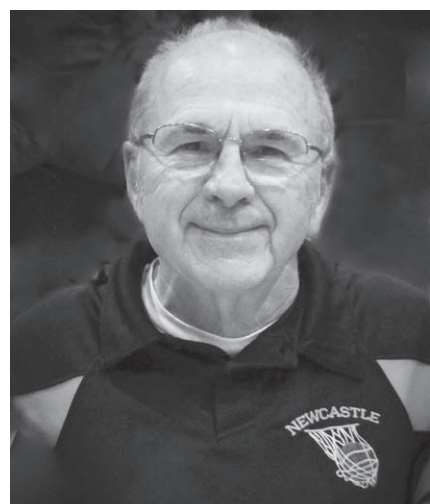
Mills began driving a school bus in the fall of 1968, when he took over the "Osage Route." He also drove for a variety of different activities and sports trips (and eventually drove for ALL of them) whether they be middle school or high school. He was a fixture, driving the bus for high school football, boys'

basketball and track, and when Title 9 came to be he started driving for girls' basketball as well. It was at that time that he began patrolling the sidelines at all Dogie football games — both home and away — and keeping statistics. In the winter months, he kept the score book at basketball games.

Mills drove more than a million miles in a bus to these different events, and over the years attended approximately 450 football games, 900 boys' basketball games, 700 girls' basketball games, 270 track meets, 120 middle school football games, 90 band trips, 20 swim meets and 60 different spring field trips for elementary school children.

When he retired from bus driving in 2000, he ran for the school board, and is currently serving his fourth term after being elected again in 2012. He continues to be involved with Dogie football, and still keeps statistics on the sidelines. He also continues to keep the score book for basketball games, and always go to regional and state tournaments.

"It gives me so much pleasure to support all of the students at Newcastle High School, and I have strived to be involved in all things that are best for kids. Along those lines, I also took several trips with the high school band to competitions, including journeys to California for performances at the Holiday Bowl and in a Disneyland parade. My wife and I also chaperoned two trips to Disney World in Florida," Mills said during an NLJ interview.



While many of his longer trips were with high school kids, after retiring he discovered he missed the little kids the most.

"I tried to start each of their days with a smile when they got on my bus by saying 'Good morning!' to them, and to this day I always try to encourage those children to do their best in everything they do. I think they know that, whether they win or lose, I will always support them," Mills said. "I drove two generations of children on my bus, and am enjoying seeing a third generation go through our schools, as both a board member and volunteer at sporting events and activities. Being part of their lives has made me a better person, and continues to keep me

young at heart."

Mills himself played football in high school, and was a member of the track team for a year. He owns his own truck maintenance company, which he has operated for several decades.

In his younger years, Mills served his country, joining the U.S. Navy after high school graduation. He served from August 1958 to August 1961.

Mills is married to Mary Jane Mills, and together they have two children, Chris and Craig, two grandchildren, Tyler and Kyle, and four great-grandchildren, Caitlyn, Caille, Carter and Ashlyn. He says his hobby is sports, supporting all students in their pursuit of both athletic and academic excellence.

"The thing I may be most proud of is that fact that many of the students from Newcastle that I have known and supported over the years have gone on to be very successful in this world," Mills told the NLJ. "Included among them are several teachers, lawyers, doctors and business people — even newscasters and publishers and editors of newspapers. I also take great pride in the fact that many of our students have come back here to teach after graduating from Newcastle High School and going on to get their college degrees."

Major Christopher Roness

Lt. Colonel-select Chris "Switch" Roness, USAF, is a highly decorated, combat experienced, command pilot with 1,000 hours of flight time in UH-1N and HH-60G helicopters and almost 20 years of service to our country. He holds an FAA commercial pilot's license, is a USAA wrestling bronze-certified wrestling coach, a National Association for Search and Rescue certified Search and Rescue technician with his K-9 Aileron, and has spent countless hours contributing back to the communities in which he lived by performing volunteer search and rescue with Ailey.

He has coached wrestling and mentored children for the past 20 years, and he has visited sick, elderly, and veterans in hospitals with Ailey, who is also a Delta Society certified pet therapy canine. Switch has also helped start up community self-help and improvement programs like SMARRT (Service Members Adversity Response Team), where he organized volunteers on a monthly basis to assist veterans, law enforcement, first responders, deployed military, and Homeland Security specialists whose families needed help at home while their loved ones were away providing service to their communities and to the nation.

Chris is the son of Larry and Sharon Roness of Newcastle. He and his wife, Sara, currently live in Bossier City, La., with their two children, 19-month-old Grace and 3-month-old Evelyn.

Chris was recently requested by name to be the Director of Operations for the Air Force's newest helicopter squadron based at F.E. Warren AFB in Cheyenne. He is happy to be returning

home to Wyoming in the upcoming months where he, Sara, and their two girls are excited about their new mission, and the opportunity to rejoin with Chris' family and his son, Alex Gunter, who is currently enlisted in the USAF and is also stationed at F.E. Warren AFB.



Chris was nominated to the NHS Hall of Fame by his cousin, Amy Menerery, who stated, "Chris keeps close ties to his hometown of Newcastle and the people here. He has an incredibly positive attitude, and encourages others, near and far, to achieve their dreams ..."

My cousin, Chris Roness, is a positive role model who has made a difference in the lives of many, and will certainly continue to do so. Newcastle High School should be proud to call him one of their own, one who deserves the recognition of NHS Hall of Fame member, for his contributions to his hometown, the U.S. military and therefore to society as a whole."

During a recent visit to Newcastle, Chris offered a motivational presentation to NHS students where he advised, "Find something that you enjoy that is legal, moral, and can provide a future for you at some point in your life and master it ... At the same time don't be afraid to take constructive criticism. Stay positive and proactive."

He then presented his alma mater with a flag which had flown over Iraq on an HH-60G Pave Hawk, combat search and rescue helicopter, one that he had piloted while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2009.

Fred Augustine Perino

Fred Augustine Perino was born Feb. 11, 1924, to Northern Italian immigrants Jacento (Matt) and Rosi Monti Perino. He was born at home on the Oil Creek ranch, Weston County, Wyoming. He was the youngest of seven children. He began school in a one-room school house on Oil Creek. He attended Newcastle High School in 1938 and graduated in 1942, the only one of his male siblings to do so. When Fred started school he attended a country school and only spoke Italian.

In 1946, Fred attended and graduated the Reisch American School of Auctioneering in Mason City, Iowa. He married Mary Ann Pzinski on July

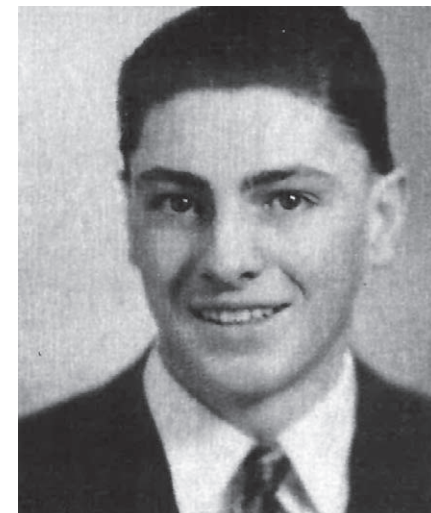
11, 1949. They had four children. All of his children graduated Newcastle High School and made their homes in Weston County. Fred has seven grandchildren and all of them graduated from NHS as well. Fred chose the rural ranch life for his family and retired from ranching in 1982.

Fred helped build and then worked at M & M Service Station, formerly on the west end of Newcastle. He also worked for the Soil Conservation District and the Weston County Road and Bridge for a time. Fred received schooling to be a real estate salesman, adding that to his cache of skills. He also established two new businesses in Newcastle over the years, Fred's Ranch Supply and F & F Auction, working in each for more than 20 years. He retired from retail business at the age of 82. Fred made many, many monetary donations to community organizations while operating these retail businesses in Newcastle.

He began his auctioneer career at several different livestock auction barns and moved on to ranch and other individual auctions. He auctioned in Wyoming, Montana and South Dakota. The ranching and auctions were family events and a lifestyle. The auction team consisted of Fred, his wife and his children.

Fred generously donated his time auctioning for churches, community organizations, events, box socials, and individual charity fundraisers over the years, such as Ducks, Turkey and Elk Foundations, Weston County Library Foundation, Future Farmers of America, 4-H programs, chamber of commerce, and the Weston County and School District surplus auctions, to name a few. At community dance halls — The Round House, Osage, Skull Creek, Soda Butte and Clareton — he also donated his time.

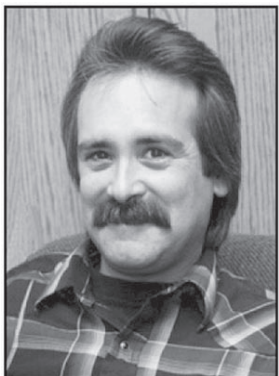
Perhaps the biggest community service contribution Fred was known for was as the announcer and auctioneer of the Weston County Junior Livestock Sale. Fred began auctioneering the sale in 1948 and continued to do so for the next 52 years. The one exception is, he continues to guest auction with Mark Stenson during the Pinnacle Bank annual Festival of Trees auctions.



Fred provided his time and work as a member of several boards in Newcastle. He was on the children's center Head Start board. Fred served on the Soil Conservation District board, PMA, Farm Bureau and Farmer's Union. He was on the Newcastle Zoning and Planning Board for 19 years. He is currently on the Weston County Senior Services board. On Feb. 11, 2014, Fred turned 90 years of age. He has devoted a major portion of those years to the community of Newcastle and Weston County in one format or another.

Perino was nominated to the Newcastle High School Hall of Fame by Linda Hunt, Jim Perino, Sandy Goodwin and Marcia Williams. Included in the nomination form was a PowerPoint presentation created by local historian Mike Jording, detailing Perino's storied life and his auction legacy.

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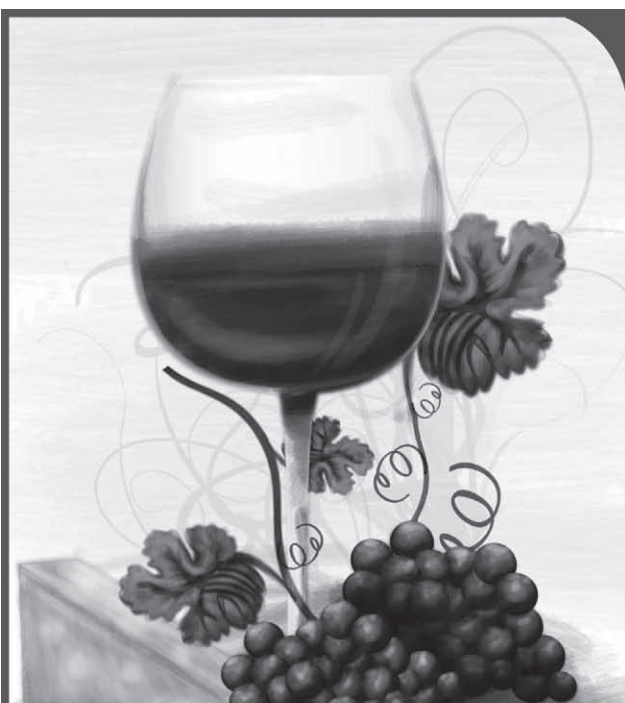
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than two years ago, they were unaware of the suicide problem, but they quickly identified what they believe to be one of the factors that puts local youth at risk.

"There is very little to do, especially if you are a youth! Kids start experimenting with drugs and alcoholism at the early age of 12, largely because they are bored and 'It's the only thing to do.' Imagine being a teen without a mall, a bowling alley or a skating rink. What would you do for fun?" the website states.

Through their work with community youth, the Pruitts believe the problem is even more dire than statistics might indicate.

"With our youth group we have a total of about 100 kids. Out of 100 kids, 90 percent have either attempted or contemplated suicide," Priscilla revealed, noting that their group is not restricted to 'disadvantaged' kids or those easily identified as at-risk. They have also attracted athletes, star pupils and children from affluent families, but admit that a facility like the one they have envisioned will most benefit children who struggle to find acceptance.

"I keep hearing that if you're not good at sports they don't have time to work with you because of limited staff," Seann said, in reference to school and existing community programs geared toward youth.

"Kids have to be out of that environment. They need to be in a totally different environment where they are accepted. We see them as an opportunity. We see the potential in them, the good in them. You have to look at them as an investment," Priscilla offered.

The children they mentor have also indicated they believe that community resources are more likely to be used to improve the quality of life of adults here, and that the needs of youth are often put on the back burner.

"The youth of this community feel like it is geared more towards the adults and making this a retirement community," Seann reported.

"They hear the skate park is going to be shut down and the arcade is going to be shut down. I see the youth light up when we talk about the rec center. There's a light of hope, like somebody cares," Priscilla shared.

Seann also acknowledges that the churches in the community make efforts to reach out to such kids, but indicated that children are hesitant to attend church because they don't want to be judged.

"There's a lot of church facilities, but they're not being fully utilized because there aren't a lot of people going," Seann stated.

"They think they have to be perfect in order to go to church," Priscilla agreed.

That's not to say the couple believes faith doesn't have a part to play in improving the lives of the community's children. The youth group they started was initially associated with a local church, but they have since broken off and started sharing their message independent of any particular denomination. Through the proposed rec center, they hope to offer faith-based — but non-denominational — programming as well, and Seann said the primary purpose will be to "speak life" into local children.

"There's not enough adults willing to step up and speak life to these kids. There's plenty of people ready to tell them what they're doing wrong," he suggested.

"Our ultimate goal is positive redirection," Priscilla confirmed, noting that the couple hopes their program — and a new facility — will draw more adults into the fold who are willing to mentor the troubled youth of the community.

"People who talk to them. People who invest in their future," she described.

They believe they have succeeded in attracting dozens of children to their youth group by using this formula.

"We host a youth event once a week, feed them, mentor them, and love on them. We hold it either at our house, the local restaurant, the park, the lake, anywhere we can. Knowing

that there are people out there who care, and in giving them somewhere to go, eat, socialize, and have good/clean fun ... has uplifted our youth and given them hope," the website states.

Now they hope to expand that program — and increase not only the number of children who benefit from it, but also the amount of time and resources available to each of them — particularly those kids who aren't benefitting from other, more traditional, programs.

"The ones that do fall through

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— Priscilla Pruitt
Mrs. Wyoming

the cracks because they're not doing well in sports and not doing well in school, this is a place for them to go," Seann said, noting that these types of children face negativity consistently in their lives.

"A lot of kids don't have a car, or parents who invest in them," Priscilla said.

"A lot of the kids who are going through issues are raising themselves. From the moment they wake up they feel like a worthless piece of trash, and this will be a place to be uplifted, and not to be judged," Seann said, indicating that he also hopes to illuminate the plight of these children through the rec center effort.

"The whole point is to make people aware, because we're on the front lines with these kids," he asserted.

In addition to helping adults understand the issue, the Pruitts would like to offer a facility and programming that allows children to overcome their own beliefs and the influences in their lives that have been holding them back.

"It's a place where they can chase their dreams," Seann said, indicating that he and Priscilla are perfectly suited to carry this message because of their own life experiences.

"They don't have to have a perfect education in order to succeed. I don't come from a rich family, and I did horrible in high school as far as grades," Seann stated.

"We're perfect examples of coming from nothing and doing the best that you can," agreed Priscilla, who reported that her own father came to the United States from Cuba on a raft.

Through those experiences, the duo developed the belief that communities and government organizations and entities are ill-equipped to address many of the issues that concern them because of rules, regulations and other limitations, and for that reason they are pursuing the dream of building a rec center as a private enterprise, and not one funded or supported by any specific government, church or other entity.

"We saw all of the red tape," Seann said.

"We want to be able to control the hours, and have freedom of speech there," Priscilla nodded.

If they hope to succeed, they know they will have to overcome some pre-conceived notions in order to entice donors and volunteers to join the effort.

"There's not one community that doesn't deal with a lie, and the adults in this community grew up with this because they're not free in their own minds. Every one of us has an issue of dealing with walls. It's very rare when someone reaches his full potential," Seann said, indicating that suicide statistics and their experience with children here over the past two years leads them to believe that Newcastle is restrained by more of these "walls" than most communities.

They believe the new high school cheer team initiated and coached by Priscilla was not very well received by community members, and they point to this as proof of the manner in which this community is shackled by its own history and negativity. They hope that their newest endeavor will open minds and hearts, and help the community change its perception of itself.

"Sometimes somebody from the outside has a new perspective and a new way. We want to work together [with others in the community] as a team. Our ultimate goal would be to unify the community, not to separate," Priscilla offered.

As of Monday, the website had attracted \$2,380 in donations that are designated first for the purchase of land and then will be used toward construction of the facility, but the couple knows that they will have to expand their fundraising efforts at some point.

"We know we will have to start small," Priscilla agreed.

They hope the funds generated by the website will plant a seed that will entice those capable of donating larger sums of money to contribute, and Seann believes it is vital to attract business owners to the cause. He thinks those individuals will have a natural affinity for the project, because of the obstacles people have to overcome, and the risks they have to take, to own and operate a business.

"To start your own company, you have to overcome so many lies and so many roadblocks," Seann reasoned.

Priscilla said that eventually the couple will start to approach large companies with interests in the area to ask for sponsorships, and when that happens their vision will start to look like a reality.

"That's when it will explode," she predicted, noting that she and Seann plan to produce a movie about the community to share with potential donors.

"We're actually filming a documentary, filming the kids, and adults as well, around town," Priscilla said, explaining that they are also setting up a non-profit organization and an account where funds will be deposited.

"Regardless of how much money is raised, we're going to take it and use it [for these kids]," Seann said.

Locally, the fundraising effort will really start to take shape later this month, when the couple is planning to bring a number of other pageant contestants to the community to help put together an event to raise both money and awareness for their vision.

"We're doing a fundraiser on October 25 at the fairgrounds, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., and we're having a bunch of former Mrs. Wyomings. Every penny will go towards the rec center building fund," Priscilla announced. She believes that both the former and current Miss Teen Wyoming will be in attendance, along with a former Mrs. Wyoming and herself. Families will be able to attend the event and participate in carnival games and hay rides, play in a bounce house and eat homemade food, as well as bid on items in a live auction, and even enter a costume contest judged by the queens who attend.

The duo knows that in order to make the event successful they'll have to attract other adults to help, but they believe there has been enough interest generated in their effort to begin building a legion of volunteers.

"We are getting so many people that come up to us — that we don't know — that say thanks," Priscilla said.

Unfortunately, Seann indicated, some of these supporters have expressed a desire to remain anonymous because they fear judgment or retribution if it is known that they are willing to join the Pruitts in bucking conventional wisdom and trying to do things differently in this small town, but the couple claims their faith is too strong to allow them to be deterred.

"We're going to build it. It's not just us fighting for your rec center. It's God, and he's got us on his back. We're relentless and we're not going to stop at anything," Priscilla promised.

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Roads

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Sept. 25 to discuss the finding of the traffic study, the alternatives for road options, and the recommendations of KLJ engineering.

To determine possible road alternatives and make a logical decision regarding which would work best for the community, McMurtry and his crew at KLJ engineering had to do a large amount of data collection on the area.

“We met with landowners to get a sense of what the future is going to hold,” McMurtry reported, adding that this is a very important step in creating a road system that is going to work for the ever-growing area around the logistics center.

Along with talking to landowners on their projected increase in numbers, KLJ also used counters to count the traffic in the area. They kept track of the hours vehicles were most active, the size of the vehicles using the roads, and the speed the vehicles were traveling.

McMurtry also spent time collecting data on the trains in the area, using cameras that recorded all day. His team counted how often trains passed through the area, the number of cars per train, and the average time a vehicle would have to stop at the train tracks.

The last of the data collection that took place was used to establish safety data for the area. This included the number of crashes in Weston County and the area, the number of fatalities and injuries, and the number of crashes that were just fender benders or involved animals.

To assess all the data collected, McMurtry created videos to show current road conditions and the expected road conditions, including time delays at trains. The intersection in reference is the spur located at the logistics center.

“What I measured out for delays at this intersection averages out to about four seconds per vehicle,” McMurtry stated, adding that this is an odd measurement, because not every car will have to stop at the intersection.

“With the increased vehicles and the increased trains, the average jumps up to 5.3 seconds,” McMurtry said, continuing to add that this doesn’t seem like a big difference, but in reality it is a quantifiable difference.

“But it’s not significant enough to warrant us to necessitate or even consider an overpass or underpass,” McMurtry said, stating that this would cost more money than the good it would do. McMurtry also added that, even with the increase in traffic, the sign system set-up is going to be substantial enough to cover the issue — there would be no need to think about a signal system.

“The other thing going on is the idea of the rail loop in the park,” McMurtry reported, adding that this is a whole new obstacle to consider, explaining that this railway would bisect the county road in two different locations. He explained that this option would not be a BNSF main line, that the trains wouldn’t be moving at necessarily current speed and would often be stopped, sometimes at the intersections on either side loop on the county road.

Considering all of these things, McMurtry and his team created road alternatives and assessed the options. They created what turns out to be six alternatives, even though some of them are extremely close in nature to others.



Alternative 1 proposed by McMurtry is do simply do nothing. Technically the county road system functions fine as long as no trains are passing through the loop. Trains may get stopped on either side of the loop causing for delays in traffic, which could result in significant stop time for vehicles. There is also the chance that vehicles could get stuck inside of the loop if there happens to be a train stopped on either side of the loop.

Alternative 2, which McMurtry referred to as cul-de-sac, is a lot like alternative one, being that nothing would actually be done to the roads. Signs would be installed on either side of the rail loop making it a no-through access zone, therefore, cars would have to resort to an alternative route, this making the county road no longer a county road.

Alternative 3 would involve building a road that would come up and snake around the loop. This would be an addition to County Highway 20. As it approaches the loop it would loop to the left and connect back to the county highway on the other side of the loop. Cars would have to cross the rail spur located near the logistics center, which would still cause for the occasional delay, but cars would completely avoid the loop.

Alternative 3a, which McMurtry feels is the best option, would be a lot like alternative 3, with no interruptions from the train for the most part. This option allows for the least amount of delay, though some cars would have to stop at the spur.

Alternative 4 has nothing to do with the rail loop. This would be an option for Buffalo Creek Road going north. This alternative could combine with another alternative, but considering the fact that this alternative wouldn’t be cheap due to terrain issues, and the fact that it would add a crossing on the BNSF main line and wouldn’t be a significantly traveled route, in McMurtry’s opinion, wouldn’t be the best option.

Alternative 5, which would connect Highway 116 to the logistics center due to the increased trucks coming from Sundance to the logistics center, is another route that could be considered combined with another alternative. Again, McMurtry wouldn’t suggest this option due to the fact that this would be relatively costly, considering elevation issues and the length of the road. Roughly 16-40 trucks would use this route per day.

After considering all the information and all the alternatives, McMurtry and his team established a recommendation.

“One thing that stood out when considering the statistics was the speeds of the cars passing near the logistics center,” McMurtry explained, adding that in his recommendations he would like to include a plan for an acceleration and deceleration lane near the logistics center. This would allow for people entering and exiting the highway to have the ability to either slow down or speed up, thus alleviating the conflict with speeds between vehicles. McMurtry does state that there are very few wrecks in this specific area, and out of those wrecks none have included injuries or fatalities.

Along with the addition of the acceleration and deceleration lanes, McMurtry, as previously stated, believes that option 3a is going to be the best for the situation. The county highway is a valuable highway, and using it along with the addition of the road around the loop will allow for the best conditions for this highway, he indicated.

McMurtry explained that the property line to the railway is 90 feet, and that only half of that is needed to fit a road in. Therefore, people would still have space between their fence lines and the road, along with space between the road and the railway.

Although McMurtry is suggesting these options, they have not run a detailed cost analysis, so none could be given at this time. He does state that the road itself doesn’t have to change, it would just be the addition of the road around the rail loop.

McMurtry and his team are writing a draft report to send out to the commissioners, Upton’s city council, WYDOT, Wyoming Business Council, and Tiger Transfer — owners of the Upton Logistics Center — initially. Roughly a week later reports will be sent out to members of the community who had either signed up at meetings or contacted McMurtry in reference to the report. KLJ Engineering, after putting the report together, will be, for the most part, done with the project and the decision regarding what will happen will be left to the city and the county, with the landowners weighing in. McMurtry reported to the News Letter Journal that with the recommendations of landowners and the public, slight changes have been made to the recommendation proposed at Thursday’s meeting, and these will be addressed in the report. McMurtry also wanted to let the public know that county commissioner meeting and city council meetings are open to the public, and the public is encouraged to attend and address any future concerns with them.

Bear

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headed straight for our picnic table. He actually wasn’t really that big yet, but he had some impressive teeth and claws. He got right up on the seat of the picnic table, sat down like he always sat at a table to eat, and scooped our steaks right out of the pan. When that bear ambled into our campsite we had panic. The kids were running everywhere. Me too! Laurie ran to the station wagon, leaped inside and locked all of the doors, not even noticing that the tailgate was wide open. Kevin ran smack-dab into a tree because he was looking back at the bear instead of forward. Amy made a dash for the car with the loaf of bread, (I think it was her) and smashed it plumb in half, she had it clenched under her arm so tight. Randy stood there and watched a few feet away and calmly

took pictures. Meanwhile, my husband tried to gently take the pan and hot camp stove away, but didn’t make it. Every time he reached his hand out to get anything, the bear growled — and that was enough of a message.

That bear knocked the steaks to the ground and ate the whole darn thing, then sashayed off into the campground, no doubt looking for more food.

Like Ahab the Arab in that song my Mom used to sing, we folded up our tent and went off into the night and got a cabin. I have no idea what we did finally eat, and I’ll bet nobody else remembers either, but none of us ever forgot that bear. Even a little one like that, when it’s up close and decides your dinner is his, makes a definite impression!

Kachelhoffer

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running for the position.

“It was a great problem to have in a great community. It’s pretty awesome when you live in a community where people are willing to step forward and help us out. It will really just be a term until the first meeting in December,” stated Bill Lambert, chairman of the school board.

Several board members were absent for the decision, with only Lambert, Bill Lunney, Tom Wright, Tina

Chick and John Riesland present.

In deciding between the Kachelhoffer and Carter, Wright acknowledged that it came down to flipping a coin or going with the person with the most recent experience, which in the end was how the choice was made.

“All five of us do want to thank you for your effort in volunteering to come help us. It really is very difficult to choose,” Wright recognized.



WCCA: 24 Seasons Strong

Weston County Concert Association kicked off its 24th season last week, with a performance by Alliance Brass of Chicago, Ill., on Sept. 23. Held at the Crouch Auditorium, at Newcastle High School, the concert featured a variety of ‘non-traditional’ songs, such as Queen’s “Bohemian Rhapsody,” that delighted the crowd. Tickets for future shows are still available at First State Bank or A1 Agency. (Photo by Stehnie Bonnar/NLJ)

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Stephens

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education field — tying the education community together.

“Their mission, really, is to be comprehensive about education, not only nationally but globally. They are well known for doing surveys through Gallup related to peoples’ perceptions about public education. It’s an organization that just has a ton of research and I use it for a research base for a lot of what I do. They are perceived as an expert organization in the area of education,” she told the News Letter Journal.

This is the first time she has been awarded by PDK, she said, although she had been a finalist for a dissertation award, but didn’t win. Looking back, she realizes how school doesn’t have to be on a basic level, but needs to be on an intellectual level with best practice and best research, which is something PDK feels strongly about.

“What I have found is, I don’t think PDK is as robust here in Wyoming. They do have a chapter at the university and I have not joined,” Stephens said.

The organization offers professional



Summer Stephens, WCS D #7 Superintendent

development for local districts to bring in student teachers from colleges, as well as professors from universities, she explained, because they are about best practice for practicing people.

She is excited to travel to Washington, D.C., where she can meet with federal education policy makers and learn from other educators awarded for their best practices. She sees this award and opportunity as a means to further improve WCS D #7.

“What I am envisioning right now is getting better connected with the Wyoming Chapter of PDK, as well as trying to grow it across Wyoming,” she announced.

For three days last week she worked with the professional judgement panel in Casper. While there, she asked professionals in education at different levels if they were involved with the organization. Most expressed knowledge of PDK, but reported they weren’t active with it, she confirmed, so she hopes to change that. It is an organization that ties together all areas and all levels of education, she pointed out, which other groups do not do.



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10/17	VJ	Conf. Championships, Glenrock		1PM
10/25	V	3A State Championships, Sheridan		
Football				
10/3	V	Wright Panthers	H	7PM
10/6	JV	St. Thomas More	H	4:30PM
10/10	V	Glenrock Herders	A	7PM
Girls Swimming				
10/2	V	Buffalo Invitational	A	4PM
10/4	V	Douglas Invitational	A	10AM
10/9	V	Douglas Bearcats	H	4PM
10/11	V	Gillette Invitational	A	8PM
Volleyball				
10/2	V9	Douglas Bearcats	A	4PM
10/3	V9	Wright Panthers	H	3PM
10/4	V9	Worland Warriors	H	1PM
10/7	V9	Upton Bobcats	A	5PM
10/10	V9	Glenrock Herders	A	1PM

The Score

NMS Football
Newcastle 18, Wheatland 12

NMS Volleyball
Sept. 23
7th Grade: Newcastle 2, Moorcroft 1
8th Grade: Newcastle 0, Moorcroft 2
Sept. 25, Wright Triangular
7th Grade: Newcastle 0, Wright 2; Newcastle 2, Upton 1
8th Grade: Newcastle 0, Wright 2; Newcastle 0, Upton 2

Coming home

You can feel it in the air, like electricity. There's a certain excitement that tells us we're gearing up for something. Hall decorating, dress-up days, coronation, pep rallies, Powder Puff and Powder Buff, the parade, the big game, the dance, school spirit and the crisp feeling of fall in the air tells us that Homecoming is upon us.

I remember how much I loved the whole idea of Homecoming when I was in high school, and when I was in college. There was always so much to do, everyone was always excited and in a great mood, and there was always so much school spirit.

Now, I must admit, that as a teacher and a coach I don't always look forward to the celebration as much as I used to do. The students are distracted and there's always just a little bit of drama.

When I coached it was worse. The kids were distracted and tired from all of the float building, hall decorating, coronation and the dance, so it was tough to get them focused on the game, or games, for the week.

This year, though, I was excited for all of the excitement, and I decided that I would look into the history of the Homecoming tradition to see just what it was intended to be all about.

The idea of homecoming originated in the 1870s through the annual Harvard-Yale game

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Ladies rally for the win

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

The annual pink game against the Lady Bulldogs from Sundance had the Lady Dogies traveling there on Thursday for a non-conference game.

The squad had a bit of a slow start in the first set, and the lead went back and forth between the Bulldogs and the Dogies throughout, but Newcastle was able to come from behind to win the game 25-23.

"I'm not sure what was going on," head coach Maja Jechorek mused. "Sundance was playing well, and I think we may have overlooked them a little," she added.

From the end of the first set, however, the Lady Dogies amped up the intensity. They came out strong at the beginning of the second game, racking up seven straight points before the Bulldogs were able to get on the board.

"I reminded the girls that we needed to play every ball and work hard. After the first set, we really showed them what we were capable of," Jechorek smiled.

Kendra Back was on fire from the middle hitter position, finishing with 14 kills on the night, and the team took the second set easily, 25-14.

"We were moving really well and putting the ball down," Jechorek stated. "We were passing much better which makes a huge difference in the game."

The Dogie defense was much better in the last two sets, with the players moving their feet and picking up hard-hit balls, with the front row working the net well, getting several blocks.

"It is so important that our passing is good," stated Jechorek. "We are a

Sonja Karp/NLJ

Libero Scottlyn Wiggins gets under a Bulldog serve for a nice pass to set up her hitters for a kill, during the Sept. 25 game against Wheatland.

The Stats

Volleyball v. Sundance
Sept. 25, 2014
25-24, 25-14, 25-15
Individual stats:
Alyssa Dawson: 12-13 serves, 3 aces, 2 kills, 1 block assist, 1 stuff block
Scottlyn Wiggins: 15 digs
Katara Cade: 8-9 serves, 4 kills, 1 set assist, 11 digs
Kendra Back: 11-13 serves, 1 ace, 14 kills, 6 block assists
Abby Gray: 18-19 serves, 4 aces, 3 kills, 61 set assists, 3 block assists, 1 stuff block
Ashten Farnsworth: 13-14 serves, 2 aces, 3 kills, 18 digs
Bailey Karp: 7-8 serves, 5 kills, 5 set assists, 5 block assists

powerhouse of hitters in the front row, but we need good passes so we can get those good sets for our hitters."

The third and final set saw the Lady Dogies continuing to dominate the Bulldogs, wrapping up the win for the match (25-15).

It was reported last week that Hannah Cass would be making her comeback at the game in Sundance, however due to eligibility requirements, Cass will have to wait until this week to return to the court, as she must have 10 post-release practices before she can compete.

The ladies come off their quiet week and head into a very busy Homecoming week with a conference match at Douglas on Thursday, their Homecoming match against Wright on Friday, and finishing the week with another conference match at home, against Worland, on Saturday afternoon.

"Douglas is our main focus this week as we play them first, and they are playing well right now," Jechorek determined. "We saw them once in Rawlins, and we played them tough. We know what to expect from them, so we just have to play good defense and serve aggressively to get them off the net."

The coach is confident that a good game and win against Douglas will carry the squad through their other two tough matches on Friday and Saturday.

It was Farnsworth's night to shine

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

From one week to the next, you never know who will be the player to watch for the Newcastle Dogies. One of the many strengths of this team is that on any given Friday, it could be anyone who will have a breakout game.

This week, when the Dogies made the long trek over the mountain on Friday to take on the 2A West Conference Buffaloes from Greybull, it was Trayton Farnsworth's night to shine. He was on his game on both sides of the ball and finished the night with two touchdowns, 158 yards receiving, and helped his

team out defensively as well, with five tackles and a strip with one fumble recovery.

"Trayton had a good night," said head coach Matt Conzelman. "He had those two big touchdown catches, but probably even bigger than that were his first down catches that kept the sticks moving for us."

It was a hot night for football, with the temperature still 90 degrees at the time of kick-off.

The first quarter of the game was a battle between the two teams, with the Buffaloes scoring first to end the first quarter, with a score of 0-7.

"We knew that we were up against the No. 1 quarterback in the state, so we knew he'd be good," Conzelman

stated. "We let one go right away in the game so we didn't have the start we were hoping for, but we bounced back and played like we needed to," he smiled.

The second quarter saw the fight continuing, and the Dogies were able to march the ball down the field on a 95-yard offensive drive that ended with a seven-yard touchdown from Dillon Ehlers, followed by a good point after touchdown from Jared Bell to tie the game at sevens, with 8:24 left to play in the half.

The Dogies' defense forced the Buffaloes to turn the ball over on downs in their next possession, and with 3:01 left in the half, Ehlers got his second touchdown of the night on

a 47-yard scamper into the end zone.

Once again Bell was good on his PAT, and the Dogies went up 14-7 over the Buffaloes.

Greybull answered back with 6.4 seconds on the clock when they were able to tie the game at 14 on a two-yard touchdown pass that was tipped into the Buffaloes' hands by the Dogie defense.

The excitement wasn't over yet for the half, as Colton Sweet ran back the kickoff 68 yards to the seven yard line. Time was not on the Dogies' side, however, as the 6.4 seconds that were left on the clock had ticked off during the return, so the teams went

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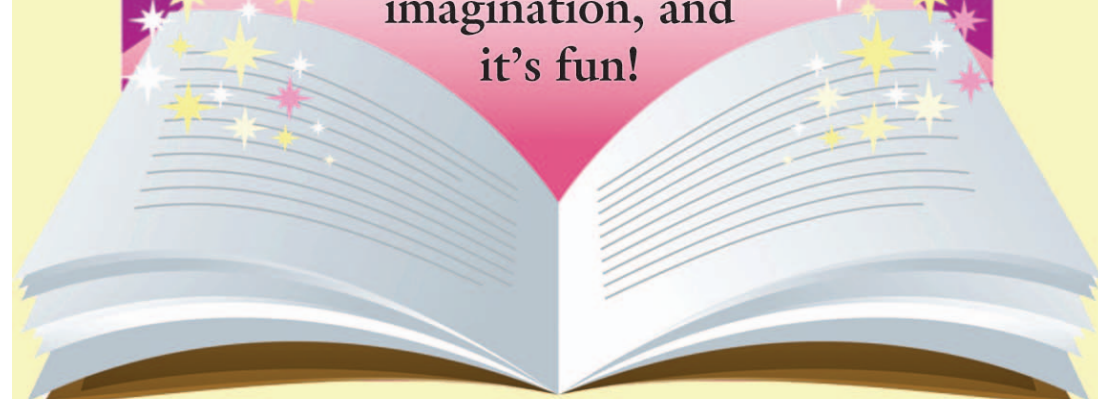
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Runners face the unknown

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

It was a busy week for the cross country runners, with the Hot Springs meet on Tuesday and then the Elks Club meet in Rapid City, S.D., on Friday.

Both of these meets are ones that the team has traditionally attended, but there was a twist this year, as both took place in a new venue that the team had never seen before.

The Hot Springs meet was held in Edgemont, S.D., and the Elks Club meet was hosted at Robbinsdale Park in Rapid City, which is a state meet course in South Dakota.

The team ran strong on Tuesday in Hot Springs, however, due to technical issues the individual results of the meet are incorrect, so there are no official times.

What is known for certain is that Calbi Ausmann once again crossed the finish line in first place, making this her fourth win of the season.

"The high school performed very well," head coach Pat Hayman commented. "They did exactly what I have been telling them to do by keeping the pack tight."

Though the finishes were not official, both the men and the ladies won their races as a team.

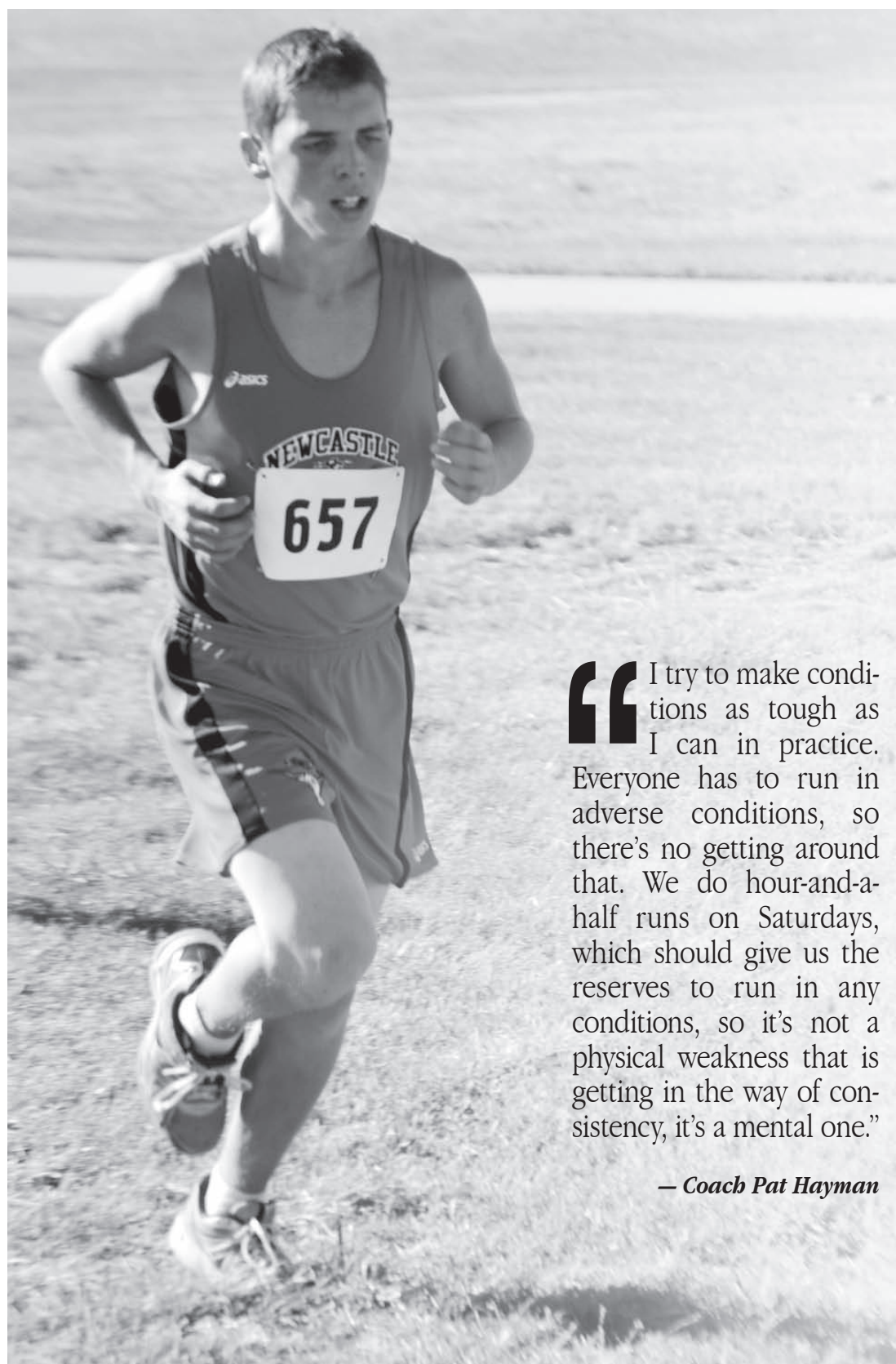
On Friday, as the Dogies competed in their second meet of the week, the day was hot and windy with temperatures in the mid-90s at race time.

The Robbinsdale course is a fast one, but the runners were challenged by the heat and wind. Though all of the Newcastle runners fared fine physically, there was at least one men's Varsity runner who succumbed to the heat, passing out as he neared the finish line.

As a team, the men finished in eighth place, and the ladies took the 11th spot.

Trenton Parsons finished first for the Dogies in 37, with a time of 19:42. Marshall Rhoades crossed the finish line next in 48, followed by Brandon Leddy in at 58, Alex Henkle in 65, Cooper Karp in 86 and Paul Lambert in 87.

Ausmann was the first Lady Dogie to cross the finish line, in ninth place, with a time of 16:23. The next runner to finish



Sonja Karp/NLJ

Senior Paul Lambert faces heat and wind at an unfamiliar course at Robbinsdale Park.

for Newcastle was Laura Chord in 63, followed by Savannah Silbaugh in 79, Kaly Houser in 89, Rose McMahon right behind her in 90, Sadie Payne in 92, and Natalie Ariles in 101.

Both teams had a hard time maintaining the consistency in this race, something Hayman has been stressing throughout the last month.

"I try to make conditions as tough as I can in practice," Hayman declared. "Everyone has to run in adverse conditions, so there's no getting around that. We do hour-and-a-half runs on Saturdays, which should give us the reserves to run in any conditions, so it's not a physical weakness that is getting in the way of consistency, it's a mental one."

The coach went on to say that the team will have to work on strengthening their mental reserves in order to get the most out of their physical conditioning. The runners will have a few days to work on that before they head to Sturgis for their next meet, on Thursday, Oct. 3.

Swim team is small, but mighty

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

Over the mountain and through the woods, to Worland the Lady Dogies' swim team travelled once again last Friday for an overnight meet there.

This is the second time this season that they have made the trip, but the team doesn't mind.

"The girls love to swim in the Worland pool," smiled head coach Jenny Pederson. "When they are excited to compete, it's always a good thing," she continued.

And good things did happen for the team. Shaylee Curren qualified in the 500 Yard Freestyle on Friday night, then in the 100 Yard Freestyle on Saturday.

Jae Whitney shaved five seconds off of her 100 Butterfly, and is only a half a second from qualifying for the state meet.

"I am very pleased with the girls' performances these past few weeks," bragged Pederson. "This is usually the point in the season where they stall out or add time to

The Stats

Worland Pre-Invite Sept. 26, 2014
200 Free: Rachel Henkle 7, Sarah Henkle 8
200 IM: Mikenna Waggener 1
50 Free: Shaylee Curren 1, Nathina Crabtree 2
100 Fly: Rachel Henkle 2, Jae Whitney 3
100 Free: Nathina Crabtree 4, Rachel Ehlers eighth
500 Free: Shaylee Curren 1, Jae Whitney 4
100 Back: Mikenna Waggener 1
100 Breast: Rachel Henkle 2, Sarah Henkle 6

Worland Invitational Sept. 27, 2014
200 Free: Shaylee Curren 5, Jae Whitney 21
200 IM: Rachel Henkle 6, Sarah Henkle 19
50 Free: Nathina Crabtree 16, Rachel Ehlers 22
100 Fly: Nathina Crabtree 10, Jae Whitney 11
100 Free: Shaylee Curren 6, Rachel Ehlers 21
500 Free: Mikenna Waggener 3, Sarah Henkle 18
100 Back: Rachel Henkle first
100 Breast: Mikenna Waggener 7

their races before we start our taper." Rachel Henkle and Mikenna Waggener swam very fast times this weekend as well, and are seeded first and second in the 100 Yard Backstroke.

"We are fast as a unit this season, and

I am confident that all eight swimmers should qualify for the state meet this year," Pederson exclaimed. "I only wish we had more numbers to score higher as a team. We are the smallest team in the state, but we are still taking top places in meets."

Recruiting is something the coach really wants to focus on for future seasons. In order to get an idea of what the fastest combinations for relays would be, the girls were placed in odd events over weekend by the coaches.

Even though the ladies were swimming in events to which they were unaccustomed, they still placed high in those events. The coaches were excited about these results, because this showed them that the girls are as mentally tough as they are physically.

The team travels to Buffalo on Thursday, Oct. 2, and to Douglas on Saturday, Oct. 4. Pederson is excited for the meets, as she expects more of the same fast swims from the team, and is anxious to get more state qualifiers.

Football

into the locker rooms with the score tied at 14-14.

The second half was a different story for the Dogies as they dominated the time of possession, and held the Buffaloes scoreless.

Newcastle received the kickoff to start the third quarter and began the offensive drive at their own 27 yard line. With 9:18 left in the third, Ehlers took to the air for the first time in the night and connected with Farnsworth on a 54-yard touchdown pass.

Bell was good for a third time with the PAT, and the Dogies went up 21-14.

Defense held Greybull scoreless again and the next offensive drive ended with an Ehlers to Farnsworth pass once more, resulting in a 62-yard touchdown by Farnsworth followed by a fourth good PAT

The Stats

Dogies v. Greybull Sept. 26, 2014
Final Score: 34-14
Team Stats: 384 yards rushing, 161 yards passing
Individual Stats:
Colton Sweet: 7 carries for 30 yards, 1 kickoff return for 68 yards, 5 tackles
Dillon Ehlers: 3 TDs, 24 carries for 198 yards, 4-5 pass completions for 158 yards, 1 punt for 39 yards, 10 tackles, 1 sack
Bradon Rushton: 20 carries for 172 yards, 1 return for 12 yards, 4 tackles, 1 pass breakup
Triston Roberson: 1-2 pass completions, 5 tackles, 5 sack, 1 pass breakup
Trayton Farnsworth: 2 TDs, 4 receptions for 158 yards, 5 tackles, 1 fumble recovery
Jared Bell: 4-5 PAT
Teigen Marchant: 6 kickoffs for 303 yards
Alec Walker: 6 tackles, 1 pass breakup, .5 sack
Ricky Larson: 9 tackles
Nick Bock: 5 tackles, 1 pass breakup
Mason Piscioti: 2 tackles, 1 pass breakup, .5 sack
Johnny Walker: 2 tackles, 1 pass breakup, .5 sack
Bryce Womack: 3 tackles
Nate Piller: 1 tackle
Cameron Quigley: 1 tackle
Lyle Whitney: 1 tackle

by Bell. That put the Dogies up 28-14 with 5:30 left to go in the third.

The fourth quarter saw more of the same domination by the Dogies as they finished an 88-yard offensive drive with a touchdown by Ehlers at 7:18 remaining. Bell was unable to go five in a row with a miss on this PAT, so the score remained at 34-14.

On the ensuing kickoff, Farnsworth, who had been injured on a pass play earlier, was back in the game and stripped the ball from the Buffaloes return man, then recovered the fumble giving the Dogies possession of the football for the rest of the game.

Triston Roberson took a knee with less than a minute left of the game, to close it out 34-14 in favor of Newcastle.

"One of the main things I look at when it comes to stats is time of possession," noted Conzelman. "We ruled on that, and anytime you can keep the ball out of a high-powered offense's hands, that is huge!"

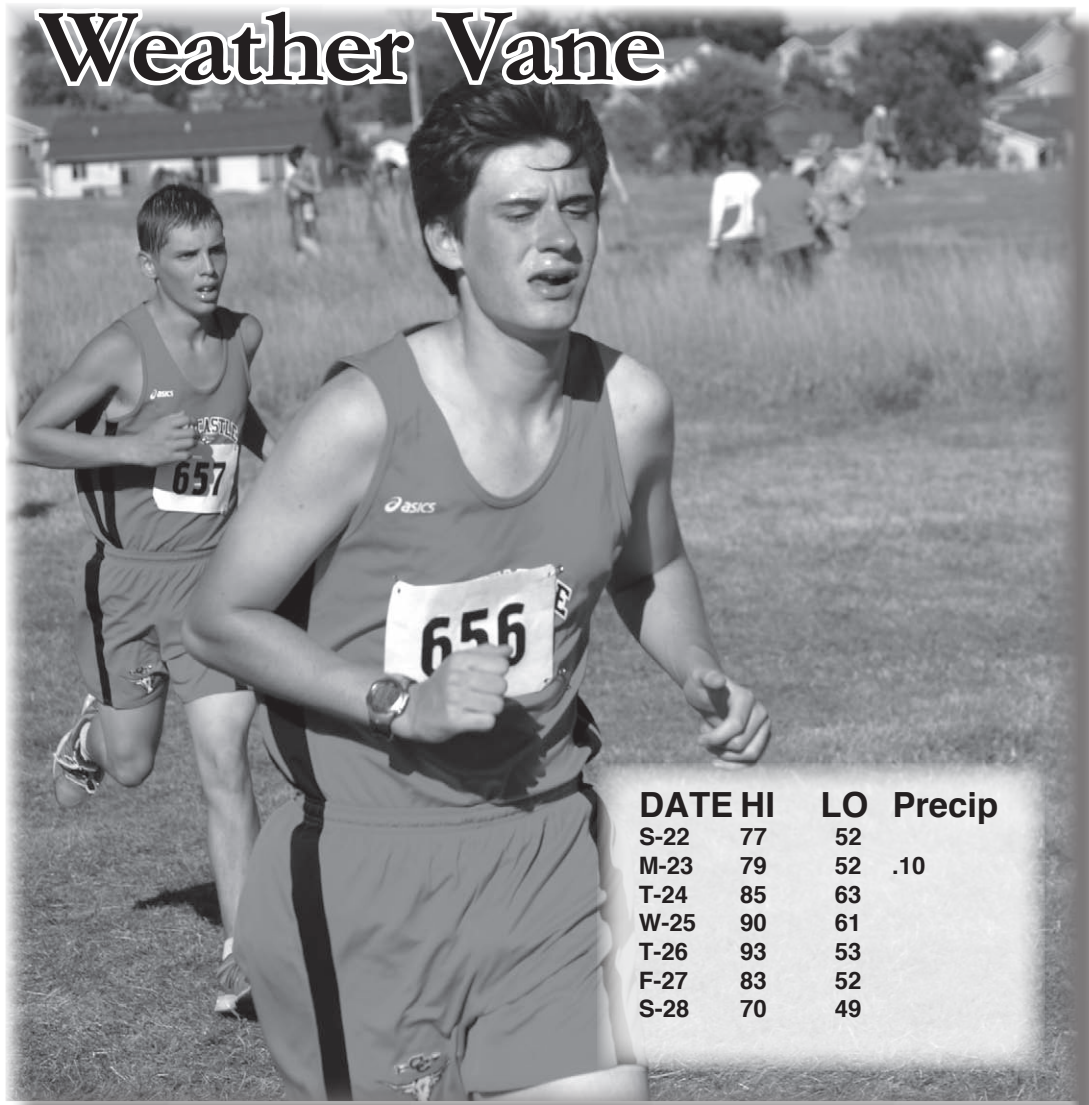
The Dogies certainly dominated in that category throughout the game.

The 2A East Conference standings have Newcastle tied for first with Big Horn at 4-0 overall and 2-0 in the conference.

The team is back at conference competition this Friday, Oct. 3, as they host the Wright Panthers for Newcastle's Homecoming game.

"The Panthers will come ready to play because they are hungry to get their first win," Conzelman predicted. "We will definitely have to bring our A game on Friday night."

Weather Vane



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S-22	77	52		
M-23	79	52	.10	
T-24	85	63		
W-25	90	61		
T-26	93	53		
F-27	83	52		
S-28	70	49		

Public Notice

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR TAX DEED

TO: ETAL Cean Moore, Warren Vines, Capitola Roby, Garvice Roby, Richard S. Dumbrell, Chester Jones, Valarie Pollat, Stanley O. Thompson, Mary Ellen Smith Thompson, Valarie/Valerie Pollat & Shawnda K. Sandrini.

TO ALL OWNERS, Possessors, Occupants and their heirs of the real property described as: T44N, R62W, Sec. 15, E2NW, N2SW; 160.00 acres Weston County, Wyoming ** ETAL CEAN MOORE UND 1/4 INT OF 3/5 INT, WARREN VINES UND 1/4 OF 3/5 INT, CAPITOLA ROBY 1/10 INT, GARVICE ROBY 1/10 INT, RICHARD S DUMBRILL 1/20 INT, CHESTER JONES 1/20 INT, VALARIE POLLAT 1/40 INT, MARY ELLEN SMITH THOMPSON, 1/20 INT, VALARIE/VALERIE POLLAT & SHAWNDA SANDRINI 3/10 INT.

Be Advised That: Valarie L. Pollat purchased the above-described property at a tax sale on August 30, 2010 in Newcastle, Wyoming from the Weston County Treasurers and is in possession of Certificate of Purchase-No. 4752. The property was taxed or assessed in the name/names of Cean Moore, Warren Vines, Capitola Roby, Garvice Roby, Richard S. Dumbrell, Chester Jones, Valarie Pollat, Stanley O. Thompson, Mary Ellen Smith Thompson, Valarie/Valerie Pollat & Shawnda K. Sandrini for the year 2009. At this time there are no special assessments for local or public improvements on this property and the owner cannot be found in Weston County, Wyoming.

In accordance with Wyoming Law. The property may be redeemed by the legal owner after the date of sale but before a valid tax deed application has been filed and accepted by the County Treasurer. Take note that Valarie L. Pollat will apply for a tax deed on or after January 5, 2015.

Any persons holding an interest in this property or otherwise interested in application for tax deed may contact the applicant Valarie L. Pollat, 106 N. Summit Ave., Newcastle, WY, 82701 or contact the Weston County Treasurer, 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY 82701 regarding the petitioners intent to apply for a tax deed.

DATED THIS 18th Day of September, 2014

Valerie L. Pollat
106 N. Summit Ave.
Newcastle, WY 82701
(307) 746-5747

(Publish September 18, 25 and October 2, 2014)

Probate Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT STATE OF WYOMING COUNTY OF WESTON

MIRANDA WATKINS
DECEDENT'S WRONGFUL DEATH REPRESENTATIVE,
PETITIONER
Probate No. 7990

NOTICE OF ACTION TO APPOINTMENT WRONGFUL DEATH REPRESENTATIVE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to W.S. §1-38-105 that an action to appoint a wrongful death representative has been instituted in the Sixth Judicial District Court, Weston County, by Miranda Watkins for minor child KAK born in 1996. Any person claiming to qualify as personal representative under W.S. §1-38-104 (a) may intervene as a matter of right.

Dated this 28th day of August, 2014.

Bobbi Overfield WSB #6-3631
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TO ALL OWNERS, Possessors, Occupants and their heirs of the real property described as: SEC 33, ACRES: 15.76 TWO TRACTS IN THE NENE OF SECTION 33 & NWNW OF SECTION 34, T45N R61W: #1: TRACT IN THE NENE OF SECTION 33, T45N, R61W: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF A COUNTY STOCK DRIVE WAY WHICH IS SOUTH 507.6 FT FROM THE EAST 1/16 CORNER BETWEEN SECTIONS 28 & 33; THENCE IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY OF THE NENE OF SECTION 33 FOR 812.4 FT TO THE NE 1/16 SECTION CORNER OF SECTION 33; THENCE EASTERLY 1316 FT ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF THE NENE OF SAID SECTION 33 TO THE N 1/16 SECTION CORNER BETWEEN SECTIONS 33 & 34; THENCE NORTH BETWEEN SECTIONS 33 & 34 FOR 120 FT TO THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF A COUNTY DRIVEWAY; THENCE N 63° 33' W ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID STOCK DRIVEWAY FOR 1490 FT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SAID TRACT CONTAINS 14.53 ACRES. #2 TRACT IN THE NENE OF SECTION 33 & THE NWNW OF SECTION 34, T45N R61W: COMMENCING AT THE NW CORNER OF THE NENE OF SECTION 33; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID NENE OF SECTION 33 APPROXIMATELY 397.3 FT TO THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE R.O.W. OF THE C B & Q RR WHICH POINT IS THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF THE NENE OF SECTION 34 APPROXIMATELY 110.3 FT TO THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF A PROP. COUNTY STOCK DRIVEWAY; THENCE S 63° 33' E APPROXIMATELY 1490 FT TO INTERSECT THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 33; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 33 FOR 120 FT TO THE SE CORNER OF THE NENE OF SAID SECTION 33; THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF THE NWNW OF SECTION 34 APPROXIMATELY 460.5 FT TO INTERSECT THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF THE R.O.W. OF THE C B & Q RR; THENCE N 63° 33' W ALONG THE R.O.W. BOUNDARY TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID TRACT CONTAINS 5.0 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. ETAL: CAPATOLA ROBY 1/5 INT, GARVICE ROBY 1/5 INT, VALARIE POLLAT 1/10 INT, STANLEY O THOMPSON 1/10 INT, DEAN SMITH 1/10 INT, CEAN MOORE 1/20 INT, WARREN VINE 1/20 INT, RICHARD DUMBRILL 1/10 INT, CHESTER JONES 1/10 INT, VALARIE/VALERIE POLLAT & SHAWNDA SANDRINI

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 - **"On ___ Majesty's Secret Service" by Ian Fleming
 - Jimmie Johnson, e.g.
 - Short and blunt
 - *"Lawyer turned legal thriller author
 - Campaigner, for short
 - By ___ of, interchangeable with "means"
 - Freight weight
 - Like some models
 - *Social science fiction author of "Oryx and Crake"
 - A variety of anisette
 - Fabled fliers
 - Y'all
 - Caused by poison ivy
 - *Author of "The Da Vinci Code"
 - Relating to the ear
 - Make a connection
 - Address a deity
 - *Norman Mailer's "The ___ Park"
 - Alex Trebek's forte
 - Tangerine grapefruit hybrid
 - Like some humor
 - Unit g
 - "The Lord of the Rings" creature
 - *King of horror
 - Do before kissing the bride?
 - Serf
 - Energy unit
 - One who does no work
 - In tune
 - Naught
 - Lack of guile
 - Quiet attention grabber
 - Cracker Jack bonus
 - "___ Anatomy"

- "___ 'til you drop"
- 6 of these in 64
- Benevolent and Protective Order of ___
- *Author Maya Angelou, e.g.
- Like Hans Christian Andersen's duckling
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County Clerk's Abstract Statement

STATE OF WYOMING COUNTY CLERK'S ABSTRACT STATEMENT header and contact information.

Table of DIRECT EXPENDITURES with columns for Item Description, Wages/Salaries, Operations, Construction, Capital, Cash Transfers, and Total Expenditures.

Table of PERSONNEL EXPENDITURES with columns for Wages/Salaries, Operations, Construction, Capital, Cash Transfers, and Total Expenditures.

COMMENTS section detailing Homeland Security Grant expenditures and FEMA Grant expenditures.

MISCELLANEOUS DETAIL table listing various expenditures like Abandon Vehicles, Central Mail, Economic Development, etc.

DATA SUPPLIED BY section with signature of Mamie C. Krank and contact information.

Statement of Ownership, Management, and Circulation (Requester Publications Only) form with electronic copy circulation data.

INSTRUCTIONS

OBJECTIVE - To report the actual cost of operating county government. SPECIFIC LINE ITEMS --- All county expenditures should be classified according to the line item included in the abstract form.

Table mapping line numbers to items to include, such as County sheriff, County attorney, County surveyor, etc.

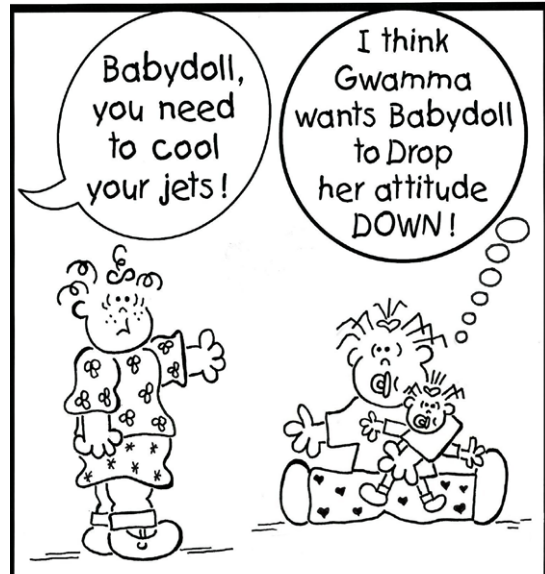
Benefits, insurance, bonds, workers' compensation, and unemployment taxes should be allocated to personnel costs by department or miscellaneous.

Public Notice

WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 FEDERAL FUND WARRANTS OVER \$500 SEPTEMBER 2014

Table listing Vendor/Payee and Amount for various school district expenses.

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Deadline for Legals is noon on Friday

County Treasurer's Abstract Statement

Form F-66(WY-1) STATE OF WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT Weston County Treasurer 1 West Main Newcastle, WY 82701

RETURN TO: Wyoming Department of Audit Public Funds Division Herschler Building, 3 East Cheyenne, WY 82002

Part I TAXES - ALL FUNDS Table with columns: Item description, Total collected (a), County portion of (a) retained (b)

Part II INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE Table with columns: Item description, Total collected (a), County portion of (a) retained (b)

Part II INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE - Continued Table with columns: Item description, Total collected (a), County portion of (a) retained (b)

Part III MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE Table with columns: Item description, Total collected (a), County portion of (a) retained (b)

Part IV CHARGES FOR SERVICES Table with columns: Item description, Total collected (a), County portion of (a) retained (b)

Part V INDEBTEDNESS Table with columns: Debt, Outstanding at beginning of fiscal year, Issued during fiscal year, Retired during fiscal year, Outstanding at end of fiscal year

Part VI DISBURSEMENTS Table with columns: Item description, Amount - Omit cents

Part VII CASH AND INVESTMENTS ASSETS Table with columns: Item description, Cash and investments, Total

Part VIII DATA SUPPLIED BY Form with fields: Signature of official, Telephone, Printed name and title, Date, E-mail address, FAX number

COUNTY TREASURER'S ATTACHMENT FOR SPECIFIC REVENUES Table with columns: Item, Total Collected (a), County Portion of (a) (b)

Public Notice

STATE OF WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY/DIVISION OF AIR QUALITY PUBLIC NOTICE Chapter 6, Section 2(m) of the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations provides that prior to a final determination on an application to modify an existing source, opportunity be given for public comment and/or public hearing on the information submitted by the owner or operator and on the analysis underlying the proposed approval or disapproval.


Refinery. This project involves the construction and operation of new process equipment to reduce the benzene concentration in the refinery's gasoline pool to meet MSAT II benzene standards. The Newcastle Refinery is located at 740 West Main Street, in Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming. A copy of the permit application and the agency's analysis is available for public inspection at the Weston County Clerk's Office, Newcastle, Wyoming.



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Anyone interested in seeing any or all three schools in Weston County School District #1 have an invitation to do so on Wednesday, Oct. 8. Those who would like to take a tour are invited to congregate at the WCSD #1 Administration Office at 116 Casper Ave at 8 a.m., with the journey beginning at 9 a.m., stated Brad LaCroix, WCSD #1 superintendent. "It's the opportunity for anybody who wants to know something more to come join us. It is a chance to visit with local board members and truly take a walk and discuss anything they have questions or concerns about," he informed. There will be early release of students that day, which will give people the opportunity to see what happens during Professional Learning

Communities, which begin about 2:30. Every avenue of the schools will be available to the public — school lunches, Double AACES, technology and the classrooms.

"It's a chance for those in the trenches to show off their talents. The board is proud of the staff, and want to showcase that," LaCroix commented.

Invitations have been sent to lawmakers and other stakeholders throughout the state by WCSD #1 Board of Trustees, however, the offer has been extended to the community as well. They want everyone interested in learning more about the schools to come and see the operations first-hand.

"We want people to know they can come and find out more about the schools, It is an open invitation day to the whole public," he acknowledged.

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inviting their alumni to return home for the big game. However, where the big celebration of Homecoming originated remains a bit of a contested claim, with Mizzou, Illinois and Baylor all holding their first "coming home" celebration around 1910.

Regardless of who gets the bragging rights for beginning the tradition, the idea of the celebration was very similar for all. They centered on a big football game, alumni would return to the school, and there would be pep rallies, parades, dances, and everything would serve to build up school spirit.

By the 1920s, Homecoming celebrations had become a tradition at colleges and universities, and that tradition eventually worked its way to the high school level.

Here at Newcastle, we've thrown ourselves all in for the 2014 Homecoming celebration. Students from each class decorated halls on Sunday to see which class could outdo the others.

Students voted on the candidates for Homecoming King and Queen, and coronation was held on Monday so that the winners, Hannah Williams and Nate Pillen, could reign all week.

On Monday night there was a pep rally and a burning of the "N" to get the students geared up to support their teams in their various competitions throughout the week.

On Tuesday night, we got to watch the boys from the senior and junior classes show what they were capable of on the volleyball court in a competition for who was best in the Powder Buff game, and then the ladies from the same grades tried their hand at football as they competed against each other in the Powder Puff game.

The volleyball team will have a really busy week as they travel to Douglas for a match on Thursday, then play at home against Wright on Friday and finally play at home again on Saturday against Rawlins.

The cross country team travels to Sturgis, and the swimmers to Buffalo on Thursday.

School on Friday will be a festive day, with shortened class periods and a mock Olympics in which the classes compete against each other for bragging rights of who is the best and has the most school spirit.

Also on Friday is the Homecoming parade, where the people will get a chance to see floats from all of the

classes, the sports teams, the Homecoming royalty, the band, and a variety of others.

The big football game is played on Friday night against the Wright Panthers.

The culminating activity that ends the week's celebration is the Homecoming dance, to be held on Friday night after the game.

I'm exhausted just thinking about it all. However, this year there was a little more incentive for me to throw myself into the festivities, as my senior daughter was selected as a member of the Homecoming royalty and is a Varsity volleyball player.

To be truthful, I do enjoy the whole thing. It's fun to see the kids having fun and getting into the spirit of the tradition. High school is only a fleeting four years, and it's times like these that make lasting memories.

Though it can be a little stressful, it's good to come home for this annual celebration.

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