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# Atlas hits ranchers the hardest

By Denice Pisciotti of NLJ

The assault of Winter Storm Atlas in the first week of October created a number of obstacles for residents of a four state region, but the biggest longterm impact of the storm involved the deaths of a significant amount of livestock in South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska and Wyoming.

Clyde Bayne, a rancher in northern Niobrara County, told the News Letter Journal he estimates the collateral in excess of \$150 million.

"In the almost 100 years that our family has been in that area, we have never had a storm that early and severe that caused that kind of a loss," recalled Bayne, who noted that a short 24 hours before the storm, he was watching the cows kick their heels up and dance around the pastures. For his part, he admits thinking that in ten days time the ranch would be selling the nicest

initial damage in the region could be days later the animals they had worked so hard to raise were dead.

> "No one could ever remember anything (like that) the first week of October. It was so severe because we had the super wet snow, and we had 60 mile an hour winds. You couldn't see 20 feet in front of the house," lamented Bayne, who indicated the hardest hits in the state were taken by ranchers in the region he calls home.

"Most of the state of Wyoming did calves they'd ever boasted, but two not suffer the losses felt by ranchers

from Lusk north to Mule Creek. There went off, and the cattle began looking will be stories told for 50, 60, 70 years of the storm of '13. For the people that went through it, they are a different person than before it happened," he acknowledged.

The storm began, which hit on Thursday, Oct. 3 in the area south until they break through the obstrucof Newcastle on the Cheyenne River with, was ushered in by cold rain that started falling 24 hours before the snow arrived. After the wind picked up on Friday morning, the electricity

for what they perceived to be a secure area. Bayne explained that when the animals can't find cover, if they get blinded by the snow storm, they are going to walk until they hit a fence. They keep surging in one direction tion, and continue to the next fence, according to Bayne, who said that by the end of their journey, the cattle

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## **Senior** shut down

By Denice Pisciotti of NLJ

During the lunch hour on Tuesday, Glenda Mefford, with tears in her eyes did the hardest thing she has ever had to do in her 21 years as Executive Director of the Weston County Senior Services Center. She informed the seniors they are no long receiving money from the federal government due to the inability of Congress to agree to terms of a budget before the beginning of the fiscal year on October 1.

Last Thursday, Mefford received an email from the Wyoming Department of Health Aging Division, Community Living Section, who provides a significant portion of the Center's funding, stating there was a mandatory conference call on Friday at 9:00 a.m.

"During the conference call, Tim Ernst (Assistant Administrator), said as of Friday because of the government shutdown we have no funding going back to Oct. 1," she recalled. "Because there are no Federal dollars coming in, the state dollars that match our Federal dollars won't be released either. So we have no money coming in until things are settled in Washington D.C.'

On the conference call, Ernst explained once the government is back up and running, it would take Washington D.C. at least two weeks to settle things to get the money back into Wyoming.

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#### Moving forward

By Denice Pisciotti of NLJ

Accusations from visitors at the Weston County Fair Board's September meeting resulted in Fairgrounds Assistant Manager Sue Kettley leaving the room in anger, and later in the evening she tendered her resignation to the board.

At their next meeting, on Tuesday, Oct. 8, the board accepted her resignation, effective immediately, but the group took steps to help quell some of the conflict that has started to occur regularly at their meetings.

Public attendance to discuss matters before the board has been high, and board members have been caught unaware by several of the issues brought before them. Chairman Curtis Rankin said he would like to

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# NHS grad inspires current Dogies

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

U.S. Air Force Major Chris Roness, a 1989 graduate of Newcastle High School, spoke to an audience of students in the high school auditorium on Monday, Oct. 14, on the value of education and self-discipline to the attainment of goals in life.

Roness, a pilot who goes by the call sign "Switch," shared a number of Air Force promotional videos with students while relating the story of his own journey from a self-described underachieving youth to an Air Force officer with multiple degrees to his name.

"I was an 'A' and 'B' student when I left [Newcastle] to go to college at the University of Wyoming," he said candidly. "It took me awhile, because I didn't have my head on straight when I left. I thought getting B's and A's was easy, and I really didn't do a whole lot of work to get them. That wasn't the fault of the teachers. That was my own attitude."

Roness told the students that life experiences, such as having to apply ten times before finally being accepted to the Air Force commissioning program, soon taught him the value of planning and tenacity.

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Todd Bennington/NLJ

Air Force Major Chris Roness challenged high school and middle school students to take advantage of the opportunities they've been given, and use them to succeed and contribute to society.

# School board sets conference agenda

By Denice Pisciotti of NLJ

The Weston County School District #1 Board of Trustees agreed to submit three resolutions at the Wyoming School Board Association State Convention in November at their Sept. 25 meeting, and they also approved an alternative version of one them. If approved by the WSBA, the statewide organization will lobby Wyoming lawmakers to take action encouraged in the resolutions.

"The purpose of the board to make resolutions is a way for the WSBA to get hot topics in front of policy makers in the House and Senate. It shows that group strongly endorses those topics," WCSD #1 Superintendent

Letter Journal.

The first resolution asks the legislature to codify a commitment to local control in education, and Lambert wanted the wording to propose a Constitutional Amendment that establishes the importance of local control. The board discussed the likelihood that lawmakers would take such an action, however, and agreed to also prepare an alternative resolution that would urge them to recognize local

control through a statute instead. "It accomplishes what I want. I would sooner have it constitutionally guaranteed to us, giving us full rights instead of statute," admitted Lambert. "To me, we should ask the Wyoming

Brad LaCroix explained to the News School Board Association for what we through a Constitutional Amendment, really want."

"This is going to be through a whole series of discussion and debate and after we get a resolution, if we get a resolution, then it has got to go to the legislature to review it," acknowledged trustee Tom Wright.

The board decided to have an alternate resolution that could be presented to the WSBA assembly if support for a Constitutional Amendment appeared to be lacking.

"Mr. Chairman, I say we offer the Constitutional Amendment language in the resolution, and if during discussion at the delegate assembly, there are misgivings expressed about our possibility of actually getting it done

then we do exactly what you saidhave this in our back pocket and say 'how about we try to get it done in statute?' and offer the back up to this language if we need to," suggested Trustee Bob Bonnar, who authored the resolutions and has served as the local board's delegate at prior meetings.

The Select Committee on Education Accountability's decision last month to support implementation of a teacher and leader evaluation system which incorporates local control to the greatest extent possible was used as rationale for the first resolution. It claims that in order for

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#### In from the cold



Amy Menerey/NL

Amanda Bench of Sweet Country Suites enjoyed hot cider and visited with Denice Pisciotti during the News Letter Journal's Chamber Coffee held in honor of National Newspaper Week last Friday.

## Back on tap

By Todd Bennington of NLJ

The Newcastle City Council voted almost unanimously on Monday, Oct. 7, to reconsider its decision to stop providing services to socalled water haulers through a public water access station known as the water crane.

The council had previously decided on Sept. 16 to stop providing the service effective January 1, 2014, due to a number of concerns, including instances of vandalism and potential legal liability in cases of personal injury.

Councilwomen Iva Carter, who rendered a technical "no" vote at the Sept. 16 meeting when she attempted to abstain, was the one who broached the subject to the council.

Carter began by apologizing to the council for having not understood that an abstention in this instance yielded an effective "no."

"I am so unfamiliar with the water crane that I couldn't think of the right questions to ask. I really needed to think about it," she told the council. "That's why I abstained from the vote. My problem was in not understanding what abstaining from a vote meant, since I've

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# DDIMON News Letter Journal

Our View

## Legislative restraint

In light of a request for an additional \$100,000 to conduct the legislature's investigation into alleged wrong-doing by Wyoming Superintendent of Public Instruction Cindy Hill, and a warning that even more money may be needed to conclude the exercise, we beg this state's lawmakers to call a halt to all legislative activities related to Hill's management of the Wyoming Department of Education.

Wyoming House Speaker Tom Lubnau asked for the money last week which is in addition to the \$110,000 already appropriated for the investigation— to pay for attorneys to advise the committee, but we'd like to urge lawmakers to let the Wyoming Supreme Court and the state's voters bring resolution to the running gun battle between Hill and the legislature.

Lawmakers passed Senate File 104 last winter because they claimed Hill's management of the WDE posed an immediate threat to the success of Wyoming students. Alleged mistreatment of WDE employees was also used as justification for stripping Hill's power through legislation, instead of submitting the issue to voters in the form of a Constitutional Amendment.

Passage of the bill ensured that Hill no longer has any real ability to influence education policy or impact students in Wyoming, and the stipulation that she be moved out of the WDE's offices in Cheyenne means she poses no threat to state employees. A special report commissioned by Governor Matt Mead several months ago failed to produce evidence that suggests Hill is guilty of an impeachable offense, and it's unlikely the present investigation and all of the legal wrangling it will involve could be concluded before Hill's term ends.

The Wyoming Supreme Court is currently considering whether or not SF 104 passes Constitutional muster, and the current investigation will have no bearing on the court's decision.

At the same time, Hill has already announced her candidacy for governor, which means the voters will have a chance to make their feelings about her, and the already well—documented manner in which she conducted herself as an elected official, clear at the ballot box next November. Legislators who believe she is unfit to hold a leadership position are free to campaign against her next spring, but there shouldn't be any more state resources expended in making that case.

For now, the focus of Wyoming lawmakers should be on the wealth of far more serious issues that will confront them in the legislative session set

#### Letters to the Editor

#### Wish we would have had more time

Dear Editor,

A short but heartfelt tribute to Lyle Lake: Mr. Lake was a regular customer of mine, and because of that we got to know each other fairly well.

So I was deeply saddened to read about his recent death, apparently of his own

I'm sad for him, his family and for all who knew him. My sincerest con-

Letters

Editor

I will certainly miss not having Lyle come into my shop where we would sometimes discuss the larger issues of life.

> I realize now more clearly that he was a kind, sensitive, and introspective soul. (And generally, we're all more sensitive than we let on, aren't

I only wish that we had had more opportuni-

ties to be real friends. In retrospect, I see that it would have been good for the both of us.

—Leonard Lang



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# to begin in a few short months.

#### Lost language and the culture wars don't think it's an overstatement to say that the

political left, perhaps with the exception of talk radio and a few other notable venues, has today come to control virtually every aspect of mainstream culture in the United States. It's a coupe—both disconcerting and enviable—that the left has succeeded in pulling off largely through their often brazen manipulation of language.

Mind you, I'm not talking about the inevitable changes to language that occur over time and which exist outside anyone's ability to control.

What I'm talking about is social engineering through the purposeful redefinition of words. It's a phenomenon that should be evident to just about anyone who works, attends

school, or has any significant exposure to government or mass media these days. Personally speaking, there now exist

a whole litany of terms that I avoid using simply because the radical left and their liberal enablers have succeeded in transforming them into hypercharged buzz words, almost unutterable apart from the political and social agenda they signify.

Among the once perfectly good words that now send me into fits of nausea are inclusiveness, tolerance, sustainability, activism, renewable, green, progress, equality, gendered, diversity, and of course almost anything ending with the suffixes -phobic or -ism. This list is non-exhaustive and of course includes variants of these terms as well.

But surely, you say, those who are conservative or traditionalist in mindset must have powerful words and phrases of their own at their disposal...right?

You'd be fooling yourself to think family values or personal responsibility carry with them much

cultural weight these days. They're most likely to feature as part of a joke on, say, the "Daily Show" or some other program where they snicker at Middle America.

Compare that to our present political environment in which the most well-crafted and factually rooted argument can be dismissed with a single breathless utterance of the magical catch-all— equality. There isn't even enough space here to explain just how grossly that word has been distorted. And it's not the

Consider, by way of example, social justice, a concept that, once upon a time, was closely associ-

ated with Christianity. Having ventured out into the world, it has now been adopted by people who are essentially neo-Marxists, even coming back to the church, in distorted form, to influence often unwitting, but well-intentioned people.

More bemusing is that the left has taken to inventing new terms to all the more adequately describe their increasingly bizarre and degenerate ideas and behaviors. I can remember it was only a few years ago that I'd never heard of veganism or white privilege (look that one up for a laugh if you're not already familiar with it), and just a few months ago polyamorous came as a com-

plete shock to what I thought were my fairly jaded

The left really isn't inventing anything new here, of course, though they may earnestly believe they are, for even a glancing survey of history reveals they're merely conjuring old demons, figuratively if not literally.

But I really don't mean to take any of this too lightly, and you shouldn't either. With the control of words comes the control of political and social discourse and from there the means to institute a tyranny. I can't count how many times I've seen

otherwise courageous persons backpedaling and professing their innocence just because someone employed a few choice pejoratives—namely sexist, racist, or homophobic -- often in the most hysterical and patently ridiculous manner. By doing that, by feeling we have to apologize for our principals and prove that we're decent people, we validate the premises of the left. And that's been a big part of how we've gotten to this point in the first place.

In my native Washington state, which believe it or not was a really nice place to live within recent memory, this process of redefining words is nearing completion. The state government has recently seen fit to use taxpayer money and resources to rewrite all state laws so that they reflect gender neutrality. *Penmanship* will from now on be *handwriting*, reads a Reuters article on the change. In an even more troubling display, one which would be laughable if they weren't so deadly serious, the City of Seattle has moved to strike the use of citizen from its official documents and discussions. I'm betting you can guess the reason why.

With these sorts of people holding the keys to pretty much every important social and cultural institution in this country, not to mention every federal agency and increasingly even the military, it would be a mistake to believe that living in a place like Wyoming will render you indefinitely immune.

If you just so happen to be of like mind and wish to withdraw from the ongoing destruction of what was once proudly called Western Civilization, I suggest you employ a little passive resistance of your

I'm not sure that you have to quit using these words entirely, though that might be ideal. But if at all possible, avoid using them as the left intends them to be used. Quietly refuse to be drawn into the silly PC word games they want you to play.

Spread the word (pun intended). That's what the left likes to call raising awareness.

# Hero helps kids focus on what they do have

Bob Bonnar

Shots from the

Cheap Seats

**7**e spend a lot of time in small towns complaining about what we don't have. It's a virtual birthright, and there isn't a single one of us who, at some point, haven't looked to Rapid City, Billings or Denver and wished that we could enjoy bowling alleys, shopping malls and professional sports franchises without driving 100 miles to access

With all of the things Newcastle and Weston County don't offer, it's easy to forget the benefits of small town lifeespecially at this time of year, when the first icy blasts of winter remind us that those faraway attractions are going to be even more out of reach because winter road conditions make the prospect of a trip to one of those cities even less attractive.

So the timing of Major Chris Roness' visit couldn't have been any

The Air Force helicopter pilot, who graduated from Newcastle High School in 1989, presented a flag to Weston County School District #1 that had been flown in sorties over

Iraq in 2009 during a ceremony at Crouch Auditorium, and while local high school and middle school students were appropriately awed and appreciative, the message that accompanied the presentation of the flag was probably even more valuable

Roness, a self-annointed geek in high school who played sports, was a member of the band and made the occasional unfortunate fashion choice in the 80's as evidenced by the 24-year old senior photo he shared with the warning that, "what

seems cool now might not be

20 years down the road"

than the gift itself.

Todd Bennington

**Quo Vadis** 

urged the students to take advantage of the wealth of opportunities offered to small town kids.

He attributed those opportunities, and the lessons learned from them, for the success he has enjoyed in his profession, including being recognized as the Air Force's top combat rescue pilot

Roness took obvious pride in his

hometown and school, and explained to the crop of current and future Dogies how the things he learned through participation in school activities helped him choose a profession and rise to the top of it.

He helped them envision how teamwork, ownership and integrity (all qualities that were developed through the endeavors he pursued outside of a traditional classroom) have played a vitally important role in ensuring the success of the missions he's flown— missions that have resulted in the lives of countless American service

men and women being saved. Roness pointed out that he has met countless people over the course of his nearly 20-year military career that didn't have access to the opportunities he enjoyed while growing up because they lived in communities that didn't place as much emphasis on participation in extra-curricular activities and tended to only make them available to those who truly excelled in those areas

because larger towns have that luxury. He also reminded Newcastle teen-

agers how fortunate they are to have the relationships they enjoy with coaches and other mentors in a small community, and was visibly moved when he recalled a moment in his past when his first-grade teacher sought him out and provided encouragement through a rough time in his junior year of high school—ten years after he walked out of her classroom for the final time.

It was obvious Roness believed that such interactions were luxuries children who grow up in bigger cities don't possess, and he challenged our kids to use the things that have been provided for them in this community as fuel for them to have a positive impact on the world in the future.

Roness' story is truly remarkable, and so are his accomplishments, but what is most remarkable is his insistence that children who take advantage of the experiences offered to those who grow up here are all capable of similar success.

I'll take that over a bowling alley any day.







Kim Dean



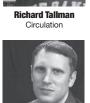


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#### Atlas from page 1.

stretched to within three miles of Edgemont, S.D.

He painted a horrifying picture of the final moments of the cattle whose lives were claimed by Atlas.

"So that is what happened, not only west of here, but in this whole region. The cattle were on the move. All they were trying to do was escape what was upon them. So they are freezing, they have tremendous winds on them, they are already wet and stressed with the snow, and they can't see. Then if they get down, they get suffocated or they get in the corner where they get trampled by the other cows because they are pushing against them. Once they get on the ground and get crippled, then they can't get up, and nature takes them. That is what happens in these kind of storms," he revealed.

A neighbor called to notify the Bayne family on Saturday morning that dead and live cows were on the highway right-ofway in addition to the casualties that were witnessed on his property. He and several others, armed with chains, snow shovels and four-wheelers, headed out on the closed roads to take stock of the situation. On the way to the state line in the middle of the morning, the group passed a couple of parked cars whose owners had abandoned them the night before.

"When we got down there, we could see parts of dead cows because the snow had covered them up. There were a few live ones that were stuck in big drifts that we couldn't get to, and then it was just a process of getting what we could get to," Bayne indicated, noting that the emotional turmoil stockmen were going through was exacerbated by a tourist who stopped and took video of what they saw happening along the road.

The following day, when the round-up of cows began in earnest, the initial loss estimation was 50 percent, but Bayne said many of the cattle could not been seen on his own property, and only half of the herd was located initially. Many of the animals were found eventually, but the actual number of cattle lost is still uncertain. Bayne believes it is between 40 to 60 breeding cows that have been

lost. He said calves still need to 14 x 18 shed only to die inside. be counted, but it appears the greatest loss was in older cattle and not younger ones.

Whateverthe number turns out to be will be too much, according to the longtime rancher.

"The mental shock of losing that many animals, regardless of where you are at as a producer, is something you don't want to repeat again. It is something you don't ever forget," Bayne described somberly, noting that the heartache isn't strictly the result of financial concern.

"If you have to put some down- I had to put a number of them down- that makes for a worse day. In all the years we have been homesteading, we have never seen a storm like this," he sighed, noting that many of his neighbors were a week away from shipping cattle to market, or had already sold them on video. Not only did they experience losses in their calf crops, but they are faced with the prospect of rebuilding their herds. They will have to rebuild fences as well because of the winddriven push of the herds.

In the storm's aftermath, traveling from pasture to pasture, the ranches of the region began gathering their cattle, retracing their steps to ensure they collected all of them, separating their herd from their neighbors along the way. Bayne said that when the cows were eventually found, they were stressed and tired, and did not want to go back in the direction they came from because of the extreme weather conditions they had traveled through. Nor did they want to get close to the dead animals.

"One neighbor called and we had seven head of cows and approximately 20 head of calves that were alive that he had cut out of his herd and were in his corral. He said come down and get them, so we loaded up trailers and went down there to get them. When we got down there one of the cows had already died in the corral. This was 24 hours after the storm was over. Even if the animals survived, they were in physical stress. Some of them couldn't make it," Bayne said, revealing that he had heard another operation had 27 cows break into a

Another lost 100 head of calves in a corral with some cows.

The work continued after the cattle were back home. All they wanted to do was find high ground and lay down, but they were dehydrated and hungry, and Bayne said they had to push them to the dam for water because the electricity was still down as a result of the storm. Not until winter has ended will the ranchers know the full extent of cattle loss. The impact may extend beyond that as the stress from the storm may prove too much for the pregnant cows to carry their calves to

The cattle ranchers on the Cheyenne River are not the only ones concerned with the long term effects of the storm, but other areas nearby did not see the rain before the snow. which allowed the cattle to have a chance to get into the trees for shelter. Hans Hunt said his family was blessed, because he has heard the horror stories from other producers and knows it will impact the market for a while.

"I don't think we lost calves. So far we haven't seen anything, and we will have to wait and see the effects from that in the spring. Fortunately, our family did not see the loss that was totally heartbreaking to hear of in South Dakota and other parts of the county," Hunt reported.

Weston County Sheriff Bryan Colvard did not receive many reports of dead cattle, just a few here and there, he told the News Letter Journal.

The ranchers that did experience devastating losses will never forget the early October storm of 2013.

"It's times like this that makes producers who they are. We are kind of the compassionate custodians that produce the food for our nation. Oftentimes people don't understand that. They don't realize, 'he is the one who stays up in the middle of the night worried about his cows, his animals, knowing that someday someone else is going to benefit from them.' But for him it is not what he gets from them it's the idea he wants to keep them healthy, productive and delivering babies," Bayne expressed.

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**Weston County Senior Services** Michael's Room

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been here six years and abstained [ only] once."

Council members are typically only allowed to abstain in instances where a clear conflict of interest exists.

Carter went on to report to the council the findings of research she had conducted herself in the intervening weeks into alternatives to shutting down the water crane.

Referencing the city's concern about past use of the water crane's hose by patrons to fill tanks contaminated by pesticides, Carter told the council, "Many [cities] have hookups where [the customer] brings their own hose, generally a twoinch hose, and there are adapters chained to the wall....You can adapt your hose to fit the water [facility], so you're not contaminating anything."

Moving on to address the problem of the use of slugs to fool the machine into dispensing water, Carter mentioned the commercial availability of card machines and punch pads that enable customers to charge their purchase of water to an account with the city.

Newcastle officials have also indicated that the water crane is currently being run by the city at a loss, and Carter went on to tell the council that this might be remedied by bringing the city's fees in line with current standard charges for water dispensation.

"One cent a gallon or 42 cents a barrel is pretty much the standard fee to sell water. That would make 500 gallons about a 5 dollar ticket,"

The city currently charges one dollar per 500 hundred gallons.

Councilwoman Linda Hunt expressed concern about the city competing with private water providers, but Carter suggested the water business wasn't the only one the city was engaged in.

"I don't see that as an [issue]. I think the water crane needs to support itself. If we made money over and above that, we could donate it to [local charities]. I would [remind] the council, we are selling real estate and we're selling iron. I don't see that as a conflict," she countered.

During the course of her report to the council. Carter did not directly address the issue of vandalism, which has been among the city's major concerns and led to the shutdown of another, similar water access point once maintained by the City of Newcastle.

Councilman Jim Bunch, who had voted in favor of eliminating the water crane at the Sept. 16 meeting, maintained his opposition to continuing the service, but agreed to have the council revisit the issue.

"I would feel much better if we extended [the water crane] until spring before we shut it off," he told the council. "I think it might be a tough adjustment [for customers] to shut it off in the middle of winter....I wouldn't be opposed to extending [the water crane] until May or June before we finally cut it off. I realize that will mean six more months of headaches, but I do think we should raise the rates immediately."

After conferring with Mayor Greg James, Bunch made a motion, which was seconded by Carter, to return the issue to the Water Committee for further discussion. Hunt suggested this be amended to a Committee of the Whole, because the matter had already been formally discussed and voted on by the council.

Only Mayor Greg James voted against returning the matter to committee for discussion, and a Committee of the Whole was scheduled to convene Oct. 28 at 5 p.m. at the Newcastle City Council Chambers. City Engineer Bob Hartley said he would have cost figures for the various options available to the city ready at that time.

Bunch confirmed with the council that the committee discussion would be open to the public, and expressed his hope that those persons concerned would attend.

The water crane, which is located on W. Cambria Street near the Weston County Animal Shelter, has been in service for as long as those who spoke with the News Letter Journal can recall.

#### Antlers will return after remodel

The Antlers Restaurant and Lounge announced in a press release last week the return of owner Heidi Cleveland to its management. The Antlers has remodeling and repairs.

and Heidi Cleveland restored the 1889 building, and after a brief sabbatical away from Newcastle, the Cleveland's say they are pleased to come back.

A grand reopening of the restaurant and bar is planned for the end of October, and been temporarily closed for the owners have announced the establishment will boast the From 2007-2009, Bill talents of Tim Lorenz in the kitchen. The new menu will include prime rib, as well as Mexican specialties such as

beef, chicken or pork enchiladas and burritos, as well as fish tacos.

Other big plans for the Antlers include adding a banquet and party space in the old hotel, a memorial room for Katie Lynn Cummings, and possibly a bed & breakfast upstairs in the future. The Antlers will remain smoke-free.

#### Substitute Teaching Training Program

**Weston County** School District #1

Weston County School District #1 is seeking individuals interested in aquiring a classroom Substitute Teaching Permit to become a substitute teacher.

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#### Birth

#### Carter Paul Doell

news letter journal Passages



Brandon and Rachel Doell of Newcastle welcomed their son Carter Paul into this world on Friday October 4th in Rapid City, SD. His proud grandparents are Louie and Christine Doell of Newcastle and Bob and Ruth Nemmers of Swea City IA.

#### **Obituaries**

#### LYLE RAYMOND LAKE April 12, 1939-Oct. 3, 2013

Funeral services for Lyle R. Lake, were held at 2 p.m. on Oct. 9 at Worden Chapel,



Lyle Lake

with Lynn Schleicher of First Christian Church officiating. Burial will be at Coeur d' Alene Memorial Gardens, Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. The family asks that any memorial contributions be given to the Weston County Humane Society.

Mr. Lake died Oct. 3, 2013, at his Newcastle home. Lyle was born April 12, 1939, at St. Maries, Idaho, the son of Nancy and James Lake. He attended the University of Wyoming where he earned a degree in Chemical Engineering. He had also enlisted in the United States Air Force. He had been employed as a chemical engineer for Texaco (Chevron) at Casper, and later for Murphy Oil of Superior, Wisc., and later for Wyoming Refining of Newcastle. He was well known and respected in the community as a kind, generous, loving father, grandfather, son and brother.

He was the president of the University of Wyoming Student Chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers; the National Rifle Association, Weston County Sportsman's Club and a member of First Christian Church.

He is survived by his children, Kevin (Karen) Lake of Spokane, Wash., Kelly (Tim) Penberthy of Post Falls, Idaho, Kip (Jackie) Gillin of Great Falls, Mont., and Jason (Alisha) Lake of Newcastle. Also surviving are his brothers, James Lake of Spokane, Wash., Marvin and Bob Lake, both of Kellogg, Idaho, Harvey Lake of Dillon, Mont.; his sister, Elaine Stout of Spokane, Wash.; 11 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

#### Nk3 deadlines are Fridays at 5 pm



#### **FOUR GENERATIONS**

Joyce Brown of Newcastle proudly holds great-grandson Gavin in this four generation photograph. Also picutred are his grandmother Shona Little of Newcastle and his mother Angela Woldt of Driggs, ID.





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be your second wind. The finish line is in sight!

Micah

# 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.

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

- CHURCH OF IESUS 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.

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- Mass 5:00 pm; Weekday Mass 8 am. • COUNTRY CHURCH: Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley, 746-9712, Worship 10 am.
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- FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH: Pastor Lynn Schleicher, 301 Delaware, 746-9663. Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship 10:45 am; Prayer Service 5 pm, Christian Academy.

- FIRST UNITED METHODIST **CHURCH**: Pastor Paul Holland, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Sunday School 8:45 am; Church Services 8 & 10 am; Nursery care available.
- GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP: Pastor Jon Andersen, Evangelical Free Church meets at the Weston County Senior Services; Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship 11 am. Call 746-8091.
- KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES:
- 5018 US Hwy 16, 746-2319 or 746-4517. Tueday 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.
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# Wall of Guns

Grant Desmith of Illinois fills out a form at the Friends of NRA Wall of **Guns Raffle that took place** at the West End Lounge on Oct. 2. Organizer and MC for the event, Dave Manzer, told the News Letter Journal that half the proceeds from the raffle stay within Wyoming while half go to benefit the national structure of the NRA.

**Weston County Friends of** NRA are among the top 25 in the nation for fund-raising, Manzer stated. Photo by Todd Bennington/NLJ

TIME

6 p.m.

10 a.m.

5 p.m.

7 p.m.

2 p.m.

7 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

6:45 p.m.

11:30 a.m.

1:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

W.C. Health Services Meeting

Harvest, Haunts & History

Chamber Coffee

Ribbon Cutting

**Square Dancing** 

City Council Meeting

ALANON (746-9791)

Square Dance Lessons

W.C. Library Board Meeting

Dance - Music by Western Ramblers

AA Meeting

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AA Meeting

Open House

AA Meeting

Bingo

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**DATE** 

Oct. 17

Oct. 18

Oct. 20

Oct. 21

Oct. 22

Oct. 23

Oct. 24

Oct. 25



#### **LOCATION Board Room RENEW** Newcastle Game Room Anna Miller Museum Newcastle Elementary Corpus Christi Church VFW Hall Corpus Christi Church Corpus Christi Church Council Chambers Newcastle Elementary Mondell Heights Corpus Christi Church W.C. Childrens Center Newcastle Branch Corpus Christi Church W.C. Senior Center Newcastle Elementary VFW Hall

#### **Meetings & Events** Calendar

Anniversaries

Oct. 17: Marie Sewell 中, Kayla Tysdal Popma Oct. 19: Paul Holland, Claydon Kachelhoffer Oct. 20:Val Cook, Cameron Mills, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Shucraft Oct. 21: Mindy Wineteer Oct. 22: Shirley Dietz, Gary Smith, Dustin Feed, Annavay Kachelhoffer Oct. 23: Gary Groner, Christina Rushton, Renee' Nack, Aaron Jagelski, Connie Scott

#### **100 YEARS AGO - OCT. 16, 1913**

Mr. Ralph W. Maris, of this city, and Miss Mary McBroom, of Colorado, were joined in marriage yesterday, at the McBroom ranch, the home of the bride's parents near number of people in this vicinity, having taught school at Dewey. Mr. and Mrs. Maris will be at home to their friends at the ranch on Stockade Beaver.

The ladies of the Catholic church will give a Hallowe'en Supper and Dance at the city hall on the evening of Oct. 31.

Fred Coates was home a few days last machine is at present.

George Schneider and son are working railroad ties.

Jack Ambrose sold his team of mules at moving into the Gettys house. the Upton horse sale and intends to go to Chicago soon to study music.

inclemency of the weather prevented its being carried out.

There has been so much rain recently that it will be impossible to dig "spuds" for several days. The ground is in fine condition for fall plowing and seeding.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lissolo came to for the winter in order to give their children Thursday night. the benefit of our excellent schools.

one day last week.

We had quite a disaster in camp last Saturday noon when the water tank on the and everything in the water's path down the armory in Newcastle. hill demolishing two houses, Nos. 88 and 89. It was certainly a miracle that no lives were lost either on the steps or in the houses, as it took the steps along quite a distance, but it up at the time. In No.89 a woman and a three days old infant were in bed when rocks, mud last Sunday. and other debris was piled high around the

bed. They were rescued finally and taken to her sister's home and, glad to say, none the worse for the experience. While two families occupied No. 88, they all got out in time to escape injury. The houses are Colorado Springs. The bride is known to a literally destroyed. If it had happened during the night, a number of lives would have been lost. There would have been no escape as it came so swiftly there was no time or warning. As it was, there were four families made homeless, but our Superintendent soon found temporary quarters for them until he can provide them with houses.

Newcastle Saturday.

Harold L. Weimer arrived in this city Tuesday to take the position as Foreman Arrangements were made to finish up in the mechanical department of the News the Iron creek bridge last Saturday but the Journal. Mr. Weimer was formerly located American Legion auxiliary on last Thursday at Fairfield, Iowa, and more recently has lived at Harrison, Neb.

#### **75 YEARS AGO - OCT. 20, 1938**

After playing the first half on even terms, the determined Lusk Tigers made a long, hard drive to score a touchdown in Cambria last Monday evening. They expect the first quarter and defeat the Newcastle to become residents of the coal town again Dogies 6 to 0 on the Schoonmaker field

A serious fire was averted by the fast Mr. John Patterson, of Clifton, was work of the Volunteer Fire Department transacting business matters in Argentine members last Friday afternoon when they extinguished a blaze at the Gould sawmill south of town.

Seven piece swing band to play at the side hill collapsed and deposited its contents sixth annual Firemen's ball to be held at the

The Pythian Sisters held their regular meeting on Tuesday night, at the Masonic hall, with about thirty members present.

The 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. happened no one was coming down or going and Mrs. William Carter of Skull creek was the occasion for a large celebration on

At high noon on Sunday, a beautiful

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

Craig Chevrolet in Newcastle, in the late 1920s.





autumn wedding was solemnized when William Ertman, of the Sweetwater Miss Jean Strong of Valley City, N. D., week from the prairie where his threshing country, was transacting business in became the bride of Karl Gudger. The ceremony was performed in the south parlor of Geo. C. Thomas has sold his residence the home of the bride's parents. Last year, at the E. M. Sweet saw mill getting out in the west part of town to Mrs. Lizzie the bride taught in the English department Adkins and sister Mrs. Claycomb and is of the local high school. Mr. Gudger is president of the Black Hills Meat & Cold Storage company. They plan to be at home in Newcastle after October 26.

Mrs. Agnes Rosean entertained the evening at her home south of Black Tail. Nine members were present.

Red Owl Ad: 2 lb. jar of peanut butter for 24 cents. 10 lb. sugar for 57 cents.

Mrs. Frank Pollat entertained the Ted Elliott family Monday evening honoring Paul Pollat and Teddy Elliott's birthdays.

Miss Elaine Cummings became the bride of Edwin Lebsock Thursday at a ceremony in the Congregational church in Lusk.

#### **50 YEARS AGO - OCT. 17,1963**

A powerful Dogie defense, led by lineman Tom Dilts held the Buffalo Bison to a scoreless game as the Dogies marched to their second annual victory 18 to 0 over the Bison.

An industrial gas chromatograph, a highly precise analytical device valued at well in excess of \$5,000 was recently presented the University of Wyoming's petroleum engineering department by the Sioux Oil Co. of Newcastle.

Lawrence Popham and Herb Quest, of Lone Tree, were in Sundance Monday for the REA meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Stites returned Sunday from an extended trip to the West Coast.

On Wednesday Mrs. Bill Willenbrecht was a luncheon guest of Mr. Bill DeFoe in Newcastle. Billy Dewey was an overnight guest of Gene Willenbrecht that night.

Mrs. Jim Baker and Mrs. Adolph Thorson were hostesses to a housewarming party for Mrs. Jack Spencer last Saturday. The Spencers had just moved into the house purchased from Mrs. Phyllis Reynolds in Osage.

Jo and Nellie Rawhouser were over night guests of their sister Lee last Monday. They attended the FHA meeting in the evening.

Orin Carr, Bob Carr and Glen Hutt helped John Hutt lay cement blocks for his new shop Wednesday, in the Morrisey area.

Jack & Jill Market Ad: 15 oz. of Mr. Clean for 39 cents, large green peppers 2

The Skip 'N Flea Cootiette Club held a special meeting at the home of Mrs. Lee Hayne Friday evening to hear the Grand Grayback, Babe Nuzum, of Casper, give reports on the Supreme Convention held in Tacoma, Wash.

Members of the Flowering Fingers Garden Club met at Dow Park. The group worked in the flower beds and planted tulip bulbs.

## **Open House**







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1 Position

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# For the Ages

# Sylte boasts 25 years cancer free

By Donna Gochanour for NLJ

This is Cancer Awareness Month and one person in this area who has been a survivor of cancer for 25 years is Lyle Sylte.

Sylte learned that he had cancer of his bladder when he was getting a prostrate exam by Dr. Kovarik in Rapid City, S.D. He and his wife Joyce left on an Easter Sunday for Houston, Texas, to the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. MD Anderson is one of the top cancer treatment centers in the United States, and Sylte's surgery was performed there.

He laughed when he told me that when he woke up from surgery, the nerves in one of his arms were dead and he thought that his arm was gone! This was followed by six months of chemotherapy and there has been no sign of the cancer since then.

I asked him what had he done to increase his longevity and he reported that he has a "fine bunch of children." and it's easy to see that he has a close family. He and Joyce, his wife of 60 years, raised four boys and just one girl. There is also one granddaughter, six grandsons and one great-grandchild. Three of his children live right there in his neighborhood and he chuckled and



Donna Gochanour/For NLJ

Joyce and Lyle Sylte in their home in Newcastle, where 3 of their 6 children are neighbors.

said that he thought they ought to name the street after the family since so many of them live there.

Sylte says he quit smoking while in his 20s, he has walked every day, and he has a good cook: his wife Joyce. Sylte gives a lot of credit to his wife, saying that it was hard on her, too, as she has been his caregiver ever since the cancer surgery. At one point he had a permanent IV installed in his neck and Joyce took training so she could care for it at home.

He confesses that he loves to hunt and used to go to the Big Horns for elk, and later on, as that area became too congested, he'd go up in the Tetons. Nowadays, his 50-year-old gun has become too heavy for him to carry so he had to give it up — but he still gets some wild game from his son, who lives across the street.

Sylte made his living in Newcastle as a certified public accountant for many years. He retired seven years ago, when he turned 80. He says that Jovce was always a homemaker, and never worked outside the home — but with five kids, she definitely worked in the home!

Lyle Sylte is a lucky man to have come this far for this long from his bout with cancer. Perhaps sooner than we think, there will be a cure for this dreaded disease.

Senior

**Happenings** 

**Weston County Senior** 

10/17: Trip to The Lodge

10/18: Bridge Ladies

10/19: Rec Room Open

10/22: Mexican Train

10/24: Fancy Workers

10/25: Dance, 7 p.m.

10/29: Mexican Train

10/30: Ceramics

10/26: Rec Room Open

10/28: Adult Protection Team

10/23: Ceramics

Meeting

**Services** 

# Mushers muscle their way across the trails

The year of the dog, I guess you could say, was the year I spent as president of Montana Creek Musher's club. I had been a secretary, a board member, a

time-keeper and just about everything else, and it seemed that it was my turn to do this. I had run my Cheechako race -- that's what newcomers to Alaska are called -- and I had kept a dog lot myself for a winter for Ralph, the game warden, who got sent elsewhere for a year.

Ralph had a fine team that he ran both on the job and for fun. I'd had my stint at cooking the daily ration of dog-lot food but never had I dreamed I'd be in charge of our first Iditarod qualifier, a 200-mile race under strict International Sled Dog Racing Association rules.

Donna Gochanour

I Remember When

The route we chose went out the chute at Montana Creek and would end in Talkeetna on Main Street. It would cross the wide, frozen Susitna River, go to Skwentna, wind north to Peter's Creek, across to Trapper Creek and

across the Susitna again and into Talkeetna. I was lucky to have Joe May, a seasoned musher who won the Iditarod in 1980, as my race marshal. The Fairview Inn in Talkeetna

> gave us use of one of the rooms to rest in on our vigil for the incoming mushers.

So, by ISDRA rules we had to have a safe, marked trail with accurate trail length and checkpoints with a vet, a timer and a checker there. We set this up for Skwentna. I sent out two guys on snow-

machines to groom and mark the trail. All was well. Then I got a rumor that the two were ensconced in a local bar and I made tracks for the Sheep Creek Lodge. The two delinquents were perched at the bar drinking Oly pops and playing Cribbage, and didn't even have the grace to flinch when I walked in.

"The trail is fine, 15-two and a pair for four," and kept on playing. I guess I didn't look fearsome enough. Okay. I wasn't about to get on a snowmachine and ride a 200-mile track, but I didn't trust those scoundrels an inch and they



Trails used for races had to be safe and well marked with checkpoints along the way.

knew darned well I had to take their word for it.

Everything went smoothly, sending the teams out at three-minute intervals and we, of course, would have no word except by CB radio. Then the checker at Skwentna called and said one of the mushers had used some abusive language when he had been chastised for mistreating his dogs, and could they disqualify him.

Of course! But then there got to be

a big battle, complete with fighting, and I ended up in an airplane to go and settle the quarrel. Well, it's okay when you get after your kids, but when you are only 5-feet, 2inches tall, and he's over six foot, it gets pretty tricky. You sort of have to puff yourself up in your parka like cats do and look as big as possible -- never mind all of the spectators waiting to see what the result would be! I was almost afraid he'd take a swing at me, but the checker and the radio

operator added some muscle and I stayed close to them for protection. In the end, we decided to disqualify him from all dog races and we sent that ornery dude home across the river.

I never was so glad to see a race end and watch them come across the finish line. I can guarantee you, I never served in that capacity again, I stuck to being a time-keeper, which I loved. I still get excited at any sign of a dog race, though.

# 10/31: Fancy Workers

#### **Weston County Manor**

10/17: Al & The Gang, 2 p.m. 10/18: Bingo, 2 p.m. 10/19: Bingo, 6 p.m. 10/21: Crazy Cart, 3 p.m. 10/22: Ceramics, 10:30 a.m. 10/23: Family Carry-In, 5:15 p.m. 10/24: Manicures, 2 p.m. 10/25: Bingo, 2 p.m. 10/26: Movie, 2 p.m. 10/28: Wii, 10:30 a.m. 10/29: Yahtzee, 6 p.m.

10/30: Flue Shot Clinic, 10:30 a.m. 10/31: Halloween Party, 2 p.m.

10/31: Trick or Treat, 6-7 p.m.

#### 90 Years and Counting

VFW Post #2516 was the scene of a happy occasion as a group of relatives gathered to help Wilma Japp celebrate her 90th birthday. Her son and daughter, Ken Japp and Georgia Japp, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren were in attendance. When asked, Wilma said she felt just the same crossing this major milestone as she did a week before when she was "only 89." Asked what she thought contributed to her old age, she replied, "I had a loving family and a good husband." She also thought that the fact that she never smoked or drank alcohol contributed to her many years. She attributed the fact that there was a lot of longevity in her family as well, as many of them have lived into their 90s, with one family member living to 102!

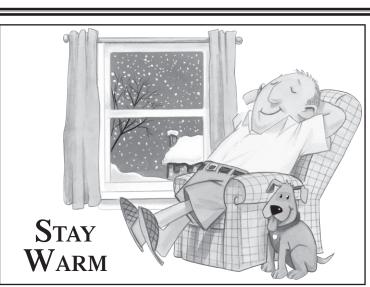
Left to right, are Bill Tavegia, Kandace Blakesley, Ken Japp, Colton Gehrett, Wilma Japp, Dottie Gehrett, Georgia Japp, Suzy Blakesley, Austin Blakesley, Don Blakesley, Jacob Blakesley, **Chase Curry and Kammy Curry.** 

(Photo by Donna Gochanour/for NLJ)









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#### Family tradition



On June 24, 2013, at Seattle's Military Entrance Processing Station, in Washington, Lt. Commander Jim Michaelis, Retired U.S. Navy, swore in his son, Joe Michaelis and 24 other Marines. The younger Michaelis graduated from Marine Corps Recruit Depot Boot Camp on Sept. 20. Pictured are Lt. Commander Jim Michaelis, his son, Joe Michaelis, and Michaelis' drill instructor. The elder Michaelis is from Newcastle and an NHS graduate of the class of 1971.

#### Fair Board from page 1

see who wanted to speak to the board ahead of time so the group could prepare themselves for the issues they were going to be confronted with.

"It would be nice if we knew what the agenda was prior to the meeting, so we can come a little bit more prepared. It would be nice to know what was on the agenda a couple of days prior to, so the guy could call whoever it is that puts it on the agenda and find out what it is. That way we have a little time to do a little research so we can come prepared," Rankin reasoned.

The board discussed whether the public should be asked to be put on an agenda prior to the meeting out of courtesy or if the requirement should be mandatory. Rankin suggested the board would operate at a higher level if they had prior knowledge of agenda items, and the other board members agreed. A motion was made to have the agenda sent to members by email on the Friday before the monthly meeting, and it was stipulated that individuals who wanted to be on the agenda will be required to call the fair office to get on the agenda by noon on the Friday prior to the meeting.

"There are times we come in here, and we don't know what is going to happen, and pretty quick the ceiling falls in," Ranking observed.

Board member Craig Deveraux agreed, noting there are times when a disaster could have been avoided if the board had been prepared for the discussion brought up at the meeting.

Visitors to the preceding month's meeting had brought up specific problems with the Weston County Junior Rodeo, and asked the board to request a public meeting from the committee in charge of that event. It was determined by the board that a letter should be sent by the fairgrounds assistant manager to the Junior Rodeo Committee requesting the meeting, but the events that occurred later in the meeting, and led to Kettley's early departure, resulted in the correspondence not being sent.

Rodeo Superintendent to inform him of the board's decision to call for a publicly advertised meeting, but said there had been no more communications with Hiser regarding when the meeting will be held and suggested that he was uncomfortable with the board's involvement in the rodeo's affairs.

"It has been discussed before, back in August of 2012, that the Fair Board at that point didn't think it was the Fair Board's business to get involved in the Junior Rodeo," Rankin added.

Laurie Farrella refuted the statement that the board does not have jurisdiction in the Junior Rodeo, indicating the

belief that they do because it is part of the Fair. She admitted she understood most of the board's reasoning for their level of involvement with the Junior Rodeo, but suggested the board should be concerned on some level because donors should be aware of how their money is being spent. She insisted the rodeo is a source of pride for the community, and suggested the current management of the event detracts from the benefits it should produce.

"I have had people that have come, not recently but in the past few years, to the rodeo that are not from anywhere around here. They said it is the best little kids rodeo they have ever been to, and the prizes are phenomenal! It's a crying shame people's hurt feelings or prejudices get in the way of running it in a parliamentary procedureand that is putting everything to a vote," she said.

event's bylaws, which she said she helped write, require the participants to vote on the Junior Rodeo Superintendent, and suggested that there weren't as many problems when that system was adhered to. She urged the board to "step up to the plate" and run the public meeting held by the Junior Rodeo, insisting there needs to be an end to the "free-for-all" that has been taking place. She asked the board to take temporary control of the event until officers could be elected.

"It's not the people. That is not what I am saying. It is just that the whole thing needs to be organized," Farrella urged.

Former Fair Board member Colleen Donaldson said that in the past, the Junior Rodeo Committee reported to the Fair Board, providing financial and other pertinent information as a courtesy.

The rodeo has been held at the fairgrounds as a county event for more than 50 years, according to Donaldson, who also encouraged the Fair Board to intervene, and Deveraux offered to take action himself to ensure a public meeting is arranged.

"I am pretty confident that Rankin said he had called I can organize a meeting. I Barney Hiser, the 2014 Junior really believe that the bylaws need to be discussed there at that meeting with everybody present," he reasoned.

> Farrella offered to author a sample set of bylaws for the meeting, and said she would present them to Deveraux beforehand. The board agreed the meeting should take place and bylaws should be approved. They also indicated a desire to have the Junior Rodeo Committee report to the Fair Board as a courtesy, but agreed the board would be careful to not "run" the event.

With the issue of the Junior Rodeo settled, members of the public who were in attendance voiced concerns about other

recent events as well, but the board expressed reluctance to address those during the meeting.

Farella raised an issue regarding a portion of the minutes from the August 2012 board meeting that made a reference to the upkeep of the arena not being satisfactory. She was quick to state that she was merely commenting on the minutes, and not accusing the Fairgrounds Manager, Dean Kettley, but Rankin said the board should not involve itself in specific complaints regarding the performance of employees.

"If we are here talking about this kind of stuff, as a board we are trying to micro-manage Dean. That is not our purpose here. We hired him, and he is the guy you guys need to go to if you want the arena worked or whatever. You go to Dean," he stated.

"Call me! I am not opposed Farella claimed that the to a phone call," Kettley asserted before admitting he was behind a year ago due to illness and a lack of resources.

Ellen McKenzie attempted to address the board about a Letter to the Editor in the Sept. 26 issue of the News Letter Journal, "Gymkhanas should not exist under the Fair Board's umbrella," written by Fair Board Secretary Marilyn Schmoker. While no specific names were mentioned in the letter, which indicated the Fair Board had experienced problems with the Gymkhana during the last two years, McKenzie, who was the Superintendent during one of those years, took

offense to that implication. Rankin pounded the gavel during McKenzie's presentation to end discussion, stating the letter had nothing to do with what is going to happen with the Fair Board, and insisting the discussion should be between McKenzie and Schmoker outside of the meeting. Deveraux and another board member, Zane Marty, expressed discomfort over a public letter being authored by a member of the board, and any perceived connection the board may have to it, but agreed the issue shouldn't be explored any further at last week's meeting.

"In my opinion this isn't the time or the place. However, I also believe that letter opened us up to it, but that with that being said, I would ask you for the courtesy to not pound it into the ground here," Deveraux requested of McKenzie.

It appeared the board was anxious to move forward from recent turmoil, and make an effort to start anew with less controversy. Rankin suggested those interested in supporting the fair and fairgrounds should make that effort.

"There have been things said on both sides that just need to be let go," he asserted.





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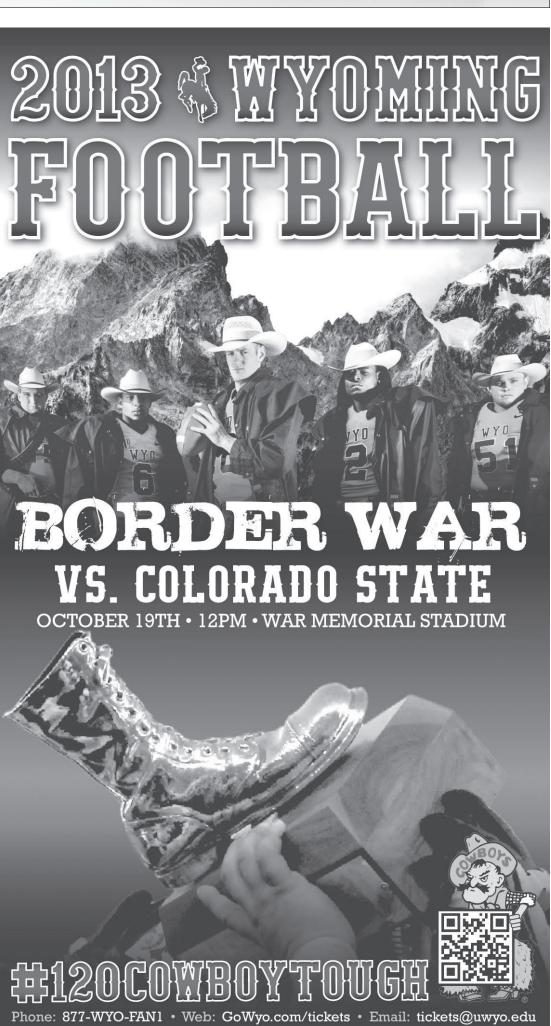
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the school districts to maximize achievement under such a system, local school boards must be provided with the jurisdiction to veer from the state funding model, and suggested practices, to address individual needs of the district. The WCSD #1 board will argue that ensuring continuity of the current system of local control will give school districts the ability to establish long-range goals and programming to produce the best results for students.

"I think it is really important to get identified what local control really means. We can all come up with a different definition of what that really means. Does it mean we get to pick our bus route or whether we have ham or beef in the lunchroom? We really need to identify that we want some responsibilities in education, and I think until we do that, a lot of these other things are a moot point," Lambert asserted.

A desire to involve local school boards in state policy making appeared to drive the other two resolutions prepared prior to the Sept. 25 meeting, but in the end the board elected to put forward only one of them.

The board agreed unanimously to submit to the WSBA Delegate Assembly a resolution that asks for the legislature to establish election of Wyoming Board of Education members. Those individuals are currently appointed by the governor, but the local board agreed that Senate File 104, which stripped the power and duties of the elected Superintendent of Public Instruction, decreased the ability of Wyoming voters to influence education policy and decision-making at the state level.

The resolution reasons that election of state Board of Education members would give that voice back to the people, and allow them to have representation on the decisions that affect the state's children and schools. The board will suggest to the WSBA that voters could regain the ability, through elected state board positions, to influence issues directly pertaining to education by allowing them to express their views through the ballot box.

After agreeing to that resolution, the board decided not to move forward with a third resolution that would have asked for repeal of Senate File 104. As worded, the resolution would have taken no position on the qualifications or performance of the current Superintendent of Public Instruction, but stated a belief that a change in the powers and duties of statewide election official of the magnitude represented by Senate File 104 should only be pursued through a Constitutional Amendment.

Although the board agreed the legislation took a considerable amount of power and influence away from voters that was specifically given to them by Wyoming's Constitution, there was a general belief that the lawsuit currently in front of the Wyoming Supreme Court would provide a resolution to that dispute.

During the course of the conversation on the three resolutions prepared prior to the meeting, Wright suggested another that ensured the continued existence of concurrent and dual credit courses as a vehicle through which advanced students could be challenged them through higher level, or accelerated, course work. The board asserted that such course, which allow high school students to accumulate college credits, allow small districts with limited resources to offer benefits that provide additional motivation to higher achieving students. The rationale for the resolution also claimed that such courses provide financial relief to Wyoming families who struggle with the rising cost of obtaining college degrees.

Although the board seemed confident in their chances of gaining approval from fellow WSBA members, Trustee John Riesland, who has served as that organization's president, and currently represents Crook and Weston County school boards on the WSBA Board of Directors, suggested that local board members should directly lobby lawmakers themselves instead of simply relying on the WSBA to advance their agenda.

"As your representative to the WSBA, I have no problem sending this to the board of directors, and voicing your opinion and my opinion. I believe this is a good way to go, but there is a second thing we need to do as a board. We need to talk to our representatives and our senator and see if we can't just move ahead," he urged.

#### Roness from page 1.....

soon taught him the value of as the law enforcement and planning and tenacity.

"If you don't have a planwhat we call 'staying ahead of the aircraft' in the Air Force- you're going to crash and burn and have some negative experiences," he forewarned students, "and it'll be because of your own decisionmaking process."

Roness, though, said he believed not just in attaining one's own goals, but in giving back to society as well. Selflessness, he said, was the operative word, and Roness went on to emphasize to those in attendance that there are multiple paths to be of service to one's country and community besides the military, such

medical professions.

"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," he advised.

"At the same time don't be afraid to take constructive criticism," he added. "Stay positive and proactive."

Toward the end of his presentation Roness shared a particularly poignant story about his first grade teacher, a woman who has since passed away from cancer. When Roness was a junior in high school, she expressed to him her concern that he wasn't living up to his full potential.

"She wasn't scolding me, the U.S. Air Force.

guys. She was loving me, and that's awesome," he told the audience with obvious emotion.

Roness closed his talk by presenting an American flag in honor of the teachers and staff of Newcastle Public Schools.

"You have my respect and gratitude," he said as he presented the flag which had flown over Iraq on an HH-60G Pave Hawk, combat search and rescue helicopter, one that Roness had piloted himself while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2009.

"There's only one thing cooler than watching it, and that's doing it," he concluded of his life-saving work flying search and rescue missions for

#### Seniors from page 1.....

It will take Wyoming at least two weeks to distribute the money to the local entity.

Fortunately, Mefford had written a grant previously for strictly state funding. and last Friday the Community Living Section board also got together with the Wyoming Senior Services board and held the vote to release the grant earlier than the original date in November.

"So that money should be coming. It should possibly get us through payroll, and hopefully cover groceries to feed the seniors," Mefford

On Monday morning, Mefford said she tried to figure out what to do first by calling an emergency WCSSC board meeting, and the group immediately decided not to fill two staff positions that were vacant. They also elected to implement other ways to cut costs through menus and traveling, and make an effort to get by a day at a time.

For now there is no end in sight, according to officials in Cheyenne, and every Friday until the government begins regular operations there will be a mandatory early morning conference call.

"We do have some money we can fall back on to get us through October. Some of the board feels it may be over sooner rather than later, which is what we are praying for. I was one of the ones on Oct. 1 that said I thought it would never trickle down to Wyoming," Mefford admitted.

Currently, WCSSC uses the food bank in Casper to furnish food in the grocery store housed in the center to help supplement their supplies. However, she was told the food banks are possibly looking at closing because they are federally funded as well, which really concerns Mefford on behalf of the elderly they assist.

She told the News Letter Journal she feels blessed to be working with a wonderful nineperson board that is standing by her during this difficult time, and the staff has already begun cutting back in places they can by turning off lights and lowering the heat.

"I couldn't help but cry thinking they are all uncomfortable but they are helping," she sobbed. "They are all standing behind me saying

it is all going to work out." Her biggest concern is how to serve meals and transport senior citizens who live in Upton, Osage

and Newcastle. They take patients to doctor and

dialysis appointments all of the time.

"There are a lot of senior centers that are talking of shutting down totally. Some senior centers said they have enough to last three or four months, and we don't. I just hope and pray it doesn't last very long," she acknowledged.

Mefford writes 12 to 15 grants a year, from March until July, to keep the doors at WCSSC open, she told the News Letter Journal. When she started in the position she had a \$43,000 yearly budget with three employees, and that has grown to a \$600,000 annual budget and 19 employees.

At the end of the year, after all the funding has been received from all of the governmental entities that help, including money from Weston County and the City of Newcastle, WCSSC still needs to raise \$75,000 to \$80,000. Renting out the building, concessions, catering, and other events help bring in additional dollars.

"This past year, some of our grants were cut eight percent. That made us have to raise a little bit more money. But then when we started to write our grants this past spring, they informed us the budget cuts would be 18 percent across the board, added to the eight percent from last year, and to write our grants accordingly. We were just devastated. So that meant when I balanced our budget for this coming fiscal year, we were looking at us having to raise around \$180,000 on our own this year," Mefford revealed.

Appreciative for what they are already given, WCSSC tries to carry their own weight in the community. Through fundraisers and money coming into the center they have been able to hold their own.

"The city gave us the building, we so we are blessed in what we have got," Mefford smiled.

One way of giving back to the community is through providing space in the building at a minimal fee (or none). For example the Community Bell Choir, Home Loving Care, Bountiful Baskets, and the Awana program all use the space.

"I am so proud that we can help. It isn't just all seniors you know. We have a lot of things going on here during the day, and we are open anyway so we don't charge. We may see a lot of donation cans being put out," admitted the director.

# Sports News Letter Journal

#### Schedule

Newcastle	
ntry *Tongue River Eagles Wyo Championships	H 7PN A 1:30PN
*Tongue River Eagles Lusk Tigers	H 7PN A 4:30PN

Girls Sw Absaraka Conf. Champ. Worland Absaraka Conf. Champ. Worland 3PM

3A East Regionals at Wheatland 3A East Regionals at Wheatland A 11AM A 9AM Volleyball 10/17 Hulett @Upton 10/25-26 Regional @Torrington

#### The Score

#### **NMS Volleyball**

10/26 V Football

8th Grade Oct. 7 Newcastle 0 Custer 2 Oct. 8 Newcastle 0 Hulett 2 Newcastle 0 Upton 2 Oct. 12

3A Championships Newcastle 2 Glenrock 0 Newcastle 1 Wheatland 2 Newcastle 0 Torrington 2 7th Grade Oct. 7 Newcastle 2 Custer 1

Newcastle 2 Hulett 0 Newcastle 2 Upton 1

Oct. 8

Oct. 12 3A Championships Newcastle 2 Wheatland 1 Newcastle 0 Douglas 2 3rd place game Newcastle 2 Torrington 1

# Men among boys

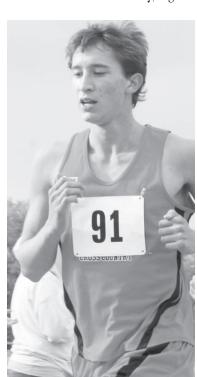
#### By Todd Bennington for NLJ

For the third meet in a row the Dogie boys took first place in decisive fashion, this time at Buffalo on a soft, sandy course with a challenging hill. The Dogie girls fared somewhat less competitively at what was the last meet of the regular season, placing fifth in a field topped by their Buffalo hosts.

With the conference meet at Glenrock coming up on Oct. 18, followed by the state championships Oct. 26, Coach Pat Hayman was conscious, however, that the Dogie boys would probably not be able to dominate the field as readily as they have been.

"When you're running like the boys—we went two, three, four, six, and seven—when you do that you can just see you've won...but that isn't going to happen at State, not with Cody and Star Valley in

— See Cross Country, Page 18



Bob Bonnar/NLJ Senior Kieran Winter is among a bevy of Dogie runners who will be competing for a spot on the varsity roster at the State Meet when the team travels to Glenrock this week for the 3A Conference Meet. The top seven runners on the squad will claim their spots at the Conference Meet, and represent the Dogies in their quest

for a third state title.

# Netters own the Dome

By Todd Bennington for NLJ

The Dogie volleyballers prevailed in both of their matches last week, defeating Glenrock and Wheatland at home on Tuesday and Thursday respec-

tively. The wins brought Newcastle's conference record to 5-3 (13-8 overall) and position them at number three in the 3A East behind only conference leaders Rawlins and Douglas.

sailing for the Dogies.

After taking the first two games against Glenrock, Newcastle foundered in the third game of the match, with the Dogie gals becoming visibly But last week wasn't all smooth out of sync. Nothing, it seemed, could

go right.

Coach Maja Jechorek told the News Letter Journal that she felt the problem was mostly a mental

— See **Volleyball**, Page **12** 

# Little Dogies lay football foundation

#### By Todd Bennington for

Those curious about what the future of Dogie football might look like probably need look no further than Newcastle's own diminutive pigskin enthusiasts, the Little Dogies.

As their season comes to a close, coaches David Chick and Jesse Stalder discussed with the News Letter Journal what has been something of a milestone year for the pee wee footballers, one that has featured both a name change and the introduction of a new third and fourth grade team into the mix.

If the Little Dogie name doesn't immediately ring a bell, it's probably because it's entirely new.

"The Little Dogies used to be the Golden Knights," Chick explained, "which was originally the Newcastle [High School] mascot years and years ago."

The name change wasn't merely a matter of whimsy. It was sparked by a desire to bring continuity and a sense of unity to the local football programs, which now all share the Dogie moniker and proudly sport the colors orange and black from third grade all the way to high school.

It was with this sense of continuity in mind that a new, younger team, coached by Chick, was added as well, composed of third and fourth graders to complement Stalder's more established fifth and sixth grade team.

"We want to build a program as we go here, so the [kids] are not just getting their first taste of [football] in fifth grade," Chick enthused of the littlest of the Little Dogies.

He admitted, however, that his motives for starting the younger team were not entirely altruistic.



Bob Bonnar/NLJ

Coach David Chick raises Holden McConkey in triumph after a touchdown during the first scrimmage of the third and fourth grade Future Dogies' season last month.

nine. I have been coaching middle school here for seven years, and I knew that my boys had been very interested in playing. I finally said, you know what, if I'm going to be away from home coaching it might as well be with my own kid," revealed Chick, a former Black Hills State University football player.

"I joke about being demoted, but my first coaching experience was actually in college. Then I did a little high school, then middle school, and now third and fourth grade," he grinned.

Chick agreed that his most likely direction is back up the ladder, and that's what he'll begin next year when he takes over the team of older kids from Stalder.

"I'm going to move up "Honestly it was kind of [to take over fifth and sixth selfish. I have twins that are grade], so I'll be with this

group of kids for the next two years at least," he said.

Stalder, for his part, seemed ready to put his coaching career on temporary hiatus, though he refused to announce his retirement just yet.

"I'll probably take a step back for a while," he told the News Letter Journal. "I'll stay on the board with the club and help referee, but my son will be in junior high next year. It's hard for me to justify putting so much time into the Little Dogies when he's off playing football at the junior high."

Still, this past year has actually been the only one in which his own son has participated. In prior years Stalder, a former high school player who seems to consider himself something of a student of the sport, has coached purely out of a desire to involve himself with the community and passion for the game. Although, he perhaps didn't intend quite that level of involvement when he first got started. "I approached the guys

who were doing it at the time, just wanting to help. Their kids were both moving into junior high, and I ended up with it," he explained. That was seven years ago.

"The kids who are seniors this year are the first bunch I had," he recalled wistfully.

Asked where the funding has come from all these years, Stalder explained there are a variety of sources. "The city recreation board

has been absolutely awesome with us the last seven years... and of course we do fund raisers," Stalder added.

This year's expansion of the program into the third and fourth grades was almost cut short, however, before it had even begun due to a shortage of funding.

"We received funding for so many kids, and then we ended up having too many kids," Chick explained.

'We had 36 kids. At that point I was going to pull the plug on the third grade, and we were going to combine the fourth grade with half the fifth graders, and then [have] fifth and sixth grade. Then we got some funding from the area that allowed us to buy some more equipment, so at the last second we were able to bring the third graders back in," he smiled.

It seems that one of the Little Dogie fathers was able to secure a generous donation of \$2,000 through his company, Four Corners Petroleum, LLC, a windfall that came just in the nick of time for third graders anxious to compete.

But for the third and fourth grade Dogies, finding worthy competition has proved to be much more difficult than finding funding, and so for the time-being Chick has divided them into two teams-orange and black of course--who scrimmage against each other.

"We're not under [a league] yet....I pretty much just make my own rules, and really it's a glorified camp for these kids. I just want them to learn all the basics. We'll progress with it as we go," Chick explained. "I kind of do it like the college overtime format," he continued. "What we do is place the ball on the 25-yard line, and we go in. They either score a touchdown or give it up on downs, and then we switch. There's no punting, no kicking. We'll get into that, but this year we're not doing that."

Being the rough, tough third and fourth graders that they are, even the littlest Little

— See Future Dogies, Page 11

# Gridders in control of their own destiny

#### By Todd Bennington for NLJ

Dogie football picked up a much-needed second consecutive win last Friday at Glenrock, beating the Herders 34-12 to raise their record to 3-2 in 2A East Conference play and 3-3 overall. More importantly, it put Newcastle securely in the fourth spot in the conference, meaning they are assured of a playoff berth if they win their final two games of the regular season.

The first half saw Newcastle fall behind early and struggle with poor field position as they gained the ball close to their own end zone.

"We kicked off to them first. They had 17 plays before we finally stopped them on our three yard line on fourth down. We got the ball on the three and just couldn't get it out of there, so we wound up punting back to them [which led to a touchdown] on Glenrock's next drive," recalled Newcastle Coach Matt Conzelman.

"We didn't have the best field position [initially]. We had it from the three and then the fifteen. Not that we couldn't come from there, but we just had bad field position, and didn't get a first down and wound up punting," Conzelman continued.

Though the Herders would score again on a pass play, they were unable to capitalize on either of their extra point opportunities. After regaining the ball off a Glenrock fumble, the Dogies were eventually able to make it 12-7 going into the half, owing to a Wade Gordon touchdown.

"I knew we were still in the game with it being 12-7. That score right before half was huge for us,' Conzelman recalled.

At the break, the coaching staff worked to make some changes to allow the Dogies to better cope with Glenrock's physical, unorthodox style of play.

"The adjustments that we made at half allowed us to get a running game going," Conzelman said

of the changes.

Having made necessary adjustments, things began to fall into place for the Dogies in the third quarter, starting with Dillon Ehlers returning the ball 90 yards for an apparently momentum shifting touchdown on the opening kickoff of the second half. Speaking with knowledge born of experience, Conzelman assured the News Letter Journal that, "you can actually feel when momentum starts to shift."

"When Dillon ran that opening kick back, you could just see it in our eyes that we were ready to go," Conzelman remarked of what proved to be the beginning of a Dogie offensive surge. Newcastle would go on to score a total of 20 points in the third quarter alone.

But the Dogies weren't just doing things right offensively, as Glenrock went scoreless for the remainder of the game.

"Merritt Crabtree had a record day with 53 defensive points. That's the most in the state as far as I know," said Conzelman, who also acknowledged the significance of soundly beating Glenrock on their home turf.

"It was definitely a big win for Dogie Nation. We haven't won there in a while. They have a good fan following. They have tradition on their side. It's just a tough place to win, and the boys came to play. That's for sure," he beamed.

With the win, Newcastle also finds itself well within playoff contention.

"If we can get through this [next game against Tongue River], our last game would be essentially for third and fourth [playoff] seeding," Conzelman

As for Tongue River, who is 2-3 in conference play and 2-4 overall, Conzelman didn't seem overly concerned. Sizing up this Friday night's opponent, the Dogie's coach was wary of the danger of looking past the Eagles, but was confident that the combination of

the Dogies' new found momentum and a hometown crowd at what will be the last home game of the year should carry Newcastle to victory.

"They have some big kids," he said of the Eagles. "I don't know why they've been sputtering a little bit, but they have wins on Moorcroft and Wright. They do have some freshman and sophomore kids who will be starting in different places. That makes it hard just because of [the lack of] maturity and knowledge of the game. But we can't fall asleep for this game. It doesn't matter who you're playing. You have to bring you're A-game. It will be Senior Night, so the seniors will definitely be up for this game and get everybody else up. It should be a good showing for us."

Conzelman concluded his discussion with the News Letter Journal in his customary manner.

"Go, fight, win, Dogies. Let's get after the Eagles," he enthused.

34 Newcastle		Glenrock 12
231	Total Yards	248
22	Rushes	65
154	Rushing Yards	187
4/10	Passing Comp./Att.	4/8
77	Passing Yards	61
1	Turnovers	3
2/10	Penalties/Yds.	5/25

#### **Individual Stats**

Passing Dillon Ehlers 4/10 77yds.

Merritt Crabtree 10/115 yds.; Dillon Ehlers 9/19 yds.; Phillip Jagelski 2/13

Phillip Jagelski 1/34 yds.; Wade Gordon 2/31 yds.; Merritt Crabtree 1/12

Defensive Points

Merritt Crabtree 53; Bradon Rushton 29; Phillip Jagelski 28; Jake Villanueva 27; Wade Gordon 26; Dillon Ehlers 21; Garett Liggett 19; Colton Sweet 11; Mason Pisciotti 5; Johnny Walker 4

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Photo courtesy of Lifetouch Back row from left: Manager Bethany McVay, Bailey Karp, Kianna Hobbs, Head Coach Maja Jechorek, Alyssa Dawson, Assistant Coach Staci Marty, Assistant Coach Loni Sorenson. Middle row from left: Hannah Cass, Kiana Cade, Anna Henkle, Kendra Back, Abby Gray, Savannah Davis. Front row from left: MaKayla Smith, Sierra LaCroix, Katie Spain, Cassie Munoz, Jenna Taylor, Scottlyn Wiggins, Katara Cade, Ashten Farnsworth.









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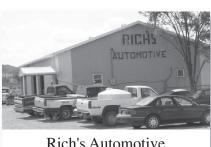
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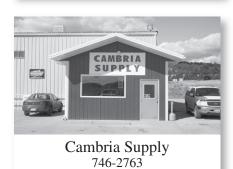
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# Swimmers get a glimpse into their potential

#### By Kelsey Wood for NLJ

"We had some significant time drops and good races on Friday! The girls actually raced this weekend, which is sometimes a hard concept for them. They are not just swimming their event and going through the motions, but are actually racing their opponent and in some cases themselves! Once they learn the concept of racing, the sport of swimming becomes more interesting to watch," Coach Jenny Pederson professed after her squad measured themselves against 3A East foe Douglas on Friday.

The opportunity to host Friday's swim meet in Newcastle brought a level mers, and the result was that most were able to lower their times. The local athletes also received first and second places in all of the races, and earned a duel victory over the Bearcats.

"We had great swims! Our team won nine out of 12 events and placed second and third in a few of the events that we didn't win. Our relays are looking really strong! We had good exchanges and you could really see the girls motivating each other and working together. We had a few girls who didn't have the outcome they wanted, and displayed their frustration, but that's something we need to work on, overcoming disappointment. Their races were right

in the season, but just not what they expected from themselves, and that's a hard lesson to learn and one of the biggest challenges as a coach that I have is getting that point across to them," Pederson reasoned.

Not dropping time can be discouraging, but the coach thinks her squad understands that it takes time and practice, and in time they will overcome that disappointment and realize what Pederson is trying to get across to them.

"Not decreasing time can be discouraging, but then again not. It is because I know that I can do better. I think that I should be going faster and I set a higher standard for myself,

disappointing because when I look back at last year, I am swimming faster than I was. I know that I am right where I need to be, and that makes not dropping time actually okay because I know that it will eventually happen." Shaylee Curren told the News Letter Journal

During the meet on Saturday in Gillette, the team showed improvement from the day before, and some even figured out how to get over their struggles from Friday, which helped them improve.

"We had a great meet and some fast swims! You could tell the girls were really trying to overcome some of our struggles from Friday's meet!

of excitement to the lady Dogie swim- where they need to be at this point so that is disappointing. It is also not I know it won't all come in a day, but it was nice to see them making a solid effort!" Pederson beamed.

She is aware of how the team is improving, both in the meet and as a family, and as the season advances, the more she sees her group of girls succeed and improve.

"All of the girls are improving. Every swimmer either had time drops on Friday or Saturday, which is the most measurable improvement. As a coach, I see the girls coming together more to lift each other up and help each other reach their goals, which is just as important, if not more important. We have been starting to regress in that

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#### Future Dogies from page 9...

Dogies, who include one girl, both coaches were reflective. go full contact, with Chick emphasizing proper technique of [the kids] progress in the venting injuries.

techniques...and the equipment to watch. I've heard that from is so much better now than it other parents too. I mean, was in the past that their chance these kids have just gotten it. of injury is much less than it It's been a big commitment on used to be," Chick explained. their part....If they put forward "They have full pads, and it's great because they have just come so far with the equipment. The shoulder pads that [the kids] are wearing are better than anything I ever wore all the way through college. Their pants are all one piece so they don't lose the thighs pads or knee pads or anything. They slip them on and slip them off. It's pretty cool."

Stalder's more established fifth and sixth graders, on the other hand, represent by comparison the big leagues of local pee wee football. This year the older Little Dogies fall under the Black Hills Youth Football League out of Spearfish, and thus play mostly South Dakota teams under South Dakota rules. That means a narrower field of 40 by 60 yards, goal line to goal line, but it doesn't mean the older Little Dogies aren't running some sophisticated plays, some of which they've passed down to the younger team.

"[Chick] took my playbook and simplified it quite a bit for the third and fourth graders. But most of the kids pay pretty good attention, and we get them playing some pretty good football at a young age," explained Stalder of his team's surprisingly developed running and passing games.

Though there may be no playoffs, Stalder admitted that much like more senior teams, the Little Dogies still play for respect and "bragging rights within the league."

Unfortunately, also just like more senior levels of play, pee wee football can be prove to be competitive from the business and organizational standpoint as well, as Stalder revealed that the status of the Little Dogies within their league isn't entirely certain.

"Rapid City started a Pop Warner outfit a couple years ago, and it's crippled our league. There's been a lot of teams leave out of Spearfish and Sturgis to go play with them. I don't know if we'll end up getting pulled into that or not, but I hope not because their fees are a lot higher," he lamented.

Asked what their ultimate reason for volunteering as coaches was, and what exactly they wanted the kids to take away from their football experience,



"I couldn't be more proud

and equipment as means of pre- last six weeks," said Chick. "It's been way above my "We work a lot on tackling expectations, and it's been fun

last six weeks toward anything in life, they're going to be successful. They're tasting success at an early age and then it's contagious."

And it's not just the kids who get the benefit either.

"I think it's kind of cool to see the parents step up," Chick continued. "I'm technically

parents helping out at every practice and game. I think the kid's love seeing their parents get involved."

Stalder expressed similar sentiments as far as what he hoped to impart to his players.

"I think with any team sport, you want [the kids] to learn, not

do little stuff like this, when it's a game, I think when bigger stuff happens in life, it's a bit easier for them to handle. As far as the game goes, the biggest goal is just to give them some fundamentals and get them ready for the next level."

"I'm proud of all those boys. only to win, but how to accept Not just this year, but over the

the effort that they did in the the only coach, but I have defeat also," he added. "If you last seven years. They've been a good bunch of kids," he went on. "To watch the transition from a timid fifth-grader to a kid who really wants to play football is pretty neat."

Stalder's fifth and sixth grade team lost their last game of the season, a hard fought contest against Belle Fourche, 18-21 on Saturday.

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#### Volleyball from page 9...

one, with there being far more going on in a game of volleyball than the casual

observer might imagine. "Volleyball is such a psychological game. A lot of people who don't play volleyball don't realize that," she said. "With every touch you're making, if you don't make a good pass, then the set is going to be off, and then the hit is not going to be as hard as it could be. I feel like we started making errors, and then we got a little nervous.'

Jechorek took some of the blame upon herself, believing she may have demanded too much of the team.

"I told the girls I would like to get it done in three [games]. Let's go ahead and get it taken care of. I think they wanted to win so bad that they got tense. From working with them for so long, I could see it on their faces. Maybe it was just a case of me putting a little too much pressure on them," she revealed.

But such ups and downs are part and parcel to the sport as well, and not necessarily attributable to any one cause.

"That's how volleyball is," Jechorek went on. "One minute you can be winning and the next minute you're losing it."

And the efforts of Glenrock, of course, might have had something to do with

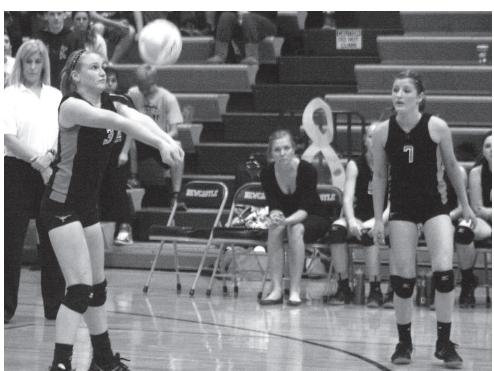
"Glenrock is a really good team and have been through the whole season," Jechorek said of the Dogie's rival. "They're always very scrappy, and they always work very, very hard on their side of the court. We didn't know [going into the game] what kind of Glenrock team we were going to see, because we've seen them struggle and we've also seen them be very strong....They were tough. The scores really tell it all."

Indeed they do. Though the Dogies hung on to win it, the fourth game was a close one as well, with Newcastle edging the Herders 27-25, 25-17, 19-25, 26-24.

Oct. 8, 2013 (Home) Newcastle 3, Glenrock 27-25W, 25-17W, 19-25L, 26-24W Oct. 12 (Home) Newcastle 3, Wheatland 0 25-16W, 25-16W, 25-22W

**Cumulative Individual Statistics (Season)** 

Abby Gray: Serv. 94%, Kills 24, Digs 156 Anna Henkle: Serv. Rec. 93%, Serv. 91%, Kills 110, Digs 274 Alyssa Dawson: Serv. Rec. 97%, Serv. 88%, Kills 88, Digs 149 Ashten Farnsworth: Serv. Rec. 90%, Serv. 87%, Kills 52, Digs 212 Hannah Cass: Serv. Rec. 67%, Serv. 93%. Kills 132, Digs 99 Kiana Cade: Serv. Rec. 96%, Serv. 97%, Kills 91, Digs 210 Scottlyn Wiggins: Serv. Rec. 97%, Kills 1, Digs 329 Savanah Davis: Serv. Rec. 69%, Serv. 73%, Kills 11, Digs 45 Kianna Hobbs: Serv. Rec. 50%, Kills 5, Digs 2



Kiana Cade receives a serve in conference play this week while Ashten Farnsworth gets herself in position to make a kill at the net after the ensuing set.

Though Newcastle would have a generally easier time of it on Thursday against Wheatland, the match against the Bulldogs was not without its moments as well.

After handily defeating an apparently outclassed Wheatland team in the match's first two games, the Dogies again experienced a case of the third game jitters, and found themselves trailing 16-22 before Jechorek called a time out to dispense some advice to her team.

It was apparently just what Newcastle needed, as they didn't allow Wheatland to score again while they rallied from behind to take the game and close out the match.

Jechorek attributed the rough patch to errors and a resultant loss of confidence, but was complimentary of her team's overall performance.

"I'm giving the girls all the credit for playing so well against Wheatland, moving in the back row very well, picking up those hits that we didn't against Glenrock. We did some defensive drills throughout the week, which I think worked pretty well. You can tell the girls are getting better and better with every game we're playing," she said.

The win against Wheatland was notable for another reason as well: it marked the end of an undefeated season for the Dogies on their home turf.

"The girls have worked so hard. To go undefeated at home, I think that's great for the seniors. We haven't lost a game in

the [Dogie] Dome, and they're so happy because of it," Jechorek beamed.

Jechorek went on to say that she believed her team was gaining in maturity, and singled out libero, or defensive specialist, Scottlyn Wiggins for her largely unsung contributions to the Dogie's success this year.

"Right now she is number one in the state for digs per game. I think that's a great accomplishments for a junior who hasn't played on the Varsity level before [this year]," the coach boasted.

As the Regional Tournament looms on the horizon, the Lady Dogies have two more regular season matches ahead of them this week, Buffalo on Thursday, Oct. 17, and Rawlins on Saturday, Oct. 19.

Though Jechorek said she isn't looking past a hungry Buffalo team that has met with little success this season to date, Rawlins, who has already convincingly beaten the other top conference team, Douglas, will undoubtedly prove the bigger challenge for Newcastle.

The match against the Outlaws, which was originally scheduled for Oct. 5, but cancelled due to inclement weather, will actually be played at Torrington.

Rawlins is scheduled to play two matches, taking on Torrington before facing Newcastle, and Jechorek is thankful for what she sees as a clear advantage.

"I'm hoping [Rawlins] will be tired," she said unabashedly.



# INSURANCE informed

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**ACROSS** 

1. Opposite of rappel

13. Eagle's nest, e.q. Remain

15. Like unrefined oil 16. Actor Jeremy 17. Credit card acronym

19. \*It's illuminating

28. Calf-length skirt

21. Two dots above a letter

25. Highest card in "War"

30. Relating to living organ-

39. Around or approximately

be surprised"

48. Unlike a mammoth, e.g.

60. \*Kind of Halloween house

73. Artiset Fernand or designer

1. To finish with a ceiling

2. Vega's constellation

3. Chipping choice

6. Distinctive flair

7. \*Body marker

8. Old episode

9. Acreage

ment

4. Breath refreshers

10. Leader or expert

12. Get the picture

22. Capone's family

24. Flesh and blood

29. Computer entry

34. \*Halloween swag

36. Muslim honorific

38. Part of hemoglobin

49. Sylvester, to Tweety

58. a.k.a. the sport of kings

59. Please get back to me

61. Sound of a small bell

\*In season, sing.

15. Boston pro

26. Flower part

32. Threesomes

42. Blood carrier

51. Everyone else

54. Boxer's move

57. 3-pointer, e.g.

62. U2 guitarist

45. Compose

56. Arise

27. Spew

31. Greasy

33. Freeze

11. Prep for publication

20. Indian restaurant condi-

65. Tarzan's parental role

52. Bond, e.g.53. \*Avoided by Dracula

23. Last word of "America the

6. Be mistaken 9. Long, long time

\*Spooky

24. Speed unit

35. Legal prefix 37. Hyperbolic tangent

40. Socket insert

43. Bank claim

46. Shells, e.g.

50. Insubstantial

55. Corn site

64. \*Specter

67. Out of the way

70. Fencing move

\_ Appia

68. Figure out

71. At the top

72. Moray, e.g.

57. \*Fairy

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44. Chinese fruit

41. Cruising

Beautiful"

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WHEREAS, the mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National

Assignment dated: August 27, 2009 Assignment recorded: August 27, 2009 Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 714163 in Book 317 at Page 344

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

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

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$63,454.26 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$61,943.13 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$1,424.89, plus other costs in the amount of \$86.24, plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of

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#### **Budget Notice**

#### NOTICE OF BUDGET AMENDMENT

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

Increase the General Fund portion of the budget because of unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$2,755.50 received from the State of Wyoming Office of Homeland Security for the Fiscal Year 2013 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Coroner's Office. This grant ends May 31, 2015; and

Increase the General Fund portion of the budget because of unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$5,586.20 received from the State of Wyoming Office of Homeland Security for the Fiscal Year 2013 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Law Enforcement and Terrorism Prevention-oriented Activities (LETPA). This grant ends May 31, 2015; and

Increase the General Fund portion of the budget because of unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$36,997.44 received from the State of Wyoming Office of Homeland Security for the Fiscal Year 2013 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). This grant ends May 31, 2015.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that these matters will be considered and acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners at their meeting November 5, 2013 at 10:15 a.m. DATED this 3rd day of October, 2013.

**Board of County Commissioners** 

Weston County, Wyoming

(Publish October 17, 2013)

#### **Deadline for Legals** noon on Friday

#### City Ordinance

**ORDINANCE NO. 7, SERIES 2013** 

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 26-5 OF ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WYOMING 1961 TO COMBINE IN ONE SECTION THE DEPOSIT FOR WATER, SEWER AND GARBAGE COLLECTION; TO PROVIDE FOR INCREASED DEPOSIT FOLLOWING DELINQUENCY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING that:

SECTION 1: The provisions of Section 26-5 of Article I in Chapter 26 of the Code of the Town of the City of Newcastle, Wyoming 1961 shall be and hereby are amended to provide in complete form as follows:

"Sec. 26-5. Deposit for water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, prior to receiving water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service from the city for any service location, the customer shall deposit with the clerk/treasurer of the city the sum of one hundred dollars for such service. Except as otherwise provided in this section, said deposit shall serve as the required utility deposit and apply to water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service for that service location. A separate deposit for water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service shall be required for each separate service location except as otherwise provided in this section.

(b) If a former water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service customer of the city has been delinquent in the payment to the city of any amount(s) due to the city for water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service within the immediately preceding twelve months, then prior to that customer receiving water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service from the city to any service location the customer shall deposit with the clerk/treasurer of the city the greater of: (i) two hundred dollars; or (ii) the sum equal to the total combined water, sewer and garbage collection monthly service charges (utility bill) for the two monetarily greatest months during the immediately preceding twelve months for the service location (regardless of who was the customer at the service location). A separate deposit under this subsection for water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service shall be required for each separate service location.

(c) If a water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service customer of the city currently receiving water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service from the city to a service location becomes delinquent in the payment to the city of any amount(s) due to the city for the customer's water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service, a condition precedent for the continuation of water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service to the service location for that customer shall be the deposit by that customer with the clerk/treasurer of the city of the greater of: (i) two hundred dollars; or (ii) the sum equal to the total combined water, sewer and garbage collection monthly service charges (utility bill) for the two monetarily greatest months during the immediately preceding twelve months for the service location (regardless of who was the customer at the service location). If the customer already has on deposit any amount in accordance with this section for the service location, then such deposit amount shall be credited toward the deposit required by this subsection.

(d) If a customer is receiving water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service from the city and has not been delinquent in the payment of the customer's water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection charges for any current service location for the immediately preceding twelve months, then the customer's deposit as posted under this section shall be refunded, without interest, to the customer upon the customer's request, for that service location and for any and each of that customer's other service locations regardless of length of current service. Further, if a customer is receiving water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service from the city and has not been delinquent in the payment of the customer's water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection charges for any current service location for the immediately preceding twelve months, then the customer shall not be required to pay the deposit required under this section before being furnished water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service to another service

(e) Whenever a customer's water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service is discontinued for any reason (including termination for delinquency by the city or customer request) to a service location, any unpaid amount(s) due to the city for water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service to that service location, together with any applicable penalty(s) and together with any restitution due to the city to replace or repair garbage collection cans as provided under section 13-7 of this code, shall be deducted from the customer's deposit for that service location, and the remaining balance, if any, of the customer's deposit shall be refunded to the customer, without interest.

(f) Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, in no event shall water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service to a customer be furnished to a service location if that customer owes any amount(s) to the city for previous water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service after discontinuance/termination of service.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2014 after passage and upon publication as provided by law.

Passed on first reading: September 3, 2013 Passed on second reading: September 16,

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on third reading this 7th day of October, 2013.

CITY OF NEWCASTLE Gregory H. James, Mayor Charita Brunner, City Clerk/Treasurer

(Publish October 17, 2013)

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#### City Council Minutes

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MINUTES MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2013

Mayor Greg James called the regular meeting of Monday October 7, 2013 to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were: President Jim Bunch, Mayor Greg James, Todd Quigley, Roger Hespe, Archie Callander, Linda Hunt, and Iva Carter. Absent: None. Also present: Department Heads City Attorney Jim Peck, City Clerk/Treasurer Brunner, Police Chief Jim Owens and Engineer Hartley as well as several guests.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Iva Carter requested input under Mayor/Council Reports. Jim Bunch moved and Linda Hunt seconded to approve the agenda for October 7, 2013 as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Linda Hunt moved and Archie Callander seconded to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 16, 2013. MOTION CARRIED. NOMINATIONS FOR RECOGNITION:

None.

<u>CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION</u>: Mayor

James gave certificates of recognition to Bobbi
Jo Stith.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS - IN WRITING: None. <u>CITIZEN'S BUSINESS – VERBAL</u> – 1. Dick and Bonnie Rich gave a report on the Show & Shine held in Dow Park. 2. Bruce Perkins informed Council that the Game Room is officially open (grand Opening on October 18, 2013 at 1:30 pm); 3. Chuck McFarlane appeared to request a relaxation of the Open Container Ordinance on both sides of Main Street from Sumner to Railway not inclusive of either of those streets nor the alleys from 6:00 pm on October 26, 2013 through 6:00 a.m. on October 27, 2013. Jim Bunch moved and Roger Hespe seconded to approve the motion as requested. MOTION CARRIED. Mr. McFarlane then requested a 24 hour open period from Saturday, Oct. 26 through Sunday, October 27, 2013. Jim Bunch moved and Linda hunt seconded to approve the request. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor James recessed the meeting for refreshments.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS: - 1. Iva Carter mentioned that she abstained from a vote on the water crane issue at the September 16, 2013 meeting. She reviewed that she did not understand what her abstention would mean. She explained that she had since done some research regarding the water crane. She then shared her research with the Council. After her comments she asked the other Council members to reconsider their position on the water crane closure. Jim Bunch requested extending the closure of the water crane to the spring months. Linda Hunt requested sending the issue back to a committee meeting. Mayor James stated that this would be the appropriate action to re-address the issue in committee rather than address in full Council. Jim Bunch moved and Iva Carter seconded to reconsider the water crane issue in the Water Committee. Linda Hunt requested that the committee be the full council as the "Committee of the Whole" to consider the matter again. Roger Hespe called for the question. MOTION CARRIED; 6-1. Mayor James voted Nay; all other Council voted ave. The Committee of the Whole meeting was scheduled for October 28, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. 2. Mayor James read an invitation to Weston County Children's Center Open House October 28, 2013 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. 3. He asked for input for the LGLP Board nominations. 4. Mayor James requested Council input regarding any minimum bid for the City owned property near the old junior high. The lot is roughly 190x117 feet with no current street access; located up Seneca Street. Roger Hespe suggested a \$25,000 minimum bid. After considerable discussion of the requirements and difficulties of the property, Iva Carter moved and Archie Callander seconded to put a minimum bid of \$5000 on the property. **MOTION CARRIED.** 

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:
Police Chief Jim Owens - 1. reviewed the
Activity Report for September. 2. Officer
Dudzinski is still out until November 1, 2013;
Sgt Locke has been absent due to a family
injury. Due to both of these officers being out
the remaining officers have returned to 12 hour
shifts. 3. As a result of testing conducted on

September 26, 2013 Chief Owens recommended the hiring of Jeremy Herrberg as a police officer beginning October 14, 2013 and Levi Quentin Tacy as a police officer beginning October 21, 2013. Both recommendations are conditional upon completion of mental health evaluation and medical evaluation at a starting pay each of \$18.11/hour. Jim Bunch moved and Roger Hespe seconded to approve the recommendation for hiring as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

City Clerk/Treasurer Brunner – 1. Audit information is with the City's audit firm, Crowell and Sylte. Treasurer Brunner will assist them with questions as the audit progresses. She requested contacting the Council members after the interviews are over so that she can give a "contingent" offer of employment to the successful candidate with ratification from the council at the October 21, 2013. 2. She is in the process of interviewing candidates for the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer position. Two interviews have been conducted with two more to be completed this week. 3. She reviewed a public notice from Rare Earth Elements.

City Attorney Jim Peck - 1. reviewed that Saversmart has hired John Francis to re-block the wall at their building. 2. read ORDINANCE #6, SERIES 2013 AN ORDINANCE AMEDING SECTION 13-7 (b) OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 13 OF THE CODÉ OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WYOMING 1961 REGARDING GARBAGE CANS TO INCLUDE REFERENCE TO SECTIONS 26-4 AND 26-5 OF ARTICLE I IN CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WYOMING 1961 FOR COLLECTION OF RESTITUTION FOR DAMAGED CAN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE on third and final reading. Linda Hunt moved and Roger Hespe seconded to approve ORDINANCE #6, SERIES 2013 ON third reading. MOTION CARRIED. 3. read ORDINANCE NO. 7, SERIES 2013 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 26-5 OF ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WYOMING 1961 TO COMBINE IN ONE SECTION THE DEPOSIT FOR WATER, SEWER AND GARBAGE COLLECTION; TO PROVIDE FOR INCREASED DEPOSIT FOLLOWING DELINQUENCY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE on third and final reading. Jim Bunch moved and Iva Carter seconded to approve ORDINANCE NO. 7, SERIES 2013 on third reading. MOTION CARRIED. 4. read ORDINANCE NO. 8, SERIES 2013 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13-8 OF ARTICLE II IN CHAPTER 13 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WYOMING 1961 REGARDING GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICE DEPOSIT TO REFER TO SECTION 26-5 OF ARTICLE I IN CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WYOMING 1961; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE on third and final reading. Roger Hespe moved and Todd Quigley seconded to approve ORDINANCE NO. 8, SERIES 2013 on third reading. MOTION CARRIED. 5. read ORDINANCE NO. 9, SERIES 2013 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13-10 OF ARTICLE II IN CHAPTER 13 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WYOMING 1961 REGARDING GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICE BILLING AND DELINQUENCY TO REFER TO SECTION 26-4 OF ARTICLE I IN CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WYOMING 1961; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE on third reading. Jim Bunch moved and Linda Hunt seconded to approve ORDINANCE NO. 9, SERIES 2013 on third and final reading. MOTION CARRIED. 6. read ORDINANCE NO. 10, SERIES 2013 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 26-4 OF ARTICLE I IN CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WYOMING 1961 TO COMBINE PAYMENT AND COLLECTION OF CHARGES FOR WATER, SEWER AND GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICE IN ONE SECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE on third and final reading. Roger Hespe moved and Linda Hunt seconded to approve ORDINANCE NO. 10, SERIES 2013 on third reading. MOTION CARRIED.

City Engineer Hartley: 1. requested the purchase of a dump truck which is located in Boise,

Idaho (1991 Ford with 17,000 miles and a new dump box) for \$20,900; this item is in his budget for FY 2013-14; 2. Frontier and Stockade Streets are completed. 3. He received an okay from WYDOT regarding pouring a new sidewalk to replace the old sidewalk under the underpass to the high school. 4. topsoil has been hauled for the arboretum; 5. pothole patching work has been ongoing; 6. The Wyoming DEQ will have a meeting on proposed regional landfills in Moorcroft on October 17, 2013 at 1:00 pm. 7. The train horns are complete regarding installation. In the next week or so they will be tested. Then the Federal Railroad Administration will have 21 days after the paperwork is complete to give approval for the wayside horns to begin blowing in replacement of the actual train horns. Hopefully the train horns will be quieted in early November.

There was no STANDING COMMITTEE, WRITTEN BUSINESS, NEW BUSINESS, or OLD BUSINESS reports.

Linda Hunt moved and Archie Callendar seconded to pay claims dated October 7, 2013. **MOTION CARRIED.** 

Roger Hespe moved and Todd Quigley seconded to close the meeting at 8:18 PM.

onded to close the meeting at 8:18 PM. Claims: Advanced /Communications Otter Box \$50.00; Alpha Communications tower rent \$95.00; American Water Works Assoc, Membership dues \$56.00; AT &T Mobility Cell Phone \$707.57; Black Hills Power, power purchased \$453.91; Black Hills Printing, Booklets \$ 34.00; Black Hills Truck & Trailer, install snow plow \$5425.20; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wyoming, health insurance \$30438.50; Butler, seal \$108.06 Bryant Streeter, airport wages \$1158.75; Cambria Supply, Vehicle Maintenance, \$ 991.02; Centurylink, E911 monthly chgs, \$964.63; Charita Brunner, Court envelopes \$22.48; City of Newcastle, utilities \$521.76; City of Newcastle Landfill Deposit Applied \$100.00; Collins Communications, network internet repairs, \$385.00; Croell Redi-Mix, concrete, \$1731.75; Deb Mills Training, \$273.43; Drive Train Industries, spring \$253.66; Emmet Daunt, Mileage \$ 192.10; Energy Laboratories, Water samples \$ 60.00, Family Dollar, Supplies \$ 71.45; Frontier Home Ranch & Hardware, Supplies \$ 203.27; Gateway Auto Supply, Vehicle Maintenance \$ 525.92; James Peck Monthly retainer \$2800.00; John's Electric, water pump \$191.25; Kois Equip, seal \$ 1947.16; Law Enforcement Systems, warning tags \$109.35; Local Government, Lura Walter claim \$2000.00; MasterCard, Supplies, Travel \$1102.03; Mining Electrical Service, Installation \$ 100.00; Motor Power, sensor \$ 179.24; Myron Corp pens \$ 232.09; Newcastle Ambulance Service, ambulance service, first aid training \$8383.33; Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce, 1st Qtr distribution \$3250.00; Newcastle Hardware, Supplies \$ 712.09; Newcastle Motors, Vehicle Maintenance \$ 575.85; Newcastle P D Postage \$ 54.01; Newcastle Recreation Board 1<sup>St</sup> quarter distribution, \$10000.00; Newcastle Volunteer Fire Dept, \$48.53; News Letter Journal, Legal Ads, Supplies \$ 2475.00; Northern WY Mental Health, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter distribution \$1625.00; Northwest Pipe Water Supplies \$ 14825.12; Oil City Supply, supplies, \$482.18; Outlaw Motors, flat repair, \$15.00; Petty Cash, mailing \$9.38; Pollard.com telescoping w/handle\$ 307.54; Postmaster, stamps & permit \$ 1276.00; Powder River Energy Power purchased \$902.81; Rapid Delivery, Delivery fees \$ 12.00; RDJ Specialties, Halloween bags \$ 322.22; Renew Enterprises, Monthly recycling \$1050.00; Respond First Aid, first aid supplies \$ 311.48; RT Communications, PD share, \$318.28; RT Communications, telephone, 2<sup>nd</sup> trunk line E911, \$1517.67; RT Communications Telephone, \$1233.21; S & S Builders, Arboretum \$4393.01; Salt Creek Water District, Annual Sewer, \$ 1512.00; Sacrison Asphalt, Limestone \$ 16654.20; Sheehan Mack Elbow\$ 940.03; Sheryll Shupe, Cemetery Plot \$ 250.00; Slattery, Special Event Units, \$ 56.25; Source Gas, Gas purchased \$893.43; Stan Carlson Benches \$ 1000.00; Survey Supply Serv, Lath, stakes \$ 476.00; Terri Meyer, cleaning hall \$ 360.50; Timberline Services, Frontier/ Stockade \$ 138776.48; TOP Office, copy chg, \$87.50; Turbiville, booster pump \$618.83; Voelker's Autobody, AC Recharge \$ 112.60; Weston Co Children's Center 1<sup>St</sup> Quarter Dist., \$ 2250.00; Weston Co Health Services, 1<sup>st</sup>

Quarter Dist. \$ 1375.00: Weston Co Treasurer Tax handling, airport master plan \$ 9111.82; Weston Co Public Health, flu shots \$ 32.00; W C Humane Society, 1<sup>St</sup> quarter Dist, Food Fee \$4274.00; Weston Co Senior Services, 1<sup>St</sup> Qtr Distribution \$7500.00; Weston Co True Value, supplies \$ 12.71; White Canyon Motors, vehicle Maintenance, \$377.67 Wyoming Automotive, Vehicle maintenance 1339.97; WY Dept of Transportation, RR Quiet Zone \$ 75.00; Wyoming Unclaimed Property, \$ 936.22; Telecom, I/d charges, \$149.05; WATER DEPOSIT REFUND: Alan Kaufman \$ 30.03; C W Morris \$ 85.30; Carol Gustin \$24.37; Jake Johnson \$43.63; James Hankins \$100.00; Jessie Garhart/Charles Norwood \$ 55.25; Kyle Williams \$57.38; Michael Rood; \$32.90; Patricia Aiken \$78.07;

Greg James, Mayor ATTEST: Clerk/Treasurer Charita Brunner

(Publish October 17, 2013)

#### City Ordinance

**ORDINANCE NO. 8, SERIES 2013** 

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13-8 OF ARTICLE II IN CHAPTER 13 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WYOMING 1961 REGARDING GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICE DEPOSIT TO REFER TO SECTION 26-5 OF ARTICLE I IN CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WYOMING 1961; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING that:

SECTION 1: The provisions of Section 13-8 of Article II in Chapter 13 of the Code of the Town of the City of Newcastle, Wyoming 1961 shall be and hereby are amended to provide in complete form as follows:

"Sec. 13-8. Deposit for garbage collection service.

Customer deposits to receive garbage collection service from the City shall be required as provided in Section 26-5 of this code."

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2014 after passage and upon publication as provided by law.

Passed on first reading: September 3, 2013 Passed on second reading: September 16, 2013

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on third reading this  $7^{\mbox{th}}$  day of October, 2013.

CITY OF NEWCASTLE: Gregory H. James, Mayor ATTEST: Charita Brunner, City Clerk/Treasurer

(Publish October 17, 2013)

#### **Budget Notice**

NOTICE OF BUDGET AMENDMENT

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

Increase the General Fund portion of the budget because of unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$72,274.98 received from the FEMA for work that was completed by Weston County on Plum Creek Road and transfer those funds to the Road & Bridge Department expenditure line item 100.00.14.0051000.0000 for the purchase of new equipment.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that these matters will be considered and acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners at their meeting on November 5, 2013 at 10:45 a.m.

DATED this 8th day of October, 2013.

Board of County Commissioners Weston County, Wyoming

(Publish October 17, 2013)

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#### City Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 10, SERIES 2013

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 26-4 OF ARTICLE I IN CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WYOMING 1961 TO COMBINE PAYMENT AND COLLECTION OF CHARGES FOR WATER, SEWER AND GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICE IN ONE SECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE. WESTON COUNTY. WYOMING

SECTION 1: The provisions of Section 26-4 of Article I in Chapter 26 of the Code of the Town of the City of Newcastle, Wyoming 1961 shall be and hereby are amended to provide in complete form as follows:

"Sec. 26-4. Payment and collection of water and sewer and garbage collection service charges; meter reading; penalty for late payment of charges; discontinuance of service for failure

(a) Customers of city water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service must be living persons; or valid and existing legal entities such as corporations, limited liability companies and partnerships; or valid and existing trusts represented by trustees; or valid and existing probate estates of deceased persons during administration represented by duly court-appointed personal representatives. The city has the right to discontinue service to any serviced location for which there is no "customer" as defined hereinabove; including specifically by way of illustration but not limitation, service location for which the named customer is deceased and there is no legally existing and validly court-appointed personal representative for said customer's probate estate, and service location for which the named customer is a dissolved corporation or other business entity. A notice of intent to discontinue service shall be mailed by first class United States mail to the last known address of the named customer at least thirty days prior to discontinuance of service. Said notice shall state the reason for discontinuance of service, that discontinuance of service may be made after thirty days from mailing of the notice, and how to avoid discontinuance of service.

(b) The charges for furnishing water

and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service

to a service location shall be billed on a monthly basis to each customer thereof. Such billing statements shall be mailed by first class United States mail to the last known mailing address as provided by the customer. Water meters shall be read by city personnel, and it is the responsibility of each customer to make available such customer's water meter to be read by city personnel. If city personnel are unable to access a customer's water meter or if a customer's water meter is not functioning or is not properly functioning, then and in such event the city shall estimate the customer's water consumption based upon past consumption and the water and/or sewer charges shall be based thereon. Any adjustment necessary to correct any error in such estimates shall be made by the city and reflected in the first ensuing billing statement for water and/or sewer services which is based upon the customer's actual metered water consumption. The sewer charges to customers who do not receive metered water shall be set by the city as provided in article 3 of this chapter. Upon request. in the event of change of customer at a service location receiving water and/or sewer services, the water meter for such service location may be read and adjustment made in the interim period. The amount shown on each monthly billing statement for water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service shall be due and payable to the city in full within forty-five days from the date the statement was mailed to the customer. If any such bill is not paid in full within the forty-five day period, then the bill shall be deemed to be delinquent; and in such event any and all other amounts billed for water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service to that service location shall also become immediately due and payable regardless of whether such other billed amounts are delinquent, a twenty-dollar late charge shall be assessed and added to the customer's delinquent bill, and the customer shall be required to pay the deposit provided in section 26-5(c) of this code. If the customer fails to pay such delinquent bill and late charge, together with all other amounts billed for water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service, regardless of whether such other amounts are delinquent, and pay the deposit required in section 26-5(c), in full within seven days from the date a notice of delinquency is mailed to the customer, then any and all of the customer's water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service to any service location shall be subject to be discontinued without further notice. In the event water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service is discontinued to any service location due to delinquency, such service(s) shall not be restored by the city until such time as the customer has paid in full the delinquent bill, the twenty-dollar late charge and all other amounts billed for water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service for each service location, regardless of whether such other amounts are delinquent, and has paid in full the required water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service deposit as provided in section 26-5(b) of this code; and has paid in full a fifteen dollar reconnect fee if the customer's water and/or sewer and/or garbage service to any service location had not been discontinued due to delinquency during the immediately preceding twelve months or a fifty-dollar reconnect fee if the customer's water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service to any service location has been discontinued due to delinquency during the immediately preceding twelve months, plus an additional one hundred dollars if the customer's water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service is restored at the customer's request at any time other than between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, excluding holi-

A notice of delinquency shall be sent to the customer if the customer's bill is not paid in full within forty-five days after the billing statement is mailed to the customer. The notice of delinquency shall be mailed by first class United States mail to the last known mailing address as provided by the customer, and shall notify the customer that: (1) the customer's bill is delinquent; (2) a twenty-dollar late charge is assessed and added to the delinquent bill; (3) to continue service the customer is required to pay the deposit provided in section 26-5(c) of this code, and is further required to pay such delinquent bill

and late charge, together with all other amounts billed for water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service, regardless of whether such other billed amounts are delinquent, in full within seven days from the date the notice of delinquency was mailed to the customer; and if the customer fails to do so, then the customer's water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service as furnished to the customer by the city at any service location will be subject to be discontinued without further notice. Said notice shall also inform the customer that if the customer believes that the subject bill has been paid, then the customer should immediately so notify the city clerk/treasurer. Said notice shall further notify the customer that if discontinuance of water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service would be life threatening or create a substantial risk of serious bodily injury, the customer must promptly so notify the city clerk/treasurer.

In the event the mayor should determine that the discontinuance of water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service would be life threatening or create substantial risk of serious bodily injury, the mayor may direct that water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service not be discontinued pending review by the city council.

(c) The city may discontinue water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection service in any manner it deems reasonable, including disconnection of the user's private lines from the city mains. Any claim for unpaid charges may be collected in a civil action against the customer owing such charge in any court of competent jurisdiction."

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2014, after passage and upon publication as provided by law.

Passed on first reading: September, 3, 2013 Passed on second reading: September 16,

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on third reading this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.

CITY OF NEWCASTLE: Gregory H. James, Mayor

Charita Brunner, City Clerk/Treasurer

(Publish October 17, 2013)



#### **CALL 746-2777**

#### City Ordinance

**ORDINANCE NO. 6, SERIES 2013** 

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13-7 (b) OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 13 OF THÉ CODE OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WYOMING 1961 REGARDING GARBAGE CANS TO INCLUDE REFERENCE TO SECTIONS 26-4 AND 26-5 OF ARTICLE I IN CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WYOMING 1961 FOR COLLECTION OF RESTITUTION FOR DAMAGED CAN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING that:

SECTION 1: The provisions of Section 13-7 (b) of Article II in Chapter 13 of the Code of the Town of the City of Newcastle, Wyoming 1961 shall be and hereby are amended to provide in complete form as follows:

"Sec. 13-7. Ownership of cans; theft and damage of cans; interference with cans; unauthorized use of cans; penalty.

(b) Cans which are stolen or damaged while in service shall be replaced by the city without additional cost to the customer, with the following exceptions: (1) the customer or another acting with the customer's knowledge steals the can; or (2) the customer or another using the can to dispose of garbage with the customer's knowledge damages the can through abuse or misuse. In the event of theft or damage occurring under either of the exceptions specified hereinabove, the city shall not replace the stolen or damaged can and shall discontinue all garbage collection service to the customer at the service location. The city shall send written notification to the customer by first class United States mail addressed to the last known mailing address as provided by the customer, informing the customer if the city has determined that the customer's can was damaged by abuse or misuse or stolen by the customer or another acting with the customer's knowledge, and further informing the customers that: (1) garbage collection service shall be discontinued immediately to the service location; (2) the amount due to the city for restitution for the can; (3) the customer's right to have a hearing before the governing body of the city if the customer contests the city's determination regarding the can; and (4) if the customer does not request a hearing before the governing body of the city or pay in full restitution for the can within forty-five days from the date the notice is mailed to the customer, that the customer shall be deemed to be delinquent in the payment of his/her garbage collection service charge, and the provisions of sections 26-4 and 26-5 of this code as regards the water and/or sewer and/or garbage collection services deposit and as regards collection of water and/or sewer and/or

garbage collection service charges shall apply." SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2014 after passage and upon publication as provided by law.

Passed on first reading: September 3, 2013 Passed on second reading: September 16,

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on third reading this  $7^{\mbox{th}}$  day of October, 2013.

CITY OF NEWCASTLE: Gregory H. James, Mayor ATTEST: Charita Brunner, City Clerk/Treasurer

(Publish October 17, 2013)



#### Meeting Notice

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Weston County School District #1 Board of Trustees will have a board retreat on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. at the Newcastle Country Club. No action will be taken at this meeting.

(Publish October 17, 2013)

#### Bid Notice

#### **INVITATION FOR BIDS**

The City Of Newcastle, Wyoming ("City") will accept sealed bids for the purchase of the following real property owned by the City:

Legal Description:

A tract of land being a portion of Outlot A, sometimes referred to as Tract A-8 of the Original Town of Newcastle, and a portion of the vacated South Seneca Avenue in the City of Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming. A complete legal description is available upon request from the City Administrative Office located at 10 West Warwick, Newcastle, Wyoming.

Street Address: 415 S. Seneca Avenue Newcastle, Wyoming

The minimum bid amount is \$5,000.00. The real property will be sold to the highest bidder bidding more than the minimum bid. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked as "Bid for 415 S. Seneca" (or similar language) to the City Administrative Office located at 10 West Warwick Street, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701 no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 4, 2013. The bids will be publicly opened and the highest bidder announced by the City at 7:15 p.m. on November 4, 2013 in the City Council Chambers on the second floor of the City Administrative Office. The highest bidder will have five (5) business days to pay the bid amount in full by certified funds (cashiers' check), and if the successful bidder fails to do so, the highest bidder shall forfeit any and all right to purchase the real property, and the City may accept the next highest bid, and the same payment procedure shall apply. Title to the real property shall be conveyed by quitclaim deed, and the real property shall be conveyed "as is and where is", without warranty, and subject to any and all easements, right-ofways, covenants, restrictions, reservations or other encumbrances of record and/or sight, but free and clear of any mortgages or liens. Title insurance will not be provided by the City. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids in the sole discretion of the City Governing Body. DATED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.

CITY OF NEWCASTLE By: Charita Brunner, City Clerk/Treasurer

(Publish October 17, 24 and 31, 2013)

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**ORDINANCE NO. 9, SERIES 2013** 

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13-10 OF ARTICLE II IN CHAPTER 13 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WYOMING 1961 REGARDING GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICE BILLING AND **DELINQUENCY TO REFER TO SECTION 26-4** OF ARTICLE I IN CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WYOMING 1961; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING that:

SECTION 1: The provisions of Section 13-10 of Article II in Chapter 13 of the Code of the Town of the City of Newcastle, Wyoming 1961 shall be and hereby are amended to provide in complete form as follows:

"Sec. 13-10. Billing for garbage collection service; delinquency.

Billing for garbage collection service by the city shall be as provided in Section 26-4 of this code."

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2014 after passage and upon publication as provided by law.

Passed on first reading: September 3, 2013 Passed on second reading: September 16,

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on third reading this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.

CITY OF NEWCASTLE: Gregory H. James, Mayor ATTEST: Charita Brunner, City Clerk/Treasurer

(Publish October 17, 2013)

#### Public Notice

**NOTICE OF INTENT** TO APPLY FOR TAX DEED

TO: Ethel June Ryan Lewis Trust C/O John Richard Ryan, Sr. 615 S. 78th Street Omaha, NE 68114

TO ALL OWNERS Possessors or occupants of the real property described as: The West 1/2 of Lot 12, The East 34 Ft. of Lot 13, The West 47 Ft. of Lot 15, All of Lot, 16, Block 5, Roby Addition, Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming \*\*Ethel June Ryan Lewis and John Richard Ryan, Sr. Trustees Under the Ethel June Ryan Lewis Trust Dated October 13, 1999

Be Advised That:

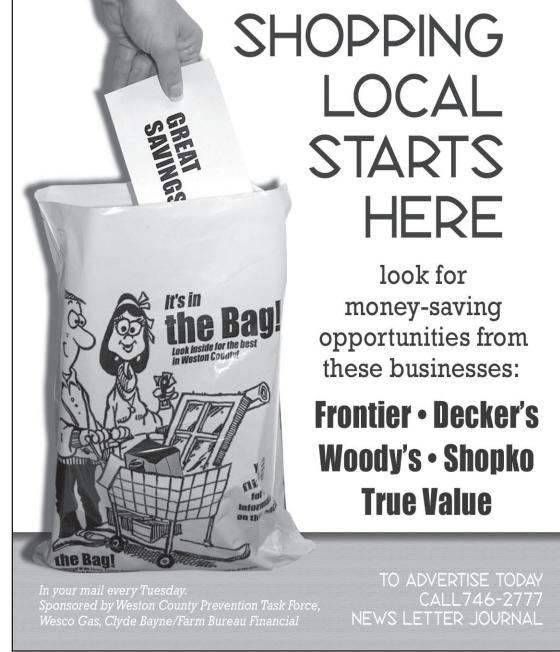
William G. Ingalls purchased the abovedescribed property at a tax sale on August 31, 2009 in Newcastle, Wyoming from the Weston County Treasurers and is in possession of Certificate of Purchase-No. 4740. The property was taxed or assessed in the name/names of Lewis, Ethel June Ryan & John for the year 2008. 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,

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 William G. Ingalls will apply for a tax deed on or after February 12th, 2014.

Any persons holding an interest in this property or otherwise interested in application for tax deed may contact the applicant William G. Ingalls, 721 State Street, Spearfish, South Dakota or contact the Weston County Treasurer, 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY 82701 regarding the petitioners intent to apply for a tax deed. DATED THIS 17th Day of October, 2013

William G. Ingalls 721 State Street Spearfish, SD 57783 (605) 631-0014

(Publish: October 17, 24, 31, 2013)



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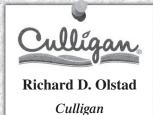
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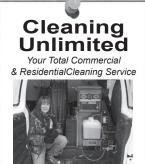
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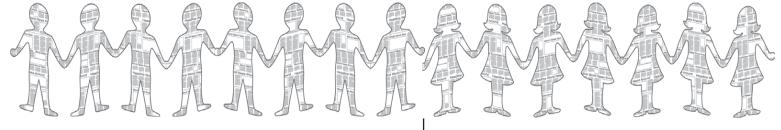
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the mix," he reflected.

There will be no clear cut victories for the Dogies from here on out, Hayman reasoned, and that's something he said he planned on discussing with his runners. It's conversation into which the News Letter Journal got a sneak preview.

With salt and pepper shakers, which happened to be lying about on a table, Hayman intensely demonstrated the strategy he tries to impart to his runners in order to help them break out of their comfort zone while racing, and pass up members of opposing teams in order to

#### Results

#### **Buffalo Invitational** Oct. 10, 2013

Men

Team Scores

- 1. Newcastle 22
- 2. Buffalo 52
- 3. Worland 85 4. Gillette 108
- 5 Sheridan 133
- 6. Glenrock 141
- 7. NSI 205 Individual Results

2. Tristan Mitchell 17:29; 3. Justin Francis 17:53; 4. Trace Buckert 17:57; 6. Andy Nelson 18:07; 7. Trenton Parsons 18:43; 19. Marshall Rhoades 19:38; 22. Brandon Leddy 19:49; 32. Alex Henkle 20:31; 35. Kieran Winter 20:38; 40. Cooper Karp 20:57; 50. Flint Hossfield 21:47; 51. Brandon Benson 21:51

Women Team Scores

- 1. Buffalo 37
- 2. Worland 58
- 3. Gillette 65
- 4. Glenrock 72 5. Newcastle 74
- 6. NSI/Sheridan 132 Individual Results

3. Calbi Ausman 21:40; 13. Laura Chord 24:16; 14. Kalyn Houser 24:17; 28. Alexys Barker

25:44; 34. Heather Michaelis 27:14; Lynell Hanson 27:35; 37. Hannah Williams 28:01 Middle School Results

3. Dylan Talley 10:59; 8. Jacob Rhoades 12:29; 19. Collin Dudzinski 13:50: 20. Zach LaPierre 13:51; 30. Peyton Purviance 15:44

6. Elly Mitchell 12:43; 7. Emily Rushton 12:44; 8. Kellar Bock 12:47; 9. Paige Liggett 12:49; 11 Kassidee Jeppesen 13:01; 14. Rehanna Payne 13:29; 23. Markie Whitney 14:49; 24. Isabella Mitchell 14:59; 25. Christina Hadlock 15:23; 26. Shelby Stith 15:25; 36. Tessa Vandersnick 20:59; 37. Alaina Lorenz 21:01

or more accurately a mindset--that he summed up simply as, "Live dangerously. Take the risk."

thing you can do. At least give it a go. You might shake out on top and you might not, but at least give it a try. So many people, and not just in sports, won't even give it a go. You can't get anything done unless you try," Hayman explained.

Questioned as to the wisdom of not pacing oneself by trying to pass faster runners, Hayman clarified by way of example.

'Reality will set in [if you're running too fast], but you're never going to see what your limits are unless you try. Now Tristan Mitchell did it in the boy's race. He went out. He ran with the Buffalo kid [Matt Scarlett]. He passed him, and surged ahead of him at the end of the second mile and made it up the hill ahead of him. I thought he had him beat, I really did. I thought he broke him. It just goes to show you never know, but he tried. He gave it a shot. That's the kind of racing I need to see out of all of our guys," Hayman said, recalling the hard fought contest for first place at Buffalo.

Neither are there necessarily second chances when it comes to passing a competitor, Hayman figures.

"A lot of times it's not a split second decision you have to make in a race, but it almost is. When Tristan and the Buffalo guy motored away, Justin Francis [who placed third] should have went with them. He's a good enough runner and has enough experience. If you find it's a pace you can't handle, you back off. You're going to get third anyway. You have to make those kinds of decisions in the race," Hayman chided.

And stifling one's inner voice of doubt is a big part of this decision making.

"We call it 'killing the A.N.T.'s,' Hayman continued. "Automatic negative thoughts can occur while you're racing: 'boy, my legs feel heavy,' 'I can't breathe', 'that guy looks so much faster than me.' You've got to kill those. One of the things you can do is make better decisions. You're in extreme pain and you're having those thoughts, you have to talk back to them and believe in your training. By talking back to them, you make the right decisions. It's having the courage to take those risks."

Turning to discuss the performance of the girl's team at Buffalo, Hayman speculated, at the instigation of the News Letter Journal, on the physiological and psy-

reduce crucial points. It's a strategy-- chological differences between male and female athletes, though he dismissed these differences as ultimately insignificant.

'Women are maybe more team-ori-"A lot of times not trying is the worst ented in the sense of doing something together as a community whereas the men think more [in terms of competition between individuals]....It still boils down to the same thing. Women might be slower than men, but that doesn't mean they don't hurt every bit as much when they're racing. As a matter a fact, if you asked me if I'd had more mentally tough males or females in running, I'd probably have to say there hasn't been any difference," he stated.

> Asked if he agreed with first year runner Lynell Hanson's assessment that the girls were hampered by their lack of experience relative to the boys team, Hayman agreed fully.

"That's a lot of it- if I could only get every kid to buy into the fact that it takes years to develop as a distance runner. As a matter a fact, you're going to get better for ten years when you start running, up until probably the age of 40. A lot of times kids [turn out for cross country believing they're no good], but I've had a lot of those [kind of kids] who went on to become All-State runners."

"Our number three running girl right now, Kalyn Houser, last year she didn't want to turn out," Hayman continued. "I think she was a little burnt out on sports in general....She told me she was so tired of getting last place. I told her that won't [Buffalo] meet. I think she has a shot at getting All-Conference....It's a long difference of one year. She went from Curren acknowledged. getting last in most meets to finishing up at the top.'

Asked if, based on past experience, he thought this year's crop of Dogie talent was state champion material, Hayman qualification—never underestimate the hand of fate.

"A lot of years, if you can get four guys to run in the 17's [minutes] and one in the 18's, you've won State. They might as well mail you the trophy. But it's not just in cross country that this happens. You could have the best basketball team you ever had one year, which could have won state the last five years in row, but guess what, that particular year that you Pederson reported. got the best, so do two other coaches in little bit of luck to it," he laughed.

#### **Swim Stats**

200 Medley Relay

200 Freestyle

50 Yard Freestyle 2. Shaylee Curren – 30.45

1 Meter Diving

100 Butterfly

500 Freestyle

Kelsey Wood Shaylee Curren

Jae Whitney

Cora Lambert 100 Backstroke 1. Rachel Henkle – 1.10.25

100 Breaststroke

400 Freestyle Relay

Mikenna Waggener

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1. Newcastle - 4.30.22

100 Yard Freestyle

200 Freestyle Relay

1. Newcastle - 2.13.44

2. Jae Whitney - 1.26.72

1. Kaylee Harley - 1.19.92

2. Kelsey Wood - 1.35.65

200 IM

1. Newcastle - 2.09.36 Mikenna Waggener- Backstroke

Kaylee Harley - Breaststroke

Rachel Henkle - Butterfly Kelsey Wood - Freestyle

1. Jae Whitney - 2.36.39

3. Cora Lambert - 3.26.73

3. Kelsey Wood – 31.13

1. Mikenna Waggener – 2.39.13

3. Cora Lambert – 89.15 points

3. Mikenna Waggener - 1.06.00

1. Rachel Henkle – 1.15.60

4. Shaylee Curren - 1.08.45

1. Kaylee Harley - 6.41.44

#### Newcastle vs. Douglas Gillette Invitational 200 Medley Relay 11. Newcastle – 2.13.94

Mikenna Waggener Kelsey Wood Kaylee Harley Rachel Henkle 200 Freestyle 43. Shaylee Curren - 2.33.56 50 Freestyle 23. Kaylee Harley - 28.00

64. Kelsey Wood - 31.30 69. Shaylee Curren – 31.53 85. Jae Whitney – 32.88 127. Cora Lambert 38.86 1 Meter Diving 29. Cora Lambert - 196.70 points

100 Butterfly 27. Rachel Henkle - 1.14.07 100 Freestyle 30. Mikenna Waggener - 1.05.06 500 Freestyle 49. Jae Whitney - 7.25.62 200 Freestyle Relay

12. Newcastle - 1.56.05 Shavlee Curren Rachel Henkle Mikenna Waggener Kaylee Harley 100 Backstroke 13. Mikenna Waggener – 1.10.61 57. Kelsey Wood – 1.30.52 100 Breaststroke  $10.\;\text{Kaylee Harley} - 1.18.94$ 

26. Rachel Henkle - 1,24,83 400 Freestyle Relay 16. Newcastle - 4.06.27 Shavlee Curren Kelsey Wood Jae Whitney

Cora Lamber

Swimming from page 11.....

department the last couple of meets though," Pederson noticed.

"I think that that team is doing really well in the swimming happen, and it's not. She was 14th at the aspect of it, but I feel like the team is not doing as well as we did at the beginning with our team spirit. It hasn't been the best these last few weeks, but I do feel as if it is getting better. I one, but she's got a shot at it. That's the think the next three weeks are going to be really good for us,"

In order for the team to become even more competitive before Conference and State, their coach understands they need to build up their strength and confidence.

"Right now we are working on building their confidence because they haven't hit their goal times yet, and we are reaching affirmed that was the case, but with one the end of the season. Some of the girls are getting down on themselves, which is bringing them down even more. Not only are they physically exhausted at this point, but mentally as well. Starting Monday, all of the girls will be tapering and we will work on both mental as well as physical strength and confidence. These girls have the potential to do some amazing things at Conference and State, and it's time they realize how strong they really are, especially when they work together. You can see how powerful they are when you watch them work together in relays. We will also focus on fine tuning technique in the next few weeks, and tying up some loose ends in regards to their races."

The lady Dogies will have another chance to show off their the state. You end up third....There is a improvements, and earn qualifying marks, at the Newcastle Invitational on Thursday, October 17.

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