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### Upton considers move to community center

**Todd Bennington** NLJ Reporter

Talk of the potential move of Upton's city hall and police department to the Upton Community Center continued at the town council's regular meeting held at the center last Tuesday.

told those assembled that he felt that the possible option of selling the community center has proven unfeasible.

"What happens there is that you have to pay back the moneys that you generate off of that," Mayor Upton explained of his discussions

There, Upton Mayor Dustin Upton with the Wyoming Business Council. funding from the Wyoming Business community center for reasons of space "An appraisal would be done on the building ... and then the state would get those moneys back."

> The town would therefore be unlikely to net any money from the sale of the currently underused building, which opened in 2011 with

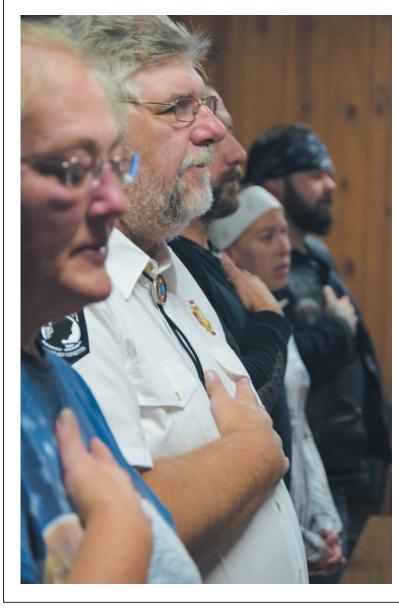
Council and the Upton Economic and cost effectiveness. Development Board.

Instead, both Upton and City Superintendent Mark Lindstrom and getting ridding of all the old buildseemed to be in favor of pursuing the possibility of moving the town's police department and city hall to the

"It's just one way of combining all our utilities, insurance, maintenance, ings," said Lindstrom. "To do a new

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### **Honor and Remember!**





Picutured at left: Participants gathered at VFW Post 2516 on Saturday afternoon in somber remembrance of fallen service members Army Staff Sgt. Ryan L. Zorn, who died in a vehicle rollover in Iraq in Nov. 2009, and Marine Staff Sgt. Brian D. Bland, killed in a helicopter crash, also in Iraq, in Jan. 2005. Bland's mother, Beverly, was presented with a flag in honor of her son by South Dakota Gold Star Mothers. Christine Bestgen, president of the South Dakota chapter of what is a national veterans service organization, said her branch is attempting to reach out to neighboring states in order to help compensate for what she described as a breakdown in the group's networking and communications in Montana, Wyoming, and the Dakotas. Beverly and Christine are pictured above. (Todd Bennington/NLJ)

### Study says Weston pays less fuel tax

**Todd Bennington NLJ** Reporter

SmartAsset.com, a New York-based financial technology company, has ranked Weston County as having the lowest fuel tax burden in the state, with the average driver paying \$295 in fuel taxes annually. That compares to an overall state average of \$351 and a nationwide average of \$243, based on SmartAsset's calculations.

Wyoming fuel taxes, which are collected at the level of supply terminals rather than at the pump, are consistent statewide, so the site's calculations in determining average fuel tax burden at the county level actually took into account a variety of other factors, such as the number of drivers and miles driven.

SmartAsset's methodology, according to the company, consisted of first distributing statewide vehicle miles traveled down to the county level using the number of vehicles in each county. The countywide miles were then divided amongst the number of licensed drivers in the county. Finally, the average

gallons of gas used per driver in each county was calculated using the nationwide average for fuel economy and multiplied by the fuel tax.

Data utilized in the study was derived from GasBuddy. com (fuel prices), the American Petroleum Institute (fuel taxes), the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute (fuel economy), the Federal Highway Administration (vehicle miles traveled), and the U.S. Census Bureau (vehicles and drivers per county).

Given the distance between municipalities in Northeast Wyoming, it might seem counterintuitive that Weston County drivers are buying less gas than elsewhere in the state. A.J. Smith, managing editor for

### **Wyoming Motor Fuel**

State excise tax 23 cpg Other state taxes (goes to DEQ's leaking underground storage tank cleanup activities) Total state taxes

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**24** cpg

### Coaches ask board to offer Middle School soccer

NLJ Reporter

Varsity soccer coaches Bryce Hoffman and Josh Peterson presented to WCSD #1's Board of Trustees a proposal last Wednesday to expand next spring.

Hoffman, who said the plan would make the sport available through the district to both middle school girls and boys beginning March 2016, explained the proposal stems from conversations the district's soccer program to the among district staff that took place in

sports among students throughout their school careers and expand turnout for high school programs.

"I didn't really identify our problem with [high school] soccer with our low numbers as a youth program problem," explained Hoffman, speaking of the

of a middle school issue, because the numbers we have really drop off in the seventh and eighth grade classes."

Hoffman and Peterson noted that their plan involves working with the league to provide practice space for the middle school teams and that no more

school for soccer.

and fees

Officials, of which they said they already have several in mind, would be recruited locally, and Peterson contended that, by offering soccer, strain

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### **Mystical Halloween on** tap

**Alexis Shultz NLJ** Reporter

The Newcastle Chamber of Commerce plans provide local children with something else to do on Halloween, and Chamber Director Susan Love approached the Newcastle City Council last month to discuss the group's proposal to close off a portion of Main Street for the "Monster Mash Street Bash."

The Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce, with the help of KASL Radio, plans to host the Halloween Mash Street Bash downtown from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. on October 31.

"I didn't want to go out and set it all up without the city's permission first," Love told the council, noting that her group didn't want to dive into details of the event until they had brought the city council into the loop.

She primarily attended last month's meeting to seek permission from the city to have a block of Main Street in downtown Newcastle closed off for the event before she proceeded with hammering out too many specifics.

Love did report that she had met with downtown business owners the previous week to discuss the event, and she

of businesses and individuals had already committed to hosting a trunk or treat event downtown on Halloween. She also indicated that a costume parade and contest would take place and she hoped to possibly feature a haunted house as well

Flyers have been distributed recently that invite community members to bring trunks of treats downtown, and also announced that T&A Brewery will be the site of a haunted house sponsored by RPM Days. The flyer also announced that the Wedding Closet will offer spooky ghost jugs and there will be costume contests and parades at both Maverik and the library.

Love said the intent of the event is to provide merchants with an opportunity to promote their business while distributing candy to children through what is known as a "trunk or treat," where children can trick-or-treat in a smaller and more controlled environment than is offered through traditional trick-or-treating activities around town.

The Newcastle City Council unanimously approved closing of the 200 block of Main Street for the event from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to allow for set up

could confirm that a number and tear down to occur before the road opens back up. Police Chief Jim Owens did mention that it might be wise to have no parking signs put up by city crews at 3:00 p.m. that day in order to guarantee the road will be cleared prior to the scheduled closure.

**Magic Show** 

A week before Halloween, members of the community will have the opportunity to enjoy a bit of the mystical and help aid in funding the local Home Health Services office at the same time when that organization hosts a magic show at the Weston County Senior Center at 7 p.m. on October 24. The magic show will feature Philip and Henry, who have been dedicated to captivating the imagination of all ages for over 20 years.

"We are about \$10,000 short on funding for the next fiscal year," declared In-Home Services spokesperson LeAnn

She explained that a majority of the monies used to fund in-home services comes from grants, but as is the case with other grants, a match of funds must be made by the receiving entity. Kenagy indicated the facility is about \$10,000 short

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### Keeping out the chill



BHP employees, with the help of 26 community volunteers, stepped up to help customers lower utility costs at its annual Weatherization Day in Newcastle, Upton and Osage last weekend. Customer service and energy efficiency experts identified candidates for free weatherization assistance and then performed an energy audit to determine each home's requirements. Those customers also received a complimentary package of energy-saving compact fluorescent light bulbs. Black Hills Power also partners with the Newcastle Ministerial Association, which administers the Black Hills Cares energy assistance fund for all its customers in Weston County. "We realize that even after weatherizing and taking advantage of the billing options they qualify for, some customers may struggle to make ends meet," Nichols said. "We want to help, and our Black Hills Cares energy assistance program is another way we give back to the community." Following the weatherization effort, a community chili feed hosted at the Weston County Senior Center raised \$7,500 directly benefiting the Newcastle Ministerial Association's Black Hills Cares fund. A \$1,000 donation from Wyoming Refinery, plus over \$250 contributed by attendees will be matched by Black Hills Power. The company also presented a check for \$5,000 to the program, which is available to its customers in need. Pictured is volunteer Rachel Henkle. (Bob Bonnar/NLJ)















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# DINEWS Letter Journal

### Our view

### Open the umbrella

Governor Matt Mead's announcement that he is trying to find \$200 million to cut from state budgets in the current fiscal year should scare the heck out of local government officials around Wyoming who were hoping Mead and the Wyoming State Legislature would provide financial support over the next biennium to help communities weather the economic rough patch many of them are experiencing.

We hope Weston County officials are prepared, however, to stand up to their fears—instead of curling up in a helpless ball and hiding from them, and we hope they will do so in a convincing enough manner to encourage their counterparts in other parts of Wyoming to stand defiantly (even disrespectfully) with them.

For most of the past decade, the legislature has used overly conservative revenue projections to build a nearly \$2 billion Legislative Stabilization Account—more commonly refered to as the Rainy Day Fund—and local officials should be loudly proclaiming that the downturn in the energy industry means that it is raining just as hard in Newcastle as it is in Cheyenne or Laramie.

Throughout most of the energy boom legislators refused to provide a guaranteed (and appropriate) funding stream to local governments because they favored saving the money to safeguard the state against the bust that would inevitably follow the boom. That bust has arrived, and lawmakers are already hinting that local governments shouldn't expect much in the way of shared state

We assume it is their intent to dig in and attempt to spread that nearly \$2 billion over as many years as they possibly can out of a fear that this bust will go on for a number of years, but we believe doing so will create a self-fulfilling prophecy by simply magnifying the impact of any economic hardships the state will experience while energy prices are low-making it that much more difficult to emerge from the current recession.

The intent behind the creation of a rainy day fund is to spend those monies to provide some shelter when the rain does come, but the track record of the Wyoming State Legislature would seem to indicate that they will hesitate to hand out umbrellas because they are worried that the "heavy stuff won't come down for awhile yet."

(Of course, a big umbrella is already being provided to Cheyenne and Laramie, where a \$300 million renovation of the state capitol and numerous construction projects at the University of Wyoming are moving forward at full steam.)

We find it highly unlikely that the state's current recession will last much beyond the next presidential election, and it should be noted that the Rainy Day Fund is only one of the many savings accounts in the State of Wyoming's portfolio.

Those other accounts should be more than suitable to protect us if the rain continues to fall, and we urge local officials to remind legislators of that while insisting that the level of funding provided to local governments should, at the very least, be maintained at the paltry levels "enjoyed" during the boom.

Lawmakers can take some solace in the fact that their refusal to share the wealth during the boom means that communities already know how to tighten their belts (because we've been doing it all along), but it is offensive for them to think that we can tighten them any further. Elected officials in Weston County should not hesitate to show how offended they are if the legislature suggests that we

### Letters to the Editor...

### **Commit to funding** mental health programs

Dear Editor,

As recently as the 1960's, our nation's mental health programs were mishandled by state and federal governments

Diagnosis too often was "Possessed by Demons." Treatment was too often inhumane incarceration in an asylum that had more in common with the "CooCoo's Nest" than a Psychiatric Hospital. President Kennedy did not come to grips with this problem and so it persisted.

Later, in the mid-80s, the paltry amount dedicated to mental health was deemed excessive by President Reagan. He severely cut the already meager federal funding. Many asylums/shelters/mental institutions had to close. Many of the exresidents acquired a new designation: "The Homeless."

The funding levels never recovered from those draconian cuts. Ad Hoc "threat assessment teams" have tried, with some, but little success, to stem the flow of blood from school and workplace mass

Thirty years ago there was a mass murder about every 200 days.

Currently, there is a mass murder about every two months.

The National Institutes of Health need more funding to research, recommend and deploy a palliative program. Fund a comprehensive mental health program, including a psychiatric domiciliary for every population of a million. That will probably cost less than one squadron of those worthless F35 planes our politicians are so eager to shower money upon.

Beyond that, we need to find a way to 'destigmatize' engaging mental health professionals. I had a friend who went off the rails just one night while in college. He was threatened with loss of his degree and other abominations.

A good letter from a psychiatrist got him out of that mess. He was so happy and relieved that he made a little sign to wear. It read "I can prove I'm sane, can you?" —Jerry Baird

### Illegal immigration isn't as bad as we think

Many people think that illegal immigra-

tion is a bad thing. Illegal immigration is

apparent, but not a problem.

have entered the United States illegally, which is true, but not a bad thing. With more people in the U.S., there is a bigger demand for supplies, and a bigger demand for goods will boost the economy, which is already in a downward spiral. Also, people working for less money helps businesses, which helps the economy as a whole.

USA, 10.8 million more people according to "At Issue: Illegal Immigration."

That means there are more people in the country to help fight in a war if that should ever become a necessity.

Many jobs and everyday lives deal with racial diversity. With illegal immigration, there are more people of different races coming into the United States as kids.

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in the U.S., as well as the immigrants coming in, for success because they will grow up among different races. Illegal immigration makes it so people do not hear accents or see colors. It teaches respect.

If someone grows up without racial diversity, they will not really know how to react to it. With a wider range

of racial diversity, people would be able to observe other race's cultures and how people act. Illegal immigration will introduce more racial diversity than immigration does because of the limit of people that can enter the U.S. legally.

and prevent war, and having illegal immigrants in the U.S. could save a lot of

If the Border Patrol lost some of their of the "land of the free"— the government could use that money on real issues around the country.

If people were allowed to come into our country, it would create allies, thus making less enemies. It is easy to see why illegal

Many people think that illegal immigration is a bad thing, but it is not an issue.

(Ed. note: The preceding letter written for an assignment in Debb Proctor's Freshmen English class. Please send any responses to this letter to editor@ newslj.com)

# People are not a bad thing. Many people

With more people entering the U.S., the country is protected. There are more people in the U.S with illegal immigration— in the

This sets up the kids already

Illegal immigration could save money

funding—they receive a ridiculous amount of money to try and keep human beings out

immigration is not a problem.

—Lyle Whitney

### Don't get 'Zucker'ed by Facebook stats likes last week (paid readership) which means this

We're all still a little shell-shocked from the

fallout of the Great Recession.

As for newspapers, in 2007 when our world economy was at its peak, so was newspaper pulp production.

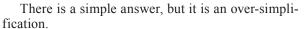
But by mid-2008 people had stopped spending money and you probably noticed a dearth of 18-wheelers on the But despite the chorus of "print is

dead" (led by our own industry) some strange facts have come to light.

Pulp sales in the U.S. in 2014 finally surpassed that high water mark of 2007 and 2015 is expected to surpass that.

Spending on direct mail also is growing once again.

So if print is dead, why then is there more of it being sold and/or shipped today than ever



Marketers, who pay to have print delivered to you, saw the internet as a cheap and more effective

route to their customers. They were half right.

It is cheap.

But the internet, with all its promise, has still failed to deliver a workable business model for our industry and the carnage of trying to make it work has yet to stop.

And when we say "carnage," we mean the elimination of jobs. Big newspapers have ravaged their newsrooms, in many cases by firing half of their news staff.

But print is still the most effective medium to deliver a message and none

more so than paid circulation media. To paraphrase a social media giant, we had 6,700

newspaper will have over 100,000 page views.

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If you're a global company with vast resources you can probably compete pretty well using digital. But if you're a small town shop using the internet you are competing globally and that's a hard row to

As a culture we should also recognize that the more we make our purchases on the internet, the less chance our retail stores will be able to survive.

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### Learning that bad gas is a thing of the past

We've all heard complaints about gas quality and may have had experiences ourselves from time to time with poor vehicle performance after filling up, but what factors actually determine fuel quality?

That's the question the NLJ posed to Senior Petroleum Analyst Will Speer, who covers the Southwest, Midwest, and Mountain states for GasBuddy.com, a site that bills itself as "the leading provider of retail fuel pricing information and data," as well as Bruce Hinchey, president of the Petroleum Association of Wyoming, an industry lobby group.

Speer told the NLJ that the major product distinction that can be made is between branded gasoline, such as that sold at Chevron, Exxon, or Phillips 66 stations, and unbranded gas, which is what can be found at wholesale Costco stores, mom-and-pop groceries, and similar establishments where no recognizable brand name is advertised.

Unbranded gasoline tends to have less detergent, according to Speer,

which is a chemical additive meant to minimize the formation of deposits inside combustion chambers, intake valves, and fuel injectors.

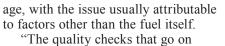
"In your branded gasoline you'll get close to twice as much detergent, and you'll have the name-brand detergent that they're using. [For] Chevron it's Techron ... That's why you'll sometimes see the price of a branded fuel slightly higher than a generic grocery store."

Paper Boy

Other than the amount and quality of the detergent added, gasolines themselves tend to be similar, Speer maintained.

Instead it's factors such as seepage of water into underground tanks or other storage and maintenance issues that make for a poorly performing product.

Hinchey agreed, saying that current industry standards make getting a bad tank of gas unlikely in this day and



today are a lot different than they were 30 years ago," Hinchey explained "...

There's filters before it's pumped into the tanks and filters after its pumped out of the tank into your car, and your car has filters itself. To [talk about bad gas] today, I would imagine it's probably other factors. It could be rust in someone's gas tank. It could be water that somehow got in the gas tank, but very

Todd Bennington unlikely [to be a problem **Quo Vadis** with] the fuel." Still, Hinchey seemed to take a negative view of the use of ethanol in gasoline, while acknowledging there may be other views on the

> subject. 'Ethanol is alcohol. It's made from corn," he explained. "You can make it from a lot of different products, but it's alcohol that is added to the gasoline.

Usually it's ten percent or less. That's by law. Once you add the alcohol it has less BTU content than straight gasoline does, and so therefore it will reduce your gas mileage and reduce your horsepower a little bit."

"It was a fix for the federal government to try to solve a crisis and make sure we had plenty of fuel," Hinchey continued. "Plus the farmers in the Midwest were really pushing it, so they could sell their corn crops ... That's my opinion. There's probably other reasons."

An ethanol tax credit that had been in effect since 1995 was allowed by the State Legislature to lapse this year.

As for gasoline at the wholesale level, however, the quality is pretty much the same before the addition of additives for retail sale, contended

"Gasoline is a fungible product. Just because it says Chevron on the gas station, you're still pulling from the same wholesale rack as the Costco," Speer said.

















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### **Starting Strong**



Head Start recently celebrated it's 50th year and Governor Matt Mead proclaimed October 16, 2015 as Head Start Awareness Day. In order to recognize this day, and involve families of those involved in Head Start, Chrissy Shaw, who works with Head Start in our region, hosted a cupcake decorating activity for Head Start students and their families at the Weston County Children's Center. According to literature provided by the organization, Head Start has been helping children prepare for school, and families prepare for the future, since 1965. The organization claimed in a press release that it has been the premier model for providing the most vulnerable children with an opportunity for success in school and life. Shaw admitted that getting families involved is often difficult, which means that filling the spots that are available to help young children throughout Weston County has also proven challenging. She said those families interested in accessing the program are encouraged to contact the Weston County Children's Center to learn more about what is available for children in Weston County. Information about the program can also be accessed at www.wyomingchild.org. Pictured is Kaiden Fogle. (Alexis Shultz/NLJ)

### Council approves budget adjustments

**Alexis Shultz NLJ** Reporter

City Clerk Charita Brunner informed the Newcastle City Council on September 19 at their regularly scheduled meeting that prior to leaving for vacation, she had turned in the 2014-2015 fiscal year budget to the auditor.

She also reported to the council that the city had some violations in the budget because monies were moved around within the budget in order to cover accounts that had spent more than originally planned. She explained from general accounts that that approval to move these had excess money. monies was needed in the

additional measures were required.

"We did not have to advertise, and we will not need a budget amendment," announced Brunner, who explained that these steps weren't necessary because of the way the monies were shifted throughout the budget, noting that she was able to move the money in the budget within simple line items. She explained that this did not increase the budget in any way, and the process was done only to move enough funds to accounts that were overspent

form of a motion, but no smoothing the budget," Councilwoman Linda Hunt.

Brunner professed, noting that the accounts that ran over budget included the parks budget and the salary budget— explaining the overrun in the salary budget was directly linked to the city hiring a full-time building inspector. She reasoned that there had been a need for the position, and its creation is generating an income that might have been missed without a full-time employee for the position.

The council approved the movement of the \$29,000 throughout the budget unanimously after Councilman Roger Hespe made a motion "We were basically that was seconded by

### **City Beats**

- The Newcastle City Council accepted the only bid submitted for a 2016 Dodge Charger for the Newcastle Police Department. The bid was submitted by Fremont Motors out of Lander Wyoming and totaled \$25,823. Councilman Roger Hespe moved to accept the bid and Councilwoman Linda Hunt seconded, with the remainder of the council approving the motion.
- At the request of the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department, a resolution is to be drafted that would increase the number of members that the department is allowed to have from 40 to 50. The council also requested that a number of statistics and figures be provided at the same time as the resolution so they can better view the situation. Councilman Don Stevenson, who is also a member of the department. explained that there are a number of reasons the department needs an increase, including the possibility that a fire emergency could arise in town while the department is aiding another area. He also said that the department has a number of people on the waiting list to join, and the council acknowledged how amazing it was to have that many citizens want to volunteer, particularly considering other areas are having issues filling their departments.
- · As previously reported, the Newcastle Police Department had made a decision on which E-911 system the department would like to purchase to replace the current system, but

City Attorney Jim Peck needed to review the contract with Graybar, the company that would be providing the new system. After the council approved the purchase of the system in full, as well as paying for a full year of maintenance in advance, Peck went to work picking through and fixing the contract until a document was

agreed upon that suited the City of Newcastle. "(Police Chief) Jim (Owens) and I spent at least four and a half hours in my office going over the contract," declared Peck. He noted that prior to the negotiations taking place, the company had a number of contractual documents, but by the end the group had agreed on one contract that was thinned down by a number of pages.

"They worked with us on maintenance and with the contract," professed Peck, noting that he believes Graybar should provide good service.

Peck also explained a number of advantages and upgrades that come with the new system, including the replacement of any equipment that happens to break, as well as no potential price increase until 2021. He explained that this increase will only cover cost of living increase for maintenance. He also announced that with a 60-day notice, the Newcastle Police Department can get out of the contract at any time.

"I think it will be very good. They were pretty good to work with," acknowledged Peck, who joked that the company asked him if he would be willing to review other contracts they had.



### **Home Sweet Home Equity Loan**

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### 3rd Grade - Dayne Evenson



GOOD CITIZENS

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What does it take to be a good citizen? A good citizen is someone who always does the right thing even when no one is watching. They work hard, follow the rules, they are kind, and they reach out to others. This month's third grade good citizen exemplifies all of these qualities. This student has gone above and beyond regular classroom expectations. He is always kind, caring, helpful, and a hard worker. Congratulations to this month's good citizen, Dayne Evenson. You earned it!

### 4th Grade - Ava Williams

Wouldn't Have Known



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If I hadn't had you as my student, I wouldn't have known of your work ethic; working to your full potential facing adversity as a challenge persevering until all is resolved. wouldn't know that Failure Is An Opportunity To Grow I wouldn't have known of your positive attitude; breaking the ice in tense situations. flitting around like the Tooth Fairy, inspiring and motivating your school family. I would know that Attitude Is A Choice wouldn't have known of your commitment to others; treating all with dignity and respect, caring for those who need someone to lean on; believing everyone deserves to be heard. Never Doubt Your Ability to touch Someone's Life

GOOD CITIZENS Good Citize If I hadn't had you Ava Williams, I wouldn't have known...and what a loss it would have been for me. Congratulations Ava!

### 5th Grade - Kyah Miller



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Choosing the first fifth-grade good citizen of the year is a daunting task. There are many deserving students in each and every class. However, after careful consideration of student character, conduct, and effort, one student in our classroom stood out as an obvious choice. First of all, this student exhibits the character traits a good citizen should possess. This fifth-grader is honest and trustworthy. She is thoughtful and respectful. She doesn't complain. She finds a way to focus on the bright side, even when things might not go her way. She is considerate, kind and friendly. She encourages others. She has an ideal attitude toward school and learning. In addition, this student demonstrates that she understands the importance of appropriate conduct. She knows and follows school rules without needing any reminders. She is helpful, and goes out of her way to encourage others. She volunteers. She is one of the first to jump in, lending a hand whenever she can. Her actions and behavior demonstrate that she has learned what it takes to meet and exceed the expectations of a good citizen. Finally, this fifth grade student shows the effort required to become a good citizen. She is a determined, dedicated student. She will stick with a task, trying different ways of solving a problem until she gets the right answer. She is not afraid to ask for help when she needs it. Her hard work and perseverance will help her develop good habits for future years of study to come. Clearly, our fifth grade good citizen for the month of October is a special student who displays excellence in OD CITIZENS Good Citizens Good character, conduct, and effort. We are fortunate to have her in our classroom. Congratulations to our Fifth Grade Good Citizen, Kyah Miller.

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Gone but never forgotten. He is loved and missed by many. That great smile and personality was very warming. That moment that he died our hearts where torn in two, one side filled with heartache, the other died with him. We often lie awake at night when the world is fast asleep, and take a walk down memory lane, with tears upon our cheeks. Remembering him is easy, we do it everyday, but missing him is a heartache that will never go away. We hold him tightly within our hearts and there he will remain. Until the joyous day arrives, That we will meet him again. Those special memories of him will always bring a smile if only we could have you back for just a little while. Then we could sit and talk again just like we used to do. Levi you always meant so very much to all of us and you always will. The fact that you're no longer here will always cause us pain but Levi you're forever in our hearts. Until we meet again we will always love you.





### Obituaries.....

Thelma Lucille Hollingsworth Jan. 15, 1942-Oct. 12, 2015

Thelma Lucille "Lu" Hollingsworth, 73 of Cheyenne, died peacefully, surrounded by family, Oct. 12, in Fort Collins,

Lu was born in Littleton, CO, January 15, 1942 and lived in Colorado for a short time before moving to Wyoming. She was raised on the family near Upton, homestead Wyoming.

Lu graduated from high school in Newcastle. married Gaylord Mullendore in 1967 in Newcastle and they raised 2 sons, until his death in 1976. In 1991, she married Dave Hollingsworth.

She worked for Cheyenne Credit Reporting Service and JC Penney. Lu enjoyed spending time at the Elks Club and was an enthusiastic Denver Broncos fan. Her hobbies included drawing and creating family picture albums. She enjoyed many family get-togethers.

Lu is survived by sons Jay Mullendore, Cheyenne, Scott Mullendore, Brownwood, Texas; stepdaughters, Pamela Sue Hansen, Fort Collins, Shelly Lenz, Lincoln, Neb., Cindy Kushnir, Cheyenne; siblings John Hoxie, Aldon Hoxie, Tom Pringle and Sherry Leinen; 8 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by 2 husbands; a sister, Patty; her parents and a step-daughter Stephanie.

At Thelma's request, no services will be held. Internment of cremains will be held at a later date.

### Glenda Willadson

Nov. 23, 1949-Oct. 15, 2015 Glenda Willadson was born November 23, 1949 to Fred and Martha Slagle in Newcastle, WY. The Rosco Michael's

• FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Pastor Mark

Thurman, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Adult Bible Study 8:45 am;

11:45 am. Contemporary Praise & Worship Service.

Sunday Public Talk 10 am; Watchtower 11 am.

9:30 am; Worship 11 am. Call 746-8091.

Worship 6 pm.

Traditional Church Services 10 am; 10:15 a.m. Children's Church and

• GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP: Pastor Jon Andersen, Evangelical Free Church meets at the Weston County Senior Services; Sunday School

• KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES: 5018

• NEWCASTLE FOURSOUARE CHURCH: Pastor Mick Bohn.

1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sun. Worship 10 am; Wed. Night Prayer.

• NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP: Pastor Wayne Wilson, meets at

Haydis Hall (Next to Christ Episcopal Church), 746-5542. Sunday

• OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH: 348 Sheridan St. in Osage,

• SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST: Pastor Gary Force, 78 Old Hwy

85, Pastoral Assistant Matt Dooley 949-0831 and Joe Story 605-891-

• ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Father Killian Muli,

 $\bullet$  VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH: Rev. Theodore L.

Johnson, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Worship 9 am; Fellowship 10

a.m.; Adult Study 10:30 a.m.; 1st & 3rd Wed Evenings Prayer and

• UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Rev. Sharee

465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm.

9954. Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11:00 am.

US Hwy 16, 746-2319 or 746-4517. Tuesday 7 p.m. Congregation Bible Study, Theocratic Ministry School and Service Meeting.

ranch west of Newcastle was home. The family moved to Upton and two siblings were born, Vicki and Fred Jr.

Glenda passed through Jesus to our Father on October 15, 2015 at Hospice House in Rapid City, SD after a 22 year battle with cancer.

Glenda was married to James Willadson on October 28, 1967. They raised two sons, Scott Ray and Ron Lee in Osage, Wyoming. Glenda earned her GED in Newcastle November 17, 1972. She worked at Pamida, and Kiesling Oil Co., as well as baked wedding and specialty cakes on the side. Glenda and James divorced June 15, 1988. Glenda's father, Fred Slagle, died July 19, 1988. She had assisted in his

care with her mother, Martha.

Glenda took a job with Exel Erectors which took her to several states in the east and south. She tried various jobs Laughlin, around Nevada and Bullhead

City, Arizona. She worked as a Physical Therapy Technician and was encouraged by the therapists to pursue schooling for Physical Therapy Assistant. She took this advice and attended Colby Community College in Colby, Kansas receiving an Associate of Science Degree in Physical Therapy. Passing State Board Exams for Kansas, Texas and Wyoming. Glenda returned to Wyoming working as a PTA for Campbell County Memorial Hospital in several departments: In patient rehabilitation, work hardening, and with cancer patients. It was during this time that Glenda was diagnosed with breast cancer. She had surgery and was treated with chemo and radiation, after which she returned to work. Her skills

were increased more working

with cancer patients.

On November 7, 1997 Glenda married Pat Kerwin in Newcastle, they resided in Gillette. Later they moved back to Newcastle. She had two stepdaughters from that marriage, Janine Dooley, and Leigh Kerwin. Pat and Glenda divorced in July 2007.

Glenda worked for North Platte Physical Therapy, owned her own cleaning business, and then opened her own massage therapy business, which was growing when she was diagnosed with breast cancer again, as well as ovarian cancer in 2009. Treatment for this, and additional surgery in 2010 reduced her endurance. The ovarian cancer returned in 2014

> with more surgery and chemo. She continued to fight, and earned a year of increased health, filling several items on her "bucket list" to include: \*Girls week in Breckenridge, Colorado. \*Christmas with Scott in Denver.

Colorado. \*Trip to the West Coast with Elizabeth Goodart, covering several items, but staying in a tree house motel was the signature highlight. She was also reacquainted with a high school friend, and toured Alaska. This included seeing Denali when it was clear, taking a 12 hour glass top train ride, visiting an all ice bar and motel, and much

Glenda enjoyed children and having fun things for them to do. Baking ebelskivers (Danish pancakes) blowing bubbles in the yard, swimming at Evan's Plunge in Hot Springs, SD, cave tours in the Black Hills, and Mt Rushmore. Also going through Dinosaur Park/museum in Dinosaur, Colorado were a few of the adventures. She also had several children she consid-

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ered as her own grandchildren and great grandchildren, that also referred to her as grandma. Her Christmas cookies were a favorite for all.

Glenda spent her last days in Rapid City Regional Hospital and at Hospice House in Rapid City, SD where the doctors and staff made her comfortable. and provided excellent care for her and the family. She passed away peacefully in their care on October 15, 2015.

Preceding her in death: Parents: Fred and Martha Slagle; Aunts: Betty Baldwin, Kathy Watson, Thelma Martins; Uncles: Evertt Slagle, Oscar Watson, Don Baldwin, H.Lee Martins and Carl (Jr) Slagle; Grandparents: Ann Masters and Howard Masters, and Carl and Mary Slagle.

Survivors: Sons: Scott Willadson, Denver, CO, Ron (Mami Krank) Willadson, Newcastle, WY. Grandchildren: Courtney Smith, Raleigh NC, Tylin Ellerton (Derek Eixenberger) Gillette, WY, Jake Willadson, Chase City, VA, Great Grandson: Daven Eixenberger, and Step Great Grandson: Dyson Eixenberger, Gillette, WY. Aunt: Nadine Slagle, Newcastle, Sister: Vicki (Ray) Legerski, Casper, WY, Brother: Fred (Carla) Slagle, Karnes City, TX. Nephews: Cody Legerski, Casper, WY, Dustin (Jena) Slagle, Parker, CO, Wayne Legerski, Casper, WY. Nieces: Mandy Brannan, Rangely, CO, Leslie (Nic) George, Sheridan, WY, Torie Slagle, Rangely, CO, Tessa Slagle, Grand Junction,

The family would like to extend a "Special Thank You" to Rod Cheek, Rita Conklin, and Elizabeth Goodart. The Grace Lutheran Church pastors and members, and many other friends and family that assisted

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### Newcastle Lodge No. 13, A.F. & A.M.

Glenda

Willadson

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- 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 Todd Olson, 19 Stampede St. 746-2321. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship 10:30 am; Youth (6-12 grades) Sunday Evening 6-7 pm; Wednesday Night Bible
- CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL: Rev. Sally Boyd, S. Summit & Winthrop Streets, 746-9684. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday, Morning Prayer 10 am; 2nd & 4th Saturday 4 pm, Holy Eucharist. haydishall@hotmail.com
- CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH: 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9 am.
- CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS: Bishop Greg James, 120 Ash, 746-4131. Sunday Sacrament Mtg 9 am; Sunday School 10:20 am; Relief Society & Priesthood Mtg 11:15 am.
- CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH: Father Killian Muli, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5 pm; Weekday Mass 8 am.
- COUNTRY CHURCH: Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley, 746-9712, Worship 10 am.
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH: Pastor Gary Anderson, 903 S. Summit, 746-2188. Bible Study 9:15 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Teaching Service 6 pm; Wednesday Service 6:30 pm.
- FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH: Mike Wiles, 301 Delaware, 746-9663. Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship 10:45 am; Prayer Service 5 pm; Eita Nova Youth Group Wedneday 6:30 pm Christian Academy.



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Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366.

Praise Service 7 pm.







Daniel

2 Kings

6:1-23



**A**s winter approaches and the evenings grow longer, we may feel

drawn to the "old times" when families settled in early for the night,

gathering for a meal and a fireside chat. These are busier times, with

all our activities we may not have time for the togetherness we long

for. Bring your family together at your house of worship this week

**Weekly Scripture Reading** 

Daniel

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3:1-30

to honor God and share His Word. Just like old times.

Daniel

2:1-23



Daniel

5:1-31



The sponsors of this feature do so with the hope that more people will attend the church or synagogue of their choice on a weekly basis



Daniel

6:1-28

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Glenda through the years.

Services will be held on Thursday, October 22 at 2:00 p.m. at the Weston County Fairgrounds Open Exhibit Hall.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to: Helping Hands Foundation of Weston County, P.O. Box 555, Newcastle, WY 82701

### Glenda Mefford Nov. 6, 1950-Oct. 17, 2015

Glenda Kay Rich Mefford passed away unexpectedly October 17, 2015 at the age

Glenda was born November 6, 1950 in Newcastle, WY to Elmer & Pauline Rich. She was the seventh of nine children.

She attended school in Newcastle graduating with the class of 1969. After graduation, Glenda worked in various jobs in Newcastle.

On June 29, 1972 Glenda married Joe Mefford and they made their home in Newcastle. Joe was a deputy sheriff and Glenda worked for Dixon Bros. In 1975, Glenda became a stay at home mom when they welcomed their first son Joseph Warren. In 1977, their second son Brian Douglas was born.

After Joe passed away in 1989 Glenda went back to work to support her family. In October of 1992 Glenda started working as bookkeeper for Weston County Senior Services. Shortly thereafter she became the Director where she remained until her passing.

In 1995, Glenda met her companion Steve Pollat, whom she loved very much.

Throughout her life Glenda was a very devoted daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt, grandma and friend to all who

knew her.

Summer could always find Glenda and Joe at the baseball park. She was the biggest fan of all "her kids". She was

proud to call many a young man that were friends with her sons, "her other sons" who she loved very much. Glenda was also

a Sunday School teacher and chaperone for church youth group activities. Glenda loved singing and sang with her

sisters for years. Throughout her career at Weston County Senior Services, Glenda was a strong advocate for the elderly. She held offices on numerous boards at the seniors of Weston County helped the center to become what it is today.

Glenda is survived by her son Joey and son daughter-inlaw Brian and Kandice of Newcastle, WY; Keyan grandsons of Cheyenne, WY; Gage and Nash of Newcastle, WY; Steve Pollat of Newcastle, WY; brothers Gomer

(Ann) of Douglas, WY; Gary; Terry (Barrett); Dick (Bonnie) all of Newcastle, WY; sisters Marilyn Wright; Carolyn (Jim) Shields of Newcastle, WY; Brenda (Al) Costello of Porterville, CA; sister-in-law Martha of Newcastle, WY;

Glenda

Mefford

the state level. Her passion for numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and one aunt Ruby Rich of Newcastle, WY. She is preceded in death by her husband Joe, father Elmer Rich, mother Pauline Rich, brother Ron Rich, aunts, uncles, cousins and a nephew.

Services will be held Thursday, October 22 at 2 p.m. at Weston County Senior Services with Rev. Norm Brotzman officiating. A reception will follow.

A memorial has been established for her grandsons' educa-

Glenda had a contagious smile and never met a stranger. She loved her family. Her boys, daughter-inlaw Kandice and three grandsons were the loves of her life.



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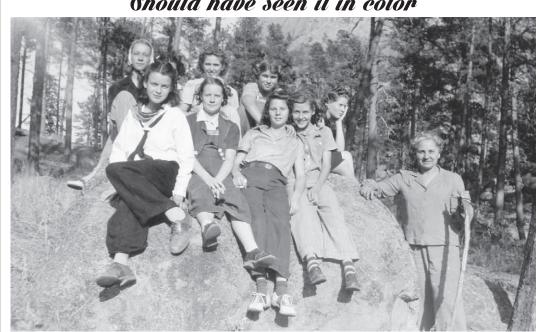
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**Please call Weston County Public Health** for more information @ 746.4775





### Should have seen it in color



Mrs. Noah Mumper & the Methodist Sunday School class on a field trip at Devil's Tower. From left to right, the students in this photo are: Ruth Bogue, Richalyn Coates, Lorrayne Balsetes, Rose Hansen, Betty Dexter, Dell Thomas, Wanda Liamos & an unidentified student. (Photo Courtesy of Anna Miller Museum)

### WHAT'S UP October 2015

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thurs <b>22</b>	11:45 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	WC Health Services Foundation Domestic Violence Meeting WC Children's Center Open House AA Meeting	Hospital Board Room FOCUS Office 104 Stampede St. WC Senior Center, Family Room
<b>23</b>	11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	WC Library Board Meeting Football (Newcastle vs. Thermopolis) Bingo	Library Home VFW Hall
Sat <b>24</b>	7:00 p.m.	Magic Show	WC Senior Center
Sun <b>25</b>	8:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	AA Meeting Bingo	Mondell Heights Corpus Christi Catholic Church
Mon <b>26</b>	11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	WCHS Ground Breaking Ceremony Low Vision Support Group AA Meeting	1124 Washington Blvd. WC Senior Center WC Senior Center, Family Room
Wed <b>28</b>	6:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Wellness Wednesday Blood Draw WCSD #1 Board Meeting	WC Health Services Administration Building
Thurs 29	<b>12:00 p.m.</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Chamber General Membership Mtg.</b> AA Meeting	Newcastle Country Club WC Senior Center, Family Room
<b>30</b>	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Western Ramblers Dance Bingo	WC Senior Services VFW Hall
31	11:00 a.m 4:30 p.m.	Soccer Monster Mash Street Bash  November	Newcastle Soccer Field Main Street
Sun	8:30 a.m.	AA Meeting	Mondell Heights
	2.00	Dingo	Carrage Christi Cathalia Church

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

October 22 **Dustin Freed** 

David Kline Shirley Dietz Annavay Kachelhoffer October 23

Kendra Morrison Renee' Nack Connie Scott October 25

Gina Doell October 27

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Howell 🖨 Mr. & Mrs. Colter Overman 🖨 October 28

Steven Elliott October 29 Cody Carpenter November 1 Laura Lipp

> Calendar Sponsored by Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce

For a complete listing of events, for more information on these events, or to list your own event, visit the Chamber website at

newcastlewyo.com



I Newcastle Elementary School

K-5 Title Reading/Math • Tuesday, October 27 5:30-6:30 p.m. ⋅ Elementary Gym & Cafeteria

Parent meeting will begin in the cafeteria at 5:30. Chili and treats will be served at 6:15!



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# 'Grace'...



Donna Gochanour I Remember When

Last year, starting in January, I had cataract surgery on both eyes. I was feeling pretty good about the world but a little thing created a bigger thing. The world and the colors were magnificent, and that could have been enough except now it requires reading glasses. Okay, that's

a little thing, I can handle that.

Except there's just a tiny bit of astigmatism in my right eye, so the new combo reading/seeing glasses contained a correction for that. However, it made the ground awful funny and I kept mis-stepping somehow and getting off balance. Back to my Optical Center at the Base Exchange to see Lori and Phyllis. Plain glass on the top, forget the astigmatism.

A year passes, I get my annual eye exam. Doc says, "Well, neither one of these pairs is doing you any good, here's a new prescription.'

Off I go to see the girls again and I get a third set of glasses. Lori walks me up and down the corridor but the glasses are so far off that I get nauseated.

"Well, give them a good try for a few days," she says.

Okay, I can almost walk, the operative word here is "almost." So then the tags are due on my car, I climb the steps to the courthouse, start to go through the big double doors and my right foot hits that metal strip at the edge of the door and I enter gracefully by falling straight through the door, land on both hands and spring right back up again!

But sure as H-E-double toothpicks, somebody saw me and everybody gets excited, and I go in to get the tags and I get, "Are you sure you can drive?" I assure them that my newest driver's license says that I don't even have to wear them, but that I had just worn them into the courthouse in case I had to read something.

Later on, I mention this to a friend and when I say that I fell going into the courthouse, she says, "Let me guess, you hit that metal strip going in the door, didn't you!" Yup, I tell her and she says that she did the very same thing. I felt better.

Well, if this was the only problem I seem to have advanced to ... But no, the last few days I burned the palm of my hand when I, by instinct, grabbed at my falling curling iron — let go real quick! Then yesterday I was cooking toasted cheese sandwiches for myself and my son Kevin when the frying pan took on a life of its own and tried to leap into the kitchen sink, missed and landed right on its bottom on my kitchen rug, the one that's doing duty in front of stove and sink. Naturally, the cheese sandwiches tried to leap out of the pan and escape the whole deal and broke up in delicate sprays of melted Velveeta on an impressive amount of area. What IS Olefin anyhow? It doesn't come from little olefins running around.

I looked it up, and it is made from plastic. Well, no wonder the frying pan was stuck to the rug — it had melted itself into it. Boy, did that ever stink, and I can plan to buy a new little area rug and a new frying pan as soon as I get my paycheck from this

I am not sure just how much my seeing/ not seeing has to do with all of this, but it does seem to play a part in it. If you see me walking someplace, kind of wandering and staggering, it had nothing to do with a beer or a glass of wine. Come to think of it, maybe that's the ticket and it will all get better if I have a few!

### Just call me | A labor of love



Doug Hudson prepares labels for resident mailboxes so that they may send and 10, family and friends gathered receive notes and letters. This is just a small facet of the whole idea of making the residents feel "at home" and comfortable. (Donna Gochanour/NLJ)

Donna Gochanour

**NLJ Senior Correspondent** 

I've been writing all summer, on and off, about the old hospital up on the hill and the people who used to work there, but how do you transform a hospital into a retirement home? So this week I got to talk to Doug and Diane Hudson who made it all happen.

It was a big decision for them to turn that old hospital into what is now Mondell Heights.

Diane was born in Newcastle, in that very same hospital. She says that she had always dreamed of coming back here to live someday, then, in 1984, her parents were having a 50th wedding anniversary and she started planning a party for them. She had learned that the old hospital building was vacant so she made plans for having the party there.

That may have been the start of an idea, picturing what could be done with this building. With a background as a health care administrator, she had already started working with the Odd Fellows and the Rebekah's on their plans to make it into a boarding home about that time. Through her work with them, she found out that these owners were interested in getting out of their ownership of the building, and recognizing a need in Weston County for something like this, Diane and Doug made the big decision to try to buy the building.

It took two and a half years of negotiation to get it settled. They did all the paperwork, planning, financial projection, state regulations and so on, to get the place established as a licensed boarding home.

Doug himself had quite a few years of experience in construction and maintaining buildings, so between the two of them they felt that they had the skills needed for the project. The aim, however, was that it would become a nursing home because a boarding home did not allow for any kind of medical care.

It was a continuous process and Doug says they started immediately trying to get everything up to standards, beginning with cosmetic work. Out came the paint cans and brushes, they replaced old faucets, installed new floor coverings and so on.

The town and the county were lucky that it had been maintained well enough over the years that it could be reused and not demolished. As Doug says, "it was a labor of love and a large undertaking."

The recognition that there was a need in the county for this kind of a facility, the desire to make it a reality and also the desire to keep an old, historic building from being lost all played a part in the project. Tackling each vacant area, each apartment one by one, and doing it all a bit at a time, they created a lovely place to live. They had very few inspections that turned up a violation. As an example, Diane drew attention to the water pipes crossing the ceiling and the small ring that goes over the pipe where it enters the ceiling, just like the ones on your bathroom faucets. She went on to say that there are about 300 of them in the building and at one time an inspection found one that wasn't tight against the ceiling and once they found one missing entirely, but no major violations were ever

As Diane says, they walk a very thin line in the everyday life of the residents, allowing them to live just as they always have but still keeping them safe and keeping up the standards required for a nursing home. They aim to create a homelike atmosphere, keep it always focused on the idea that the life of the resident hasn't changed, just the location.

"Just because they live here doesn't mean they are incapacitated," Diane said, although by law, if their physical health declines too much they will have to leave.

The Hudsons have worked hard to develop a staff who are respectful of the residents of Mondell Heights and what they can do, their needs and wants, and who encourage them to do what they want to do. There are often family gatherings and birthday parties. The residents are free to come and go, to own a vehicle, go shopping — whatever they would be doing if they were still at home.

The Hudsons have also bought tickets to the Weston County concert series and the Birdcage Theatre for residents to enjoy, and they take the residents to lunch at the senior center in Newcastle as a break from their own dining room and to visit old friends there. Once in awhile, on the last Friday of the month, Diane's brother, Jerry Baird, will take several of them to the senior dance. They are encouraged to be active and to carry on.

No curfew, Diane says with a grin.

### Donna's 'Hat's Off' List!

- 1. To Decker's Market for short little sales receipts, printed on both sides! Thank you for saving our trees.
- 2. To Pizza Hut for the rolls of paper towel at each table! Sure beats wimpy little paper napkins and is so sensible. We can even use them for bibs.
- 3. To Leighton's Garage, who knocked a substantial amount off my bill because they were "late" getting my car out of the shop. If you guys treat all little old ladies (and others?) like that, I'm telling all my friends!
- 4. To the Pizza Barn for the wonderful "face lift" looking
- 5. To Bob Pace for his back rubs at the senior center lunches. His philosophy: the Bible says, "touch is good," and many elderly folks live alone and don't get touched very often — or at all. It "heals."
- 6. To my neighbor, Clayton, with thanks for the display of our American flag. I'm not sure how he did it, but it looks like it's furled in the breeze all of the time — and right when I can

### A birthday celebration for two

Donna Gochanour

**NLJ Senior Correspondent** 

This past Saturday, on Oct. at the Open Class Building at the Fairgrounds to help Jim Pisciotti celebrate his 90th birthday, along with his wife, Irene, who was celebrating her 82nd birthday.

Jim is one of Weston County's World War II veterans, serving in the Navy in the Pacific aboard the Admiral's Command Ship, the USS Rocky

Born and raised in Weston County, he found his brideto-be in the JC Penny store in Rapid City, S.D., where they both were working at the time.

When asked if he felt any older on his 90th birthday than

he did at 89, he said, "Why should I?!"

When he was told that he

sure had married a pretty girl, he said "Why shouldn't I?!"

He had retired after 30 years in the insurance business, and Irene had worked for some 20 years in the housekeeping department at the hospital, both the new one and the old one. Together they raised nine children, five of their own and four grandchildren.

They did a lot of walking after retirement and they liked to play golf, going out on the golf course every day. Jim says that they didn't really retire until they quit playing golf. He says that they have been happy with their life and enjoyed it

Happy Birthday to you both!

### Senior **Happenings**



WC Senior Services	<b>5</b>	October 23 Greedy	10:30 a.m.
October 22		Bingo	2:00 p.m.
	1.00	Movie	6:00 p.m.
Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.	October 24	0.00 p.iii.
Ceramics	1:00 p.m.		11:00 a.m.
October 23	0.00	Guggenheim	3:00 p.m.
Rolls	9:00 a.m.	Happy Hour October 25	3.00 p.111.
Beltone	9:00 a.m.		11.00
Blood Pressure Check	9:30 a.m.	Trivia	11:00 a.m.
Bridge Ladies	1:00 p.m.	Church	2:00 p.m.
October 24		October 26	40.00
Raising Readers Program	1	Wii	10:30 a.m.
October 26		Crazy Cart	3:00 p.m.
Visually Impaired Support		Bingo	6:00 p.m.
	1:00 p.m.	October 27	10.00
October 27		Ceramics	10:30 a.m.
Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.	Keepsake Krafters	2:00 p.m.
October 28		Stories	4:00 p.m.
Manor Here for Lunch		Cards	6:15 p.m.
Creative Handcrafts after	Lunch	October 28	
October 29		Catholic Study	10:00 a.m.
Bridge Ladies	1:00 p.m.	Flu Shot	10:30 a.m.
Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.	Out for lunch	11:30 a.m.
Ceramics	1:00 p.m.	Bingo	2:00 p.m.
October 30	·	October 29	
Rolls	9:00 a.m.	Jeopardy	10:30 a.m.
Bridge Ladies	1:00 p.m.	Manicures	2:00 p.m.
Dance	7:00 p.m.	Men's Club	3:30 p.m.
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Manor		Greedy	10:30 a.m.
		Halloween Party	2:00 p.m.
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Al and the Gang Birthday		Movie	2:00 p.m.
	2:00 p.m.	Trick or Treat	6:00 p.m.



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### Fuel Taxes from page 1.....

SmartAsset, suggested however that the figures might have been impacted by the number of non-drivers in the county. Additionally, though less than other counties in the state, Weston's average burden is still significant, she said.

"Part of it will be the population of driving age that will impact the number of miles traveled that gets calculated for each county," Smith said. "That \$295-per-year burden, that's just in fuel taxes. That's still just under \$25 a month, just in

"Even though Weston is number one in the state," Smith continued, "you don't see it doing particularly well compared to the nation, and that's probably taking into account the kind of rural driving that you have to do to get from one place to another."

According to 2014 Fuel Tax Administration press release, an entity which falls under the Wyoming Department of Transportation and is responsible for administering state motor fuel tax laws, Wyoming ranks number one nationally in terms of fuel consumption per capita.

Nationwide, Smith named two counties in Alaska as among those paying the least in fuel taxes along with New York City, somewhat surprisingly. New York's average burden, despite high fuels taxes, is low because not a lot of driving is taking place relative to the population, Smith explained.

Among the worst in the nation when it comes to fuel tax burden are counties in Southern California, she indicated.

Smith, who said the study of fuel tax was done as part of a broader look by SmartAsset into how several different types of taxes effect people's annual budget, suggested that while fuel tax may seem trivial on a day-to-day basis, it quickly adds up over time.

WYDOT spokesman David Kingham, however, told the NLJ that SmartAsset's figure are indicative of little beyond how much people are driving. They are, he wrote, "just a very rough estimate of how much the average driver in the county pays in state and federal fuel taxes annually, based on of course also figured into estimates of how many miles they drive and how much fuel they would need to drive those miles."

"The figures really having nothing to do with the fuel tax rate, which is the same in all counties, or distribution of fuel tax revenues compared to other counties," he continued.

Kingham, along with Bruce Burrows, a public affairs specialist also with WYDOT, pre-

the money.

of funding that match, and the decision was

made to host some fundraisers to help raise

to Kenagy, comes from an increase in

the cost of services and a decrease in

funding from other sources. She noted that

with money being tight for most entities

in Wyoming, it is expected that alterna-

tive funding sources—like municipalities

and other organizations— may have to

The reason for the shortage, according

sented the process of collecting SmartAsset's calculations, 18.4 and distributing fuel taxes within the state as a somewhat involved one, with taxation actually occurring at the level of wholesale distributors, although naturally passed along eventually to consumers at the retail level in terms of pricing.

24 cents are collected by the state on each gallon, according to Fuel Tax Administation materials the pair provided, with one cent set aside for the Department of Environmental Quality's program for cleaning up leaking underground fuel tanks. The rest is distributed according to a formula that sees 13.5 percent going to counties based on land area, rural population, and assessed valuation; 15 percent to cities based on gasoline taxes paid and population; 14 percent to county road construction based on land area and rural population; and 57.5 percent going to the Highway Fund.

Taxes distributed in the 13.5 percent category can be used either for road construction or maintenance, while the 14 percent can only be used for road construction, explained Burrows.

Prior to this distribution, however, tax revenues on fuel for snowmobiles and motorboats are sent to a fund set aside for the Department of Parks and Cultural Resources.

According to the same FTA source, distribution of tax revenues from diesel fuel, which is also taxed at 24 cents per gallon with one cent going to the DEQ, somewhat differs. In comparison to the total of 27.5 percent of gas revenues that go to counties, only 20 percent of diesel revenues go to counties, 5 percent to cities, and 75 percent to the Highway Fund. Up to two percent collected goes to the Highway Fund before this distribution for costs associated with collections and distribution.

As most will recall, state fuel tax for both gas and diesel was increased by the Legislature by 10 cents per gallon on July 1, 2013, the aim being to increase revenues for construction and maintenance of roads and high-

As for federal taxes, which

continue to rise.

cents per gallon of gas and 24.4 cents per gallon of diesel go to the federal Highway Trust Fund from where they are distributed back to the states. Several factors, most notably increasing fuel efficiency of vehicles have negatively impacted the fund in recent years.

In terms of the actual cost of fuel, which was one factor considered by SmartAsset, Will Speer, senior petroleum analyst with GasBuddy.com, a site whose figures were utilized by SmartAsset, said access to crude is one of the most important things that determines gas

"Wyoming is situated very well as being close to production from Wyoming itself, but also from South Dakota, Canada, some of the other Rocky states ... Some states don't have refineries. If you're far away from a refinery, that's just going to add on to how much gasoline is going to cost you in the end."

That doesn't mean that gas is going directly from the refinery to the nearest gas station, however. As Speer explained, refineries first send their refined products to wholesale truck racks, where 18 wheelers pick up fuel for distribution to local stations. There are three or four such facilities serving the state, Speer said, in areas of population density such as Casper and Rock Springs.

"Most of the time I would say it's your nearest wholesale location [where gas is coming from] but sometimes if there's a price discrepancy that's big enough between different wholesale locations, you could get someone who'd be willing to travel further to pick up cheaper fuel," Speer speculated.

Bruce Hinchey, president of the Petroleum Association of Wyoming, an industry lobby group, noted that gasoline is typically transported by truck rather than pipeline in the state due to the proximity of refin-

"Because we live in Wyoming, we don't have to put additives in our fuel like they do in the big cities to control some of the pollution ... so that keeps prices down a little bit," Hinchey added.

**Motor Fuel Taxes** National Avg. Wyoming Gas 42.40 cpg 48.88 cpg State excise tax 20.77 cpg 23.00 cpg 9.71 cpg Other state taxes 1.00 cpg Federal excise taxes 18.40 cpg 18.40 cpg **Diesel** 48.40 cpg 54.50 cpg 20.06 cpg State excise tax 23.00 cpg Other state taxes 1.00 cpg 10.05 cpg Federal Rate 24.40 cpg 24.40 cpg Source: American Petroleum Institute

Halloween from page 1

Kenagy said the money generated by

next month's magic show will go directly

to providing services for at-risk elderly.

In-home services provides help for tasks

at home that may put the elderly at risk,

and this allows patients to continue living

able in advance at a discounted price

at the Weston County Pharmacy, Home

Tickets for the magic show are avail-

in their homes for a longer period.

One disadvantage to the state in terms of gas prices is that Wyoming is landlocked, said Speer, so refinery health is key, both statewide and regionally, in keeping gas prices in check.

"Other areas like the Gulf Coast or East Coast, if they have some major refining issues they can bring in cargo from the water," said Speer. "Refineries in either Montana, Wyoming, or Utah, if they have a bad spell, it's a lot harder to get gasoline into the area ... You'd have to either rely on trains or something to bring in product, which takes a lot longer."

SmartAsset's page regarding Wyoming tax rates can be found at: https://smartasset.com/taxes/ wyoming-tax-calculator

The Fuel Tax Administration official site is found at: http:// www.dot.state.wy.us/home/ business\_with\_wydot/fuel\_tax. default.html

#### **Weston County** fuel tax distribution by

calendar year

(includes both gas and diesel) 2010 - \$338,321 2011 - \$327,385 2012 - \$341,941 2013 - \$444,996\* 2014 - \$617,951 2015 total to date -\$433.524\*\* Total for 2010-15

\$2,553,758 \*2013 figures represent the 10 cent increase that went into effect July 1 of that year, while 2014 reflects the first full year of that

increase.
\*\*State figures for 2015 are expected to be similar to 2014, according to the Fuel Tax

Source: Fuel Tax Administration -Wyoming Department of Transportation

#### County fuel tax distribution by calendar year

(includes both gas and diesel) Crook 2014 \$925,906 Total 2010-15 \$3,777,893 Campbell 2014 \$3,642,194 Total 2010-15 \$14,873,454 Niobrara 2014 \$456,278

Total 2010-15 \$1,877,158 Converse 2014 \$1,292,642 Total 2010-15 \$5,119,152 Source: Fuel Tax Administration -

#### Wyoming counties with least average annual fuel tax burden per capita

Wyoming Department of Transportation

1. Weston - \$295 2. Big Horn - \$308 3. Goshen - \$316 4. Washakie - \$317 5. Platte - \$324 6. Crook - \$328 7. Albany - \$329 8. Fremont - \$330 9. Johnson - \$344

10. Teton - \$346

Source: SmartAsset.com

advance will cost \$10 for ages 18 and up, \$5 for children, and \$25 for a family of four. People will also be able to purchase tickets at the door at a cost of \$13 for 18 and up, \$7 for children, and \$30 for a family of four.

"We would like to see at least 250 people, if not more," announced Kenagy, indicating that Home Health wants to continue this event in future years and possibly even expand it. This year's show will demonstrate if there is enough interest in the event to do so.

A Message from Weston County Public Health

#### If you know someone who is in crisis: Take a step forward

 $\underline{\mathbf{G}}$  et involved; first tell the person you are concerned and tell them why

R ecognize the signs of someone who is depressed

vailability of means. Remove any firearms, drugs or sharp objects that could be used for suicide

ore symptoms of major depression are a "down" or depressed mood for more than two weeks

ncourage the person to see a counselor, physician, minister, or mental health professional immediately

#### If YOU are in crisis: Take a step back

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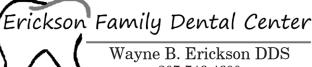
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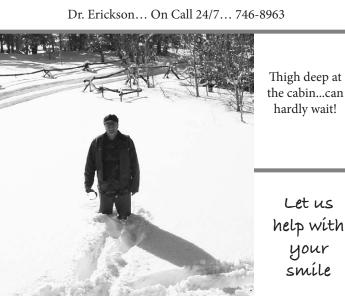
ontact a friend, family member, teacher, minister who can be with you during this crisis

veryone's recovery is different; don't give up. With help, comes hope

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### Soccer from page 1

school track program. As the only sporting option available for middle school students during the spring, track sees more than 65 students

turnout each year, Peterson said. As part of the proposed plan, both girls and boys would practice together, making only three coaches necessary. Paying personnel would be the major cost associated with the expansion,

according to Peterson. In making the recommendation to the board, Hoffman listed several reasons for supporting the proposal, including that it expands an already existing program, is in keeping with district policy to provide extracurricular activities geared to a variety of ages, and meets goals set during the 2013 staff meetings.

Peterson also stated it would

who, for whatever reason, are unable to participate in Newcastle's Soccer League.

A survey Peterson conducted last spring of about 70 percent of middle school students showed significant interest, he said.

While some in attendance spoke in favor of the plan, several district officials took a critical line.

Board Chair Bob Bonnar observed that high school sports numbers are down even where feeder programs exist, while Middle School Principal Todd Quigley expressed concerns about facilities and possible opponent schools for the middle schoolers to play against, of which there are only a few.

Superintendent LaCroix, added that the bigger picture has to be considered as well, and the outcome of school

would be reduced on the middle provide opportunities for those finance recalibration could potentially mean downsizing on the part of the district.

> "I'd hate to see us add sports and end up in a situation where we're downsizing staff, because that does not set a very good precedent," LaCroix cautioned, adding, "I think it's good for kids. I'm just not sure the school has to be the host."

Bonnar initially said the proposal would be placed among future agenda items and a determination would be made at the next board meeting. However, upon further discussion Trustee Tom Wright suggested that, beginning at the next board meeting, three readings of the proposal be made, with the final one taking place in December.

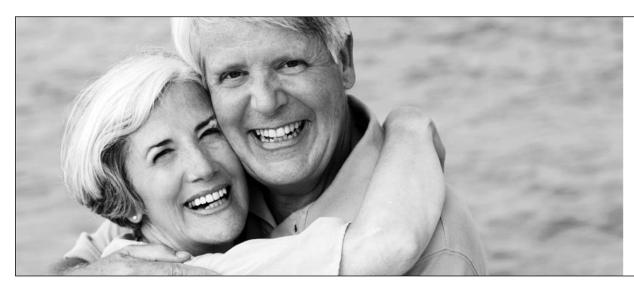
Bonnar agreed, saying that such a measure would give the board plenty of time to take public comment on the matter.

#### **School Notes**

- · Head Newcastle Football Coach Matt Conzelman recognized Wright Head Coach Larry Yeradi for his efforts in helping Newcastle senior football manager Derek Lewis to realize his dream of playing in a high school football game. Lewis, who has Down syndrome, scored a touchdown in the Dogies 60-12 win over the Panthers a few weeks ago. Video of Lewis was featured on Fox Sports and hudl.com.
- The trustees voted to approve Superintendent Brad LaCroix's recommendation to apply for an NRA grant for equipment at Mallo Camp.
- Student Council Representative Sierra LaCroix reported that the council has started a fundraiser for Make-A-Wish Wyoming. Donations can be made at the Howdy Drive-In and the high school.
- · Middle School Principal Todd Quigley noted that the middle school football team achieved a 9-0 record this year and won the district championship for the fourth year in a row.
- Elementary Principal Brandy Holmes reported that 498 muffins were consumed at this year's Moms and Muffins event. Dads and Donuts is scheduled for December. A Title I parent information meeting/Fall Festival night is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 27.
- Superintendent LaCroix reported that work is underway on the exterior of the elementary school in order to repair damage caused by

- birds and install a mesh under layer that is intended to prevent them from burrowing and nesting in the school's walls. Bids will eventually go out for similar work to be done on the high school.
- · LaCroix told the board that he and counselor Mike Gregory had met with Ron Van Dyke, director of rehabilitation, sports medicine, and wound care for Regional Health. Van Dyke had suggested a sports trainer be brought in to serve Weston County Schools specifically, since the trainer provided for free by North Platte Physical Therapy is shared between a number of schools and cannot be present at every activity. Van Dyke also suggested an agreement in which Regional Health would provide baseline testing for those students who are concerned about concussions. North Platte representatives expressed no objections to the plan. A discussion ensued in which issues related to concussion risk, safety, district liability, and the current district policy requiring a medical doctor to clear an athlete for play after a concussion were considered.
- Individual education programs, activities, student attrition, board governance, and student achievement were all brought up as possible discussion topics for this year's board retreat. LaCroix suggested that follow-up workshops before board meetings to further discuss such topics might also be of benefit.

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Assess your needs: First, determine whether you need a supplement. You may want to discuss your situation with someone who understands Medicare and Medigap options, preferably before you reach 65. The Wyoming Insurance Department (1-800-438-5768 or 307-777- 7401) and the Wyoming State Health Insurance Information Program, (1-800-856-4398 or 307-856-6880) can offer assistance.

You do not need more than one policy. If you already have a Medicare supplement policy and want better benefits, you can buy a new one. Once you receive the new policy you should drop the old one. Duplicating coverage is costly, and having multiple policies may not mean extra benefits.

Take the time you need to decide: Do not be pressured into buying a policy that you do not understand. Ask questions, ask the agent to explain the policy to someone you trust, or contact WSHIIP.

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than standard Medicare benefits. Medicare Savings Programs. If your income is low, you may qualify for a government program which will fill in the gaps in your Medicare coverage. Contact Wyoming Medicaid at 1-855-294-2127 to find out if you qualify for Medicaid or as a Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) or a Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB). Persons who qualify for Medicaid or the QMB program should not purchase a Medigap policy. For those qualified as SLMBs, the state will pay your Medicare Part B premium. SLMB qualification would free up income that could be used to purchase a Medigap plan.

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### Upton from page 1.....

police department we'd have to borrow the money. The building that's there is not repairable. It really isn't."

Lindstrom went on to note that he believed grants for building construction will continue to become more difficult to come by. He said he had attended a recent State Loan and Investment Board meeting where officials were going over grant applications "with a fine tooth comb," as he put it.

"That's kind of encouraging the option we were looking at," Lindstrom continued. "We already have the [community center]. We would probably save around \$8,000 or \$9,000 a year just in utilities and maintenance by moving over here and getting rid of the [PD and city hall] buildings."

The building that currently houses the Upton Police Department is in such poor condition, according to Lindstrom, that he speculated it isn't worth better deal for everybody." attempting to sell. Instead, the town might sell the cleared lot after having demolishing the PD building. The city hall building has more value, Lindstrom reasoned, and is considerably more marketable.

The option of keeping the city hall building and remodeling the back rooms, where the Red Onion museum was formerly located, wouldn't result, in Lindstrom's view, in a sufficient enough increase in available space for the town.

The potential relocation would also be of benefit to the general public, Lindstrom reasoned, and contribute to better usage of the community center.

"This place would be open from 8 to 5 Monday through Friday for walkers," he said. "There would be somebody here to watch the building ... The building sits idle more than it's used ... I think it would be a

Phone and internet are already in place at the community center and Lindstrom said a rough estimate of the cost of the move he had obtained placed it at around \$30,000. Lindstrom and Deputy Clerk Kelley Millar established that there was enough money in the town's community development fund to pay for the move.

"With the state looking at cutting general fund moneys we probably better start looking at how we're going to save ourselves a little bit here," said Lindstrom.

Mayor Upton said he agreed that the town's budget is only going to get tighter for the foreseeable future, and a workshop to discuss the options available to the town was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 10 at the community center, just prior to that night's council meeting.

#### **Best Little Tidbits**

Other items of discussion at the Tuesday, Oct. 13, meeting of the Upton Town Council included the following:

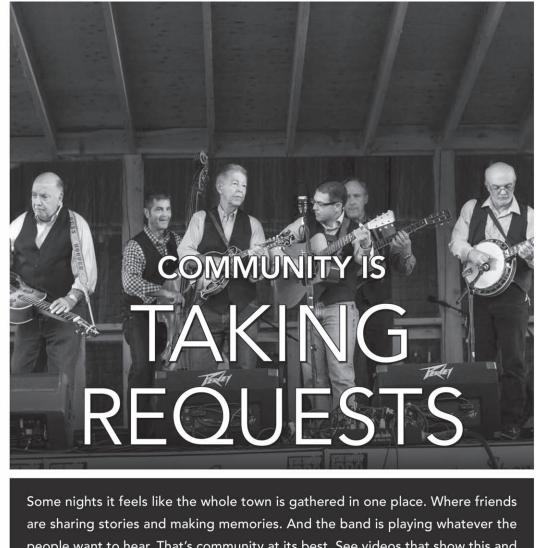
- Neil Schiller appeared to report that the group he represents, which is interested in entering into a lease agreement with the town to take over the operation of the Cedar Pines Golf Course, has established themselves as a limited liability company—Upton Golf LLC—as requested by the council. There was no report from the Upton Golf Association, which previously managed the course, and that organization appears to now be defunct.
- reported that the airport board has been awarded a grant of approximately \$47,000 for airport security upgrades through WYDOT. The upgrades are planned to include safety fencing, security lighting, signage and possibly security cameras. Before the funds can be released a Forest Service permit needs to be obtained due to the airport's hangars falling on the Thunder Basin National Grassland, Olson said. A public hearing will have to be held before grant matching funds from the town can be awarded, the exact amount of which was indeterminate at last Tuesday's meeting. Olson also requested a copy of survey work the town had conducted on a portion of airport property the town previously owned. Superintendent Mark Lindstrom said he would attempt to track it down.
- Mayor Upton reported that Upton Food Bank's budgetary concerns have been resolved and that Food Bank personnel wished to express their gratitude but were unable to attend.
- On the subject of the Upton Chamber of Commerce playground equipment grant for City Park, City Clerk Rona Barker said that she has been presented with documentation indicating the new equipment has already been ordered, and Deputy Clerk Kelley Millar noted a community build is scheduled for Nov. 7 and 8. Vicki Schiller asked about what will be done with the old playground equipment and suggested whatever is left over be moved to the baseball fields. Mayor Upton said he would look into exactly what is planned for the old equipment.
- Votes passed unanimously to purchase property insurance for the buildings at the Cedar Pines Golf Course for approximately \$500 a year, as well as to pay a \$458 Powder River Energy Bill and other outstanding bills associated with the gold course.
  - Mayor Upton updated the board on the

progress of a grant request for a multi-purpose structure at City Park. Upton said the grant application must be submitted to the Wyoming Business Council by the Dec. 1 deadline. All parties involved with the project are still on board, Upton said, though availability of state funds is becoming tighter. It was determined that the issue will be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

- At a 7:30 budget hearing, the board voted · Upton airport manager Lori Olson to approve four amendments to the fiscal year budget for 2015-16. No comments or objections were heard from the public on the matter.
  - Superintendent Mark Lindstrom and Cort Cundy of CW Waste Services Inc. are endeavoring to make personal contact with all those utilizing the town's waste disposal services in order to communicate to them the new rules and regulations regarding trash pickup.
  - Deputy Clerk Kelley Millar reported that official email accounts for Upton officials are now available for those who wish to have them. There was general agreement that such official email accounts are preferable to the personnel email addresses councilmembers are currently using and a vote passed unanimously to begin setting up the accounts.
  - A vote passed to authorize a \$20,000 lease purchase in order to provide matching funds for the purchase of a used firetruck. Fire Chief Strong said the total cost of the truck will be around \$60,000 with the bulk of the rest of the funding coming from the Upton Economic Development Board. The remainder will be made up from fundraisers and a small amount already in the department's budget.

'I appreciate the fundraisers ... I know we need the firetruck but you're looking at other ways to pay for this, too, and that's appreciated from our end," commented Mayor Upton.

- · A number of situations involving property tax abatements were discussed. A related proposal in which a property owner proposed that the town construct a street on his property was rejected on the basis that the town has enough difficulty maintaining existing streets, the agreement did not fall within the purpose of such abatements, and it was felt it would set a bad precedent.
- The board went into a closed door executive session in order to discuss a personnel issue as permitted under Wyoming Statute

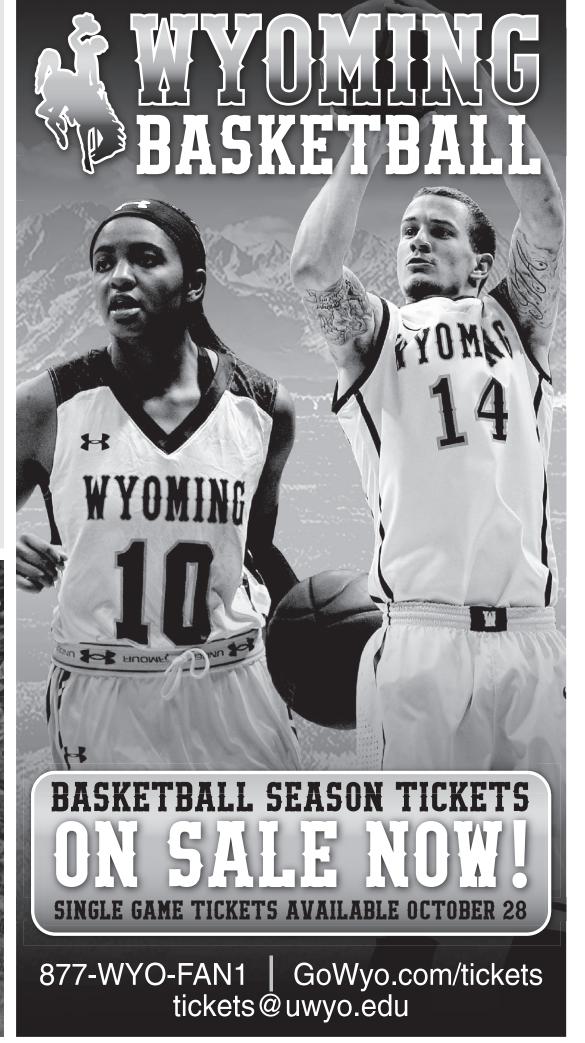


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### County claims history awards

Alexis Shultz NLJ Reporter

Members of the Weston County Historical Society recently attended the Wyoming State Historical Society Awards Luncheon, where a number of awards were won by people representing Weston County in a number of different categories.

The submitted projects for each category are selected by the local historical society, and final winners are selected by the state society's awards committee, which is comprised of a number of individuals across Wyoming.

Dr. Mike Jording, a member of the Weston County Historical Society, explained the process by which entries are selected. He noted that a number of categories and awards have been developed for all walks of life, including the young, old, and organizations that complete some sort of work that could be considered historically significant to our region.

"Members of the society keep their eyes open for projects that might fit into one of the categories so we can nominate them to compete at the state level," Jording explained. He said projects that are nominated are not necessarily completed with the intention of going on to compete at the state level, but Weston County consistently has a good participation rate and local presenters have been very successful.

Jording reported that those who have work nominated are individuals who have simply produced quality works through their organization or school. Those projects that go on to the state competition are chosen because they do a good job of preserving and interpreting the history of the region and portraying a historical significance to Weston County.

"Our job (the historical this aw society members) is to be to Weste aware and nominate people Jording.

on the projects that are award worthy," professed Jording, who added that his group must also review the content of the work in order to determine which category the project belongs in. Jording said the society tries to nominate as many projects as possible in each category, which allows for a number of awards to be claimed by Weston County entrants.

He noted that local schools have produced a number of award winning works in recent

"Our teachers are guiding students to create projects that are worthy of these awards. They don't teach for these awards, but they lead students to strive for scholastic excellence and we really appreciate the work that the teachers do to provide excellence and preserve the historical significance of the region," declared Jording, who acknowledged that Weston County could not bring home as many awards as it does without the work of the teachers and students.

Jording also indicated that one award claimed by Weston County this year was doubly significant because it is given in honor of a longtime local historian. This year, it was Maxine Kaul who was recognized with the Mabel Brown Cumulative Contribution Award and brought it back to this area.

"We always like to win this award and bring it back to Weston County," proclaimed Jording.

#### **History Honorees**

Awards... Brochures, Weston County Historical Society for 2014 Barns of Weston County

3rd Place Abby Elliot for Fort Laramie in the Young

Washakie in Junior Activities Awards Grades 3-5

Historian Awards Grade 3-5 **1st Place** Jessica Pastor for Reviving the Past in Young

Historian Awards Grades 9-12

2nd Place Gatlin Miller for The Fuel of the West, Coal in

Young Historian Awards Grades 9-12 **Honorable Mention** Jonathon Manders in Historian

Awards Grades 9-12

1st Place Mia Peterson for Sitting Bull, Red Cloud, and

**2nd Place** Joshua Sellers for Map of Fort Phil Kearney in Junior Activities Awards Grades 3-5

**3rd Place** Holden McConkey for Fort Bridger in Junior Activities Awards Grades 3-5

1st Place Dillon Barritt for Legacy of Kenny Sailors, Leader, Innovator, Legend in Junior Educational Activities Awards Grades 6-8

**2nd Place** Maddy Beck and Liz Stephens for The Bone Wars: The E.D. Cope and O.C. Marsh Rivalry in Junior Activities Awards Grades 6-8

Junior Activities Awards Grades 6-8

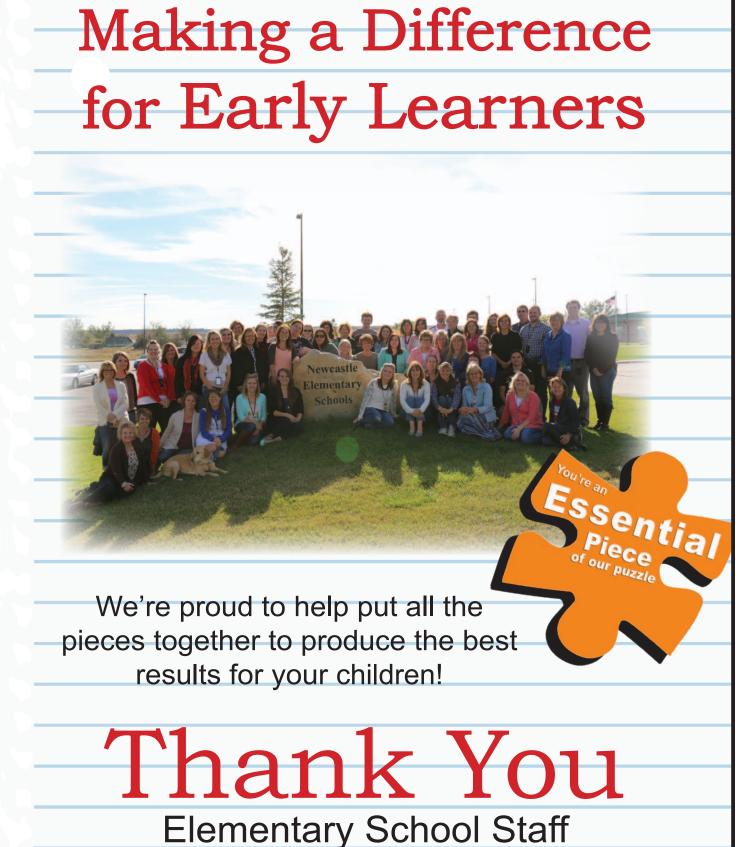
The Clara M. and Henry E. Jensen Outstanding

3rd Place Annika Coberly for Father Pierre De Smet in

Wyoming Teacher Award, Laura Giesler

**Mabel Brown Cumulative Contribution Award**, Maxine Kaul









# S JOTTS News Letter Journal

### Schedule

Cross Country
10/24 V9 State CC in Sheridan A TBA
Girls Swimming
10/23-24 Conf Championships at Cody
10/29-30 3A State Championships at Gillette
Volleyball

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#### IScores

MS Cross Country
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Boys 3K Absaraka Conference

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### Such sweet sorrow

They say that all good things must come to an end.

As I watched the Conference Cross Country meet in Glenrock on Friday, I realized that I was witnessing the end of an era, and the end of a really good thing.

After 25 years, this was Pat Hayman's last Conference Meet, but it was also the last time Glenrock will host the conference meet for 3A. On a more personal note, it was also my son Cooper's last cross country meet as a Newcastle Dogie.

as a Newcastle Dogie.

Hayman mentioned to me in an interview a couple of weeks ago that the Conference Meet has been held in Glenrock since time began, but now that they are dropping to 2A next year, the 3A East meet will have to find a new

Sonja Karp **Karpe Dogie** 

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It will also be a little sad next year not to see the cross country team gathered at the Hayman house as I make my way home, and for the returning runners, I can't imagine how strange it will be for them not to have the "Old Goat" and Chiefy around as the season begins next summer.

I'm not the only parent feeling these pangs right now, and the melancholy isn't restricted simply to those of us associated with the cross country program either.

As the fall sports are drawing to a close, we parents of 12th-graders are prepping for various senior nights. A couple of weeks ago cross country held theirs, and although it was a little sad for me that Coop was among those honored, I knew he still had races to run. That's not the case anymore. I washed his cross country uniform for the last time this week and that was pretty bittersweet.

Many parents are going

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## State line-up coming together

**Sonja Karp** NLJ Sports Reporter

Senior night kicked off the Lady Dogie swim team's last chance qualifier meet last Thursday, and among those honored were team captain Shaylee Curren, Nathina Crabtree, Upton's Clover Rhoden and manager Jessica Pastor for their commitment to the program.

With the ceremony concluded, the swimmers from Newcastle, Douglas and Buffalo got to work, as this meet was the last opportunity to pre-qualify for the State Meet, and the effort being put forth by the athletes was palpable.

"I was very pleased with how our girls performed at the meet," head coach Doug Scribner began. "We had a couple of swimmers who were very close to qualifying and we had a couple who achieved their goal."

Curren was successful in qualifying in the 500 Freestyle race, which she has been working toward over the last few weeks. With this newest addition to her state ticket, she is now pre-qualified in the 100, 200 and 500 yard freestyle individual races.

Mikenna Waggener added yet another event to her slate by qualifying in the 100 yard Butterfly. With this addition, she is now qualified in five different individual events for the State Meet. Though the Fly has not always been a focus for Waggener, this was a race that she was close in, so she and her coaches thought it was worth it to give it a try.

Crabtree was .22 of a second away from qualifying in the 200 IM, and since she is already qualified in the backstroke, the breaststroke and the



Senior Nathina Crabtree has already qualified for State in multiple events, and will add firepower to their line-up at this year's culminating events. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)

butterfly, she and her coaches thought that she should give it a go. She was close but didn't make it and, according to Scribner, won't go for it at the Conference meet this weekend either.

The Lady Dogies' two divers did well, according to Scribner. Both Sarah Henkle and Rachel Ehlers were able to complete all 11 dives and each achieved their personal best scores. Henkle is the closest to qualifying, but both will be

diving at Conference. The coaches each believe that both divers are doing really well in practice and given that this is their first year, they are really pretty competitive.

A major consideration for entering athletes into individual races is that, of the four possible events that swimmers may enter at the conference meet, each swimmer can only swim a maximum of two individual events and then the other two must be relays. Given that scenario, the Lady Dogies definitely have a lot of thinking to do regarding what individual races they will enter.

With several swimmers qualified in more than two events, each will have to decide in which race they wish to compete, and according to Scribner the decision will boil down to which are

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Defending state champion Calbi Ausmann claimed another 3A East Conference title on Friday, and can complete an undefeated season by claiming the state title in Sheridan this week. (Bob Bonnar/NLJ)

### Calbi vs. The Cart

Sonja Karp NLJ Sports Reporter

While the runners in the Women's Conference meet in Glenrock on Friday had their eyes on Newcastle's Calbi Ausmann as the girl to beat,

Calbi had her eyes on the lead cart

and she gave it a run for its money.

Anyone who was watching the race may have noticed a bead of sweat breaking out on the driver's brow as he was doing his best to stay in front of Ausmann, who runs at about six miles per hour and could put many a cart in the dust. Fortunately, Glenrock had one that was ramped up and

could stay a step ahead of her.

Finishing first is not a novelty for Ausmann, but there seemed to be more than the usual focus for the returning Conference champ as she was determined to repeat her performance.

The second place finisher from

Jacob Esposito

Holden Shultz

Rawlins dogged her heels early in the race, but by the time the runners made their second lap around the challenging course, Ausmann had established a dominating lead. In fact, as she rounded the last corner, the only question that was unanswered was whether it would be Calbi or the cart that would cross the finish line first.

As Ausmann kicked it into high gear and she stretched out her stride, you can be sure that the driver had the pedal to the medal to get to the finish line before her.

By the time the Rawlins' second place runner had rounded the last curve, Ausmann was across the finish line and starting her cool down almost a full minute ahead. During the race, the Rawlins coach was overheard encouraging his runner to catch Ausmann, but those who are familiar with 3A East Cross Country knew

Individual Results

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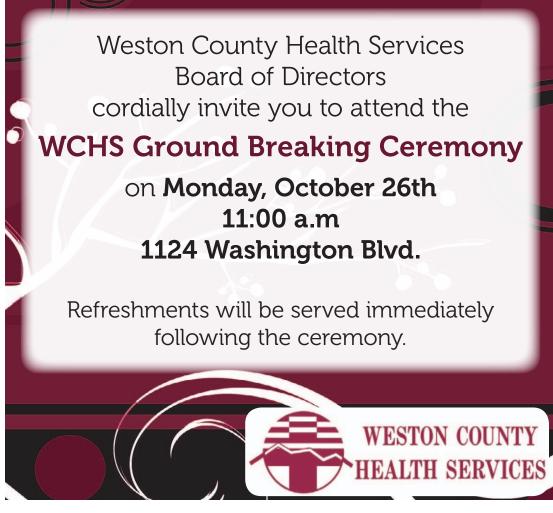
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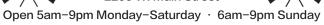
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### **Netters ready for NE showdowns**

Sonja Karp NLJ Sports Reporter

The North and South quadrants in the 3A East Conference are still as polarized as they were a couple of weeks ago, but each of the four teams took a break from the pressures of pivotal seeding contests to test the waters on the other side of the bracket.

For the Lady Dogies, the water in the Southeast felt pretty nice indeed. While the squad split their matches against Southeast opponents last week, they swept the other half of the quad this past weekend, and did so quite decisively.

Despite a slow start in the first set of the weekend against Wheatland in the Dogie Dome on Friday, in the following six sets—against the Lady Bulldogs and then the Torrington Lady Blazers at their house on Saturday— the Lady Dogies schooled their opponents.

"It was a great week for the volleyball team," head coach Maja Jechorek exclaimed. "We won both of our matches, which I hope will give us confidence as we are approaching the most stressful and the most important part of our season."

This coming weekend will indeed be crucial as all four of the teams in the Northeast Quad are tied at two wins and two losses in the conference, and all will play each other. The outcome of these contests will decide seeding for the Regional Tournament next weekend.

The Lady Dogies are hoping to use the momentum they gained this weekend as they move into the final regular season match-ups.

The squad's dominance last week began on Friday when the Wheatland Lady Bulldogs came

"We started slow against Wheatland, losing the first game 20-25 because we made too many errors," Jechorek analyzed. "We cleaned up our game after that though, and won the next three sets."

The second and third sets against the Lady Bulldogs were a battle, with Newcastle coming out on top 25-21 in each, and then the home team ramped up their game to take the fourth and final set 25-15.

On Saturday, the Lady Dogies began where they left off the night before, rolling over the Lady Blazers 25-13 and 25-14 in the first two sets.

"We started off with two great games against the Blazers," Jechorek began. "We kept our errors down and scored a lot in front row, and we played very disciplined, making very few errors."

However, following the second game the squads took a five minute intermission and Newcastle appeared to have let down a bit as they entered the

"We came out with less focus than we had in the first two games. We started out making quite a few unforced errors and then had to catch up to Torrington, who really wanted to win," Jechorek stated.

Fortunately, the Lady Dogies were able to rebound and regain their focus to end up winning the final set 25-22 to put the Lady

Blazers away in three straight

Last season's All-State performer Kendra Back had a standout weekend, dominating every aspect of her game. She was perfect from the serving line, and also led the team in kills, block assists and stuff blocks. Alyssa Dawson also had a great weekend, following Back closely in kills, and setter Abby Gray was on point with perfect serves as well, and also set up her hitters to make their convincing kills a possibility.

Though the victories that the Lady Dogies were able to garner as they challenged the Southeast Quadrant teams may be a good indicator of how the squad may fare in the rapidly approaching Regional Tournament, they definitely have a challenging couple of matches approaching this weekend when they return to the uber competitive Northeast Quad for a knock-down, dragout battle for seeding in the tournament. Newcastle will take on the Lady Cats in Douglas on Friday and then host the Buffalo Lady Bison on Saturday. In previous match-ups with both teams this season, the Lady Dogies ended up on the losing end, so they are certainly hoping to turn the tables.

"Playing Douglas, we will focus on avoiding their libero as much as possible as she is a great passer and outstanding in defense," Jechorek began. "We will also be working on making our block solid against the quick back set as their middles like to run that, and they did score a bunch of points with that play the last time we played each

In the Saturday matchup against the Lady Bison, who are leading the Northeast Quadrant, the senior players will be honored in their last contest in the Dome.

"We played them very early in the season as our first match of the year and took the match to five sets. We will be focusing on their middles as they are very aggressive hitters, and we will be serving aggressively to stop their middles from running, and to force the ball to be set to other players," Jechorek strategized.

According to the coach, the squad will also look to play a bit quicker in their offense in order to avoid the Bison's tall block or, at the very least, to cause their opponent to be unbalanced in their block.

The junior varsity team will start the action on Saturday in the Dome at 2:00 p.m. followed by the varsity match. The senior night ceremony will take place prior to the varsity warm-up.

### Vollevball

Volleyball v. Wheatland 10/16/15 Win: 20-25, 25-21, 25-21, 25-15 Volleyball @ Torrington 10/17/15 Win: 25-13. 25-14, 25-22

Combined individual stats Alyssa Dawson: 29-30 serves, 3 aces, 22 kills, 1 block assist, 2 stuff blocks, 31 digs Katara Cade: 28-31 serves, 11 kills, 1 block assist, 27 digs Kendra Back: 26-26 serves, 23 kills, 4 block assists, 4 stuff blocks, 13 digs Abby Gray: 30-30 serves, 4 aces, 5 kills, 3 block assists, 3 stuff blocks, 79 set assists

15 digs Ashten Farnsworth: 29-33 serves, 17 kills, 1 block assist, 31 digs Jade Roady: 13-16 serves, 1 ace, 7 kills, 1 block assist, 1 stuff block, 1 set assist, 26 digs

Taylor Spain: 16 serve receives, 12 digs Alyssa Umphlett: 6 serve receives, 13 digs

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that wasn't going to happen.

"Calbi won quite convincingly," head coach Pat Hayman smiled. "Most people who try to go out with Calbi don't usually fare too well, but she will have her work cut out for her in Sheridan," he cautioned.

With a perfect season to date, after her finish Ausmann turned her attention to the rest of her team, and the Lady Dogies seemed to feed upon her determination and pushed themselves to do their best to benefit

Upton's Catherine Orban stepped up her race and finished in the ninth spot, Kellar Bock returned to the team and helped out with her 13th place finish, Upton's Morgan Simianer came in 21st and Paige Liggett rounded out the ladies' scoring finishing in

With the bare minimum of five runners that are required to make a team, Newcastle didn't have a sixth or seventh runner that could break a tie or push their team up a spot in the final calculations. As a result, they finished in third place behind Douglas and Worland, though the margin was slim.

"Our girls were really close to being second. As I watched the race, I thought that we would be in second or even win it. but that's not how it panned out," Hayman admitted.

With the great race that the ladies ran, Havman was anxious to see how the men would fare, given that they were once again running with a full slate. The men finished as one would expect, and the goal of closing the gap that Hayman has been stressing all

season seemed to have been on the runners' minds during the race.

Trenton Parsons once again finished first for the Dogies in the fifth spot, followed ten seconds later by Marshall Rhoades in ninth. Brandon Benson gave his all to cross the line in the 12th spot and he was followed by Colin Heaton in 22nd. The effort put forth by the whole team gave the Dogies a second place finish behind a very talented Worland squad, but ahead of the rival Buffalo Bison.

"It was a wonderful day for both of our teams. I thought we ran very well, and the good news is that we have another week to get way better before State," Hayman grinned.

Looking at the finishes by all of the Newcastle teams, one can't argue that the day was anything less than a success. In addition to the impressive varsity finishes, the Dogie junior varsity team claimed second place and both the boys and girls middle school teams dominated their races to bring home first place finishes.

"I was tickled that our little kids did so well, and I'm looking forward to watching the program as they get into high school. If they all stay with it and keep working hard, the future looks bright for the Dogies' Cross Country program," Hayman beamed.

If the team finishes were not enough for the Dogies, the squads also grabbed a disproportionate number of All-Conference honorees for the season.

"We had more than our share of All-Conference runners. Calbi and Catherine won for the girls and Trenton and Marshall won for the boys. Statistically speaking, we should only get 1.75 All-Conference honors," chuckled Hayman, a math teacher

As the teams head into the State Meet this Saturday in Sheridan, the outlook is good according to Hayman. Given that neither squad is completely tapered yet and the men were missing their third man, Dylan Talley who ran JV rather than varsity at the Conference Meet, the men should stand to improve their finish substantially. However, neither team can afford to rest on their laurels.

"There are three seasons," Hayman began. "Conference is a new season and so is State, and we really need to know that.

Given that Glenrock is a rather daunting course with some pretty challenging hills, Hayman expects his runners to post substantially better times on the relatively flat Sheridan course where the State Meet will be decided.

As it will be the last meet of his coaching career, Hayman is looking to his squads to bring their best to the contest. If one were to lay odds, Ausmann should be a shoe-in for a back-to-back state title in 3A, but Hayman was quick to point out that she will not stroll

"Jackson has two pretty talented runners and Mountain View has one who will push Calbi." Havman stated.

"They won't hand her the trophy, but I believe in Calbi and that she will do it. We want some drama and I have no doubt that she will rise to the challenge," he grinned.

parents are feeling the same thing, as well as the parents of the swimmers, and the football and volleyball seniors.

This Friday, the football boys will be honored, and on Saturday

it's the volleyball girls' turn. I know that several of those parents are in the same boat as I am,

with a child in a Dogie uniform that will be the last one to leave their nest. Not that it's easy to let any child go, but when it's the last I think it becomes even a little more difficult.

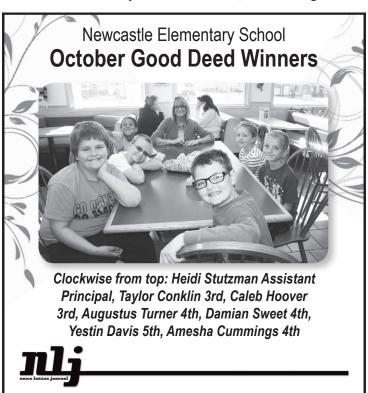
After six-plus years of following our kids as they competed in their various sporting activities, I'm not sure we will know what to do with ourselves next year. For me at least, it's the thought of not

through these emotions right now. The other cross country senior seeing them in their uniforms on that course, or that floor, or that field or that track that gets me a little misty-eyed.

So not only was this the end of an era for Newcastle Cross Country, it is also the beginning of the end of an era for me and other parents who are preparing to let their last child go.

Fortunately, many of our kids are two or three sport athletes who will transition to the winter and spring sports seasons, so we will get the opportunity to still see our kids in action. The downside to that, of course, is that we get to go through this whole sadness thing again when those seasons come to a close.

The end of this era is definitely bittersweet. We're sad to see it go, but so very happy to have been able to be a part of it.



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### Weston County Commission Minutes

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OCTOBER 6, 2015** 

The Weston County Commissioners convened at 9:00 a.m., Chairman Bill Lambert presiding. Present were Commissioners: Marty Ertman, Tracy Hunt, Randy Rossman, and County Clerk Cheryl Kregel. Commissioner Barton was absent today.

Good of the Order

Commissioner Rossman gave the invocation and Commissioner Ertman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Rossman moved, Commissioner Hunt seconded, to approve the Agenda. Carried.

**Approval of Consent Agenda** 

Commissioner Ertman asked to pull the September 15, 2015 regular minutes and voucher #59522. Commissioner Hunt moved, Commissioner Rossman seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended including the September 15, 2015 executive session minutes, September 22, 2015 special meeting minutes, remaining September A/P vouchers and payroll report, District Court monthly statement \$3,292.47, County Clerk's monthly statement \$13,026.25, and signatures on Petition & Affidavit for tax roll correction. Carried.

Commissioner Ertman asked to add the wording "at no cost to the county" under the afternoon Discussion. The corrected minutes will read as follows: "Commissioner Ertman asked permission to change the courthouse exterior lights to pink, at no cost to the county, for the month of October in support of Breast Cancer Awareness month. The Commissioners supported her request.

Commissioner Ertman moved, Commissioner Rossman seconded, to approve the September 15, 2015 regular session minutes as amended. Carried.

#### Set Budget Amendment Hearing

Commissioner Rossman moved, Commissioner Ertman seconded, to hold a budget amendment hearing on Tuesday October 20, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. to consider increasing the general fund portion of the 2016 FY budget by \$2,597,543.00 for an unanticipated grant amendment to allocate the monies to the expenditure account 300.00.40.0256000.0000. Carried.

### **Subdivision Process Discussion**

The Planning Board members met with the Commissioners to discuss the land subdivision process, along with the possibility of updating the land use plan.

**County Attorney** 

County Attorney William Curley reported that he is still working on the cancellation of services with KONE, Inc. Attorney Curley also proposed the question regarding the need to pass a resolution to hold public meetings at different locations, and also stated that he would not be signing the **Emergency Management Preparedness Grant** that was presented by Homeland Security.

**Road and Bridge Department Report** Rick Williams gave his Road & Bridge report to the Commissioners along with mentioning the worsening shop floor, requests for cattle guards, and dust issues on Fairview and Mush Creek

#### **Central Weston County Solid Waste District Board Appointment**

Commissioner Rossman moved, Commissioner Ertman seconded, to appoint Kelly Philipson to the CWCSWD Board for the term that expires 2019. Carried.

Commissioner Ertman, at the request of Steven Ladwig, Newcastle City Council member, introduced the board to Mr. Ladwig's proposal for a bill to be introduced to the Wyoming Legislature concerning the 'education and implementation of catch-neuter and release policies'. Commissioner Ertman had advised Mr. Ladwig to take his proposal to WAM and WCCA to seek their support. The Commissioners agreed to the direction Commissioner Ertman advised.

Dan Blakeman, Administrative Assistant; discussed grants that he is currently pursuing.

Scott Rager, Homeland Security; discussed that the Emergency Management Procedure Grant (EMPG) is used for the reimbursement of Homeland Security operating expenses.

**Visitor Comments** 

Chairman Lambert opened the floor to the morning visitor comments. Brenda Ayres, County Librarian; came before the Commissioners for clarification regarding an article that caused concerns of the possible closure of the Weston County Library. The Commissioners assured Ayres that this is not a concern or future plan.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Discussion

Cheryl Kregel, County Clerk; reminded the Commissioners about the Event Center meeting

### **Probate Notice**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, **WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING** 

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being held on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 1:00 Health Executive Director. p.m. at the Event Center building at the Weston

Suzanne Overman, County Treasurer; proposed the possibility of accepting monthly payments for property taxes. The Commissioners directed Overman to work with County Attorney

Discussion was also held regarding if mileage reimbursement is based on odometer or map

The meeting recessed at 1:19 p.m. and recon-

vened at 1:24 p.m. **Voucher Discussion** 

Commissioner Rossman moved, Commissioner Ertman seconded, to approve voucher #59522 to Tony Barton in the amount of \$34.50 for mileage reimbursement. Carried.

Commissioner Rossman moved, Commissioner Hunt seconded, to approve voucher #59463 to Cheryl Kregel in the amount of \$311.65 for mileage reimbursement. Carried.

Commissioner Rossman moved, Commissioner Ertman seconded, to approve voucher #59551 to Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$8,631.56 for purchase of VHF radios.

Commissioner Rossman moved, Commissioner Ertman seconded, the approve voucher #59552 to JW Services, LLC in the amount of \$4,749.99 for the Mallo Water Project. Carried.

**Sheriff Report** 

Bryan Colvard, County Sheriff; requested the Commissioners financial support with remodeling the current impound building into a criminal evidence processing building. Commissioner Ertman moved, Commissioner Rossman seconded, to sign a resolution taking \$90,000.00 from 2012-2013 consensus grant 13104 to be put towards the Criminal Evidence Processing Building continent upon the approval of the other two entities with the bid amount not to exceed 10%. Carried.

Sheriff Colvard asked for authorization to get price quotes for purchasing two county vehicles. The Commissioners approved this request and urged him to get quotes with A&I and WYDOT and follow up at a later time.

The meeting recessed at 2:15 p.m. and reconvened at 2:22 p.m.

**Employee Appreciation Day Closures** 

Commissioner Rossman moved, Commissioner Ertman seconded, to approve being closed all day on Friday, November 27, 2015 and closing at Noon on Thursday, December 24, 2015 for employee appreciation

**Weston County Fairgrounds Request** Randee Davies, Fairgrounds Manager; asked permission to purchase a permanent storage unit for the Weston County Fairgrounds. The Commissioners advised using the storage space already available and to follow up with the Fair Board to see if the funding is within their budget.

The meeting recessed at 2:45 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

**Liquor License Transfer** 

Commissioner Hunt moved, Commissioner Rossman seconded, to approve the Pizza Barn's liquor license transfer from Joe J. Gualtieri to Pam Gualtieri. Carried.

**Royalty Mineral Grant 09255 Discussion** Commissioner Rossman moved, Commissioner Ertman seconded, to move the

MRG 09255 from the EOC project to pursue different avenues of expenditures. Carried.

The meeting recessed at 3:12 p.m. and recon-

4-H Program Update

Stacy Buchholz, 4-H/Youth Development Educator; brought in local 4-H members; Bella Potter, Taylor Crinklaw, and JR Graham to talk to the Commissioners about National 4-H Week, Weston County Fair 4-H activities, and the upcoming awards night. The group recited the 4-H pledge for the Commissioners and talked individually about the events they participate in.

The meeting recessed at 3:34 p.m. and recon-

vened at 3:44 p.m. **Mallo Water Project** 

Ken Rathbun and Greg Stumpff, informed the Commissioners that the Mallo Water Project was completed at a cost of \$221,225.10, exceeding the original contract amount by \$2,521.90. Commissioner Rossman moved, Commissioner Ertman seconded, to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Mallo Water Project's final paperwork including the advertisement of completion. Carried.

The meeting recessed at 4:03 p.m. and reconvened at 4:16 p.m.

**Northern Wyoming Mental Health** 

John Olenyik, NWMH County Manager; gave an update on services available in Weston County and announced that Paul Dimple is the newly appointed Northern Wyoming Mental

### Public Notice

NOTICE OF CONTRACTOR'S SETTLEMENT **WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1** STATE OF WYOMING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 14th of October, 2015, final settlement will be made by Weston County School District No. 1 of Newcastle, WY for and on account of the contract of Van Ewing Construction for the Newcastle Elementary School Classroom Addition Project and that any person, co-partnership, association or corporation who has an unpaid claim against said Van Ewing Construction for or on account of the furnishing of labor, materials, team hire, sustenance, provision, provender or other suppliers used or consumed by such Contractor or any of the subcontractors in or about the performance of said work, may at any time upon to and including said time of such final settlement on said 14th day of October, 2015 file a verified statement of the amount due and unpaid on account of such claim with the

Weston County School District No. 1 116 Casper Avenue Newcastle, WY 82701

Failure on the part of a claimant to file such statement prior to such final settlement will relieve said Weston County School District No. 1 from all and any liability for such claimant's claim.

Weston County School District No. 1 By: Greg Gregory Facilities Manager

(Publish October 15, 22 and 29, 2015)

**County Provided Cell Phones** 

The Commissioners discussed providing a cell phone for the Administrative Assistant, County Maintenance Manager, and Homeland Security Coordinator positions. This expense is currently budgeted for and practiced by numerous county departments and the Commissioners wish to see this practice continued for these newly acquired positions.

**Visitor Comments** 

Chairman Lambert opened the floor to the afternoon visitor comments. None were heard at this time.

The approved vouchers are as follows:

066 NCPERS, financial admin, \$272.00, AFLAC, payroll ded, \$2,137.47, Blue Cross Blue Shield, financial admin, \$58,750.78, Office of Child Support, payroll ded, \$175.00, Orchard Trust, payroll ded, \$1,615.00, WEBT, financial admin, \$194.20, WC Clerk, financial admin, \$47,298.15, WC Treasurer, financial admin, \$20.00, WY Child Support, payroll ded, \$1,175.00, WY Dept of Workforce Services, financial admin, \$2,222.81, WY Retirement System, financial admin, \$30,984.17, WY Retirement System, financial admin, \$1,321.39, Timberline Services, cong-mit, \$120,595.73, WACO, school exp, \$320.00, Kadramas Lee & Jackson, financial admin, \$3,448.53, JW Services, mallo camp, \$38,604.30, Morrison Maierle, airport runway, \$53,005.75, Pitney Bowes, supp, \$774.00, Hermes Consolidated, oil/gas, \$14,724.86, Timberline Services, cong-mit, \$203,614.91 Ad Pro, financial admin/supp, \$2,366.40, ADI Insurance Agency, insurance, \$49,903.00, Alpha Communications, tower rent, \$75.00, API Systems Integrators, repair/maint, \$252.00, AT&T Mobility, comm, \$1,082.06, Bill Lambert, mile/ trvl, \$59.80, BH Auto Salvage, investigations, \$287.60, BH Chemical & Janitorial, brd of prisoners, \$829.32, BH Power, util, \$3,851.24, Blue Tarp Financial, new equip, \$1,144.98, Bob Barker Co, brd of prisoners, \$171.96, Byrand Streeter, contract wages, \$1,158.75, C&J Newcastle Hardware, repair/maint, \$283.93, Cambria Car Wash, veh maint/fuel, \$200.00, Cambria Supply, repair/maint, \$1,424.63, Carmen Simon, p-hlth exp, \$219.88, CDW Government, p-hlth exp, \$709.42, Cheryl Kregel, mile/trvl, \$311.65, City of Newcastle, util/dispatch/pub def/p-hlth exp, \$5,791.73, Clinical Lab of BH, autopsies, \$1,972.00, Comtronix, misc, \$156.00, Culligan Water Conditioning, misc, \$28.00, Cummins Rocky Mountain, contract/equip/lbr, \$2,088.32, Cynthia Crabtree, veh maint/fuel, \$232.35, Dakota Fluid Power, repair/maint, \$233.25, Dan Blakeman, mile/trvl, \$462.30, Decker's Market, ext serv, \$18.92, Dixon Bros, oil/gas, \$327.22, Double D Obsolete Parts, repair/maint, \$233.75, Fastenal Co, repair/maint, \$307.34, Frontier Home Ranch & Hardware, repair/maint, \$309.24, Gateway Auto Supply, repair/maint, \$11.28, Godfrey's Brake Service, repair/maint, \$696.45, Golden West, comp software, \$2,073.80, Great Western Tire, repair/maint, \$3,988.34, Grimm's Pump & Industrial Supply, oil/gas, \$102.00,

Hillyard/Sioux Falls, janitor supp, \$264.74, Jacki Hubbard, school exp, \$236.85, John E. Reid & Assoc, school exp, \$550.00, KASL, p-hlth exp, \$684.00, Kelly Philipsen, coroner exp, \$100.00, Lisa K. Finkey, spec attny, \$120.00, Lori Bickford, p-hlth exp, \$197.29, MasterCard, veh maint/ fuel/school exp, \$1,571.11, Max Masters, gis land records, \$1,900.00, Melanie Stevens, mile/ trvl, \$34.50, MG Oil Co, oil/gas, \$1,925.59, Newcastle Ambulance Service, ambulance, \$1,458.33, Newcastle Fire Suppression, repair/ maint, \$56.79, Newcastle Motors, repair/maint, \$7.24, News Letter Journal, print/publ/supp/p-hlth exp, \$6,896.06, Northern WY Mental Health, mntl hlth, \$2,500.00, Osage Improvement & Service Dist, coroner exp. \$300.00, Plainsman, supp. \$199.55, Pocket Press, supp, \$179.80, Porter Muirhead Cornia & Howard, financial admin, \$10,000.00, Powder River Energy, util, \$934.61, Power Plan, repair/maint, \$1,973.69, Preventive Health & Safety Division, p-hlth exp, \$28.00, R&S Northeast, p-hlth exp, \$376.75, Randy Rossman, mile/trvl, \$59.80, Rapid Delivery, post/ freight, \$51.76, Ringer Law, spec attny, \$625.00, Roadrunner Disposal Service, util, \$60.00, Rocky Mountain Re-Veg, contract/equip/lbr, \$7,395.00, RT Communications, comm, \$2,746.81, Salina Sandoval, ext serv, \$93.15, Sanofi Pasteur, p-hlth exp, \$2,215.07, Servall Uniform/Linen, misc, \$274.38, ShopKo, janitor supp, \$51.13, Source Gas, util, \$166.92, Stan Houston Equipment, leased equip, \$1,500.00, Susan K Overman, mile/trvl, \$336.56, Team Lab Chemical, oil/gas, \$194.00, Texas Refinery Corp, oil/gas, \$1,166.88, Tony Barton, mile/trvl, \$34.50, Top Office, supp, \$937.45, Town of Upton, landfill/comm ctr, \$2,875.00, Tyler Technologies, comp software, \$2,985.39, Ultra Max, equip/ammo, \$2,046.00, Urbin Law Office, sec attny, \$304.16, US Forest Service, util/janitor, \$260.63, Verizon Wireless, p-hlth exp. \$182.33, Vicki Hayman, gas/oil, \$94.88, VISA, misc/mile/trvl, \$1,597.75, Volker's Autobody, veh maint/fuel, \$571.20, West Payment Center, law library, \$316.50, WC Children's Center, chld cntr, \$3,750.00, WC 4-H Council, ext serv exp, \$1,089.24, WC Gazette, p-hlth exp, \$75.00, WC Health Services, invol commit, \$1,615.32, WC Road & Bridge, veh maint/ fuel, \$3,139.24, WC Sr Services, brd of prisoners, \$1,664.00, WC Weed & Pest, misc, \$26.50, Weston Engineering, engineer, \$1,000.00, Wiss Janney Elstner Assoc, maj repairs, \$1,998.75, Woody's Food Center, brd of prisoners, \$212.34, WY Automotive, repair/maint, \$1,007.50, WY Behavioral Institute, invol commit, \$1,370.00, WY Coroners Assoc, coroner exp, \$125.00, WY Dept of Health, p-hlth exp, \$318.00, WY Machinery, repair/maint, \$8,823.93, WY Network, financial admin, \$200.00. Net Payroll, \$150,920.00. There being no further business to come

Grizzly Services, contract/equip/lbr, \$642.60,

before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Bill Lambert, Chairman Attest: Cheryl Kregel, County Clerk

(Publish October 22, 2015)

### Blotter

October 11, 2015

Hazard reported. Possible theft reported. Drunk driver reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued. VIN inspection requested.

October 12

Traffic stop. Written Warning issued. 911 hang up. Dog at large. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Dead deer reported. 911 hang up. October 13

Traffic complaint. 911 hang up. House check requested. Two VIN inspections requested. 911 hang up. 911 hang up. Abandoned vehicle reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic complaint. Medical assist. Report of a dog at large. October 14

Traffic stop, Verbal Warning issued. Assist other agency. Commercial alarm reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued. 11 Arrest Warrants issued. VIN inspection requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. 911 hang up. 911 hang up. Report of a dog at large. Traffic stop, Verbal Warning issued.

October 15

Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. VIN inspection requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Found property reported. Traffic stop. Verbal Warning issued. Warrant arrest.

### Meeting Notice .....

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The City of Newcastle, Wyoming will conduct a public meeting at 7:45 PM, November 2, 2015, during the regular Council meeting in the City of Newcastle Council Chambers. The purpose of the meeting is to allow citizens to review and comment on the following project: Newcastle Madison Well, Level II Study - Drilling, Construction and Testing of the Newcastle No. 5 Well.

The City of Newcastle intends to use funds from the Wyoming (Clean Water and/or Drinking Water) State Revolving Loan Fund administered by the Wyoming Office of State Lands and Investments. The City and the project consultant, Wester-Wetstein & Associates, Inc., will present the preliminary design of the proposed project and discuss the estimated cost of the improvements. Based on current estimates, the City of Newcastle plans to borrow \$290,000 from the Wyoming (Clean Water and/or Drinking Water) State Revolving Loan Fund at 2.5% Interest for 20 years or a payment of \$18,440 per year for 20 years. The expense of repayment of the loan was already figured into the recent 20% increase in the Water rates. A preliminary plan of the improvements and estimates can be reviewed at the City Engineers office at 10 West Warwick, Newcastle Wyoming or at the Office of Wester-Wetstein & Associates Inc. at 605 Plaza Ct., Laramie, Wyoming. Contact Robert Hartley, Newcastle City Engineer at 307-746-3535 or the Project Engineer/Hydrogeologist, John Wetstein

Written Comments are also welcome and must be received by 5:00 PM on 11/2/2015. Send written comments to City of Newcastle, 10 West Warwick, Newcastle, WY 82701.

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Noise complaint. Parking complaint. Report of a dog at large, Impounded. October 16



Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Assault reported. Drunk driver reported. Barking dog complaint, Citation issued. Probation violation reported. Traffic stop, Equipment repair order issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning for speed. October 17

Traffic stop, Written Warning for speed. Traffic stop, Written Warning for speed. Traffic stop, Written Warning for speed. Medical assist. Civil problem reported. Phone threats reported.

Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Missing dog reported. Report of a dog at large. Traffic stop, no action.

### **Probate Notice**

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF **SYLVIA A. BORNGESSER** Deceased. Probate No. PR - 8023

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF ESTATE

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

You are hereby notified that on the 7th day of October, 2015, the Last Will and Testament of Sylvia A. Borngesser, Decedent, was admitted to probate by the above named Court, and that Keith Borngesser was appointed Personal Representative thereof. Any action to set aside the Will shall be filed in the Court within three months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or thereafter be forever barred.

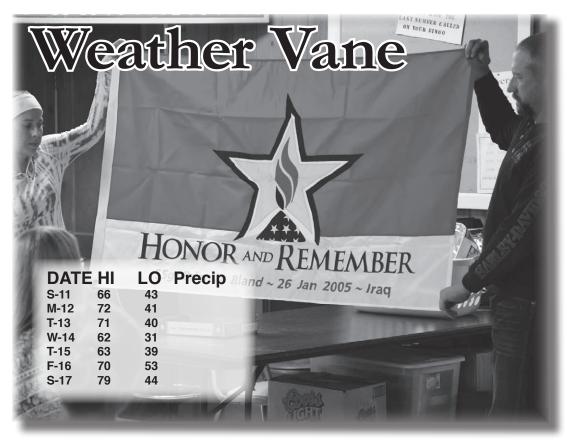
Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the Decedent or to her Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned at the law offices of Hansen and Peck, 18 West Main, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701.

Creditors having claims against the Decedent or her Estate are required to file them in duplicate with the necessary vouchers in the Office of the Clerk of said Court, 1 West Main, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701, on or before three months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, and if such claims are not so filed, unless otherwise allowed or paid, same will be forever barred. DATED this 7th day of October, 2015.

Keith Borngesser Personal Representative By: Donald B. Hansen, Attorney No. 5-1482 Hansen and Peck Attorneys At Law 18 West Main

(307) 746-2761 (Publish October 15, 22 and 29, 2015)

Newcastle, Wyoming 82701



### Utility Notice Public Notice

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, notice is hereby given of the Joint Application of Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company (CLFP), Black Hills Northwest Wyoming Gas Utility Company LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHE), and Black Hills Power, Inc. (BHP)(collectively the Joint Applicants or the Companies), for approval of a Cost of Service Gas Agreement and other relief.

CLFP provides electric and natural gas service to customers in Cheyenne and is a whollyowned subsidiary of Black Hills Corporation (BHC). BHE provides natural gas service to customers in and around the cities of Cody, Meeteetse and Ralston, Wyoming and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of CLFP. BHP provides electric service to customers in and around the cities of Newcastle and Upton, Wyoming and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BHC. Black Hills Utility Holdings, Inc. (BHUH) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BHC and provides services and support to CLFP, BHE and BHP. CLFP, BHE and BHP are public utilities as defined in W.S. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C) and (D), subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to W.S. § 37-2-112

On September 30, 2015, the Joint Applicants filed a Joint Application requesting approval of a Cost of Service Gas Agreement and other relief. Specifically, the Companies request the Commission issue an order: [i] authorizing the Applicants to enter into a Cost of Service Gas Hedge Agreement (the COSG Agreement) with BHUH; [ii] approving revised tariff sheets and authorizing the recovery of amounts incurred under the COSG Agreement from customers through the Applicants' proposed revised tariffs; [iii] approving a 50% hedge-participating level based on the Applicants' forecast annual firm gas demand or, in the alternative, a revised percentage that the Commission may determine; and [iv] to the extent necessary, granting any waivers (including from affiliate rules or regulations or ring-fencing commitments), conditions approvals, or such other and further relief as the Commission deems necessary or applicable.

If approved, the requested COSG Agreement will cause the Joint Applicants' utility customers to participate in and pay for certain purchase and production costs for gas reserves acquired through a wholly-owned, to-be-established subsidiary, under acquisition criteria established by the Commission. The COSG Agreement is meant to protect customers against forecasted longterm increases in the price of gas through the purchase of gas reserves.

This is not a complete description of the Joint Application. The Joint Application is on file with the Commission at its offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, at CLFP's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, BHP's offices in Newcastle, Wyoming, and BHE's offices in Cody, Wyoming and may be inspected by any interested person during regular business hours.

Anyone desiring to file a statement, intervention, protest, or a request for a public hearing in this matter must so file, in writing, with the Commission on or before November 12, 2015. The petition shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing, and the position and interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing which you will attend, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Wyoming Public Service Commission at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay by dialing 711. Please mention the Docket Nos. 20002-98-EA-15, 20003-145-EA-15, 30005-208-GA-15 or 30011-92-GA-15 in your communications and contact us as soon as possible.

Dated: October 12, 2015.

(Publish October 15 and 22, 2015)

### Public Notice

### **DEAR PARENT OR GUARDIAN**

It is the intent and goal of every school in the district to employ highly qualified teachers and staff to provide the best education possible for your child. A highly qualified teacher is an employee that has completed required training and certification, and demonstrates the skills necessary to help every child attain high academic and behavioral standards.

It is your right to request information regarding the qualifications of your child's teacher. If you wish to request such information, please contact Superintendent Brad LaCroix at the Administration Building at116 Casper Avenue, or phone the Administration Building at 307-746-

(Publish October 22, 2015)

#### NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND FINAL **ACCEPTANCE**

In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 16-6-116, Title 16, Chapter 6, Wyoming Statutes, 1982 Republished Edition, Notice is hereby given that J.W. Services, LLC, 519 State Highway 116, Sundance, Wyoming, 82729, as Contractor, has completed the Weston County Commission's Mallo Camp Water System Improvements project in accordance with all plans and specifications.

In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 15-1-113(h) all persons having claims for labor and materials furnished the contractor shall present them to the Weston County Commission prior to the date specified for final payment.

Final inspection and acceptance thereof having been made, final payment is now due the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the contract.

Said final payment will be made on November 25th, 2015, said date being the 41st day after the first publication of the notice.

The Weston County Commission By: Bill Lambert, Chairman

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### Bid Notice

#### **WESTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS LEGAL NOTICE INVITATION TO BID**

The Weston Count Fairgrounds will receive sealed bids in the Weston County Fairgrounds office, 24 Fairgrounds Road, Newcastle Wyoming 82701 Attn. Randee Davies Until 6:30pm November 10, 2015. At which time they will be publicly opened and read for Remodel of the Youth Exhibit Building

Bids will be received for the scope of a remodel not limited to Misc. Rough Carpentry and sheathing, Selective demolition, Overhead doors, HVAC, Electrical, and food service equip-

The project is a Wyoming public works project, and is subject to applicable resident preference and other laws of Wyoming Including Chapter 6, Title 16 Wyoming statues. Preference will be given to Wyoming resident bidder and preference is hereby given to material, supplies, equipment machinery and provisions produced, manufactured in Wyoming, or supplied by a resident of Wyoming, quality being equal to articles offered by the competitors out side of Wyoming.

Successful bidders will be announced within 30 days following each bid opening, and written contracts shall be executed within 10 days there-

Bids will be awarded to lowest responsible bidder after application of Wyoming's resident preference laws. The County Commission shall determine bidder responsibility. The County Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids or parts thereof, and to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid.

A mandatory pre bid Meeting will be held at 1 p.m. on October 28, 2015 at the Fairgrounds office, located at 24 Fairgrounds Road Newcastle Wyoming.

(Publish October 22 and 29, 2015)

### **Election Notice**

OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT FOR SWEETWATER IMPROVEMENT AND **SERVICE DISTRICT HELD IN WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING NOVEMBER 3, 2015** 

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER**

- 1. To vote you must blacken the circle (O) completely next to the name of the candidate for whom you wish to vote.
  - 2. If you spoil your ballot, ask for a new ballot. 3. Use only a black or blue ink pen.
- 4. To write in a name, you must blacken the circle (O) to the left of the line provided, and write the complete name on the space provided for that purpose.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** TREASURER/SECRETARY **FOUR YEAR TERM** VOTE FOR ONE (1)

O Tina Conklin

OFFICIAL SPECIAL DISTRICT BALLOT SWEETWATER IMPROVEMENT AND SERVICE DISTRICT NOVEMBER 3, 2015 **ELECTION JUDGE** 

(Publish October 15, 2015)

### **FAIRY TALES**

**ACROSS** 1. Black snake 6. NY Giants HOF outfielder

9. For capturing attention

13. Relating to axis 14. National Institute of Health

15. Aussie bear

16. Rekindled 17. Compass reading

19. \*Hans Anderson's Emperor

lacked these 21. \*Reflecting truth-teller

18. Sign of bad news

23. 1/60th of min

24. What aides do \*"Beauty and \_ Beast"

28. "The Sun \_ Rises"

30. Chinese tea

35. Lemongrass, e.g. 37. Wrong

39. Golfer's accessory 40. Arm part

41. Shipping weights 43. Beige

44. Sprays

46. River in Egypt 47. Innocent

48. Lowest part 50. Use a cat o' nine tails

52. Brit. fliers

53. Not straight 55. Dot-com's address 57. \*1001 what?

60. \*Genie's master 64. Pope's court

65. Philosophical system

67. Famous bandmaster

68. Make fit

69. Wow!

70. What a bridge does

71. Affleck and Stiller 72. Indian bread

73. WWII conference site

### **DOWN**

1. Painter \_ \_ Chagall 2. Michelle Kwan's jump

3. Venus de

4. Entices

5. Tennis great Gibson

6. Singles 7. \*Steadfast Soldier's substance

8. Unifying idea 9. For, in French 10. Kind of palm

11. Hurtful remark 12. Toni Morrison's "\_

Baby' 15. Kasparov's famous oppo-

20. "Bravo! Bravo!", e.g. 22. International Labor

Organization 24. Tell a scary story?

25. \*Tom's size equivalent

26. Sunny prefix 27. Famous German artist Max

29. \*Ugly Duckling, at end 31. Bank holding

32. Grouchy Muppet 33. Waterwheel

\*"Three Goats \_ 36. Quilt stuffing

38. Raise the roof

42. 1988 Olympics site 45. "\_\_\_\_ " by Pink

49. Yoga class accessory 51. The infamous \_\_\_\_ knoll

54. "Peace" with fingers

56. Parkinson's disease drug

57. Artist's model?

58. Formerly Persia

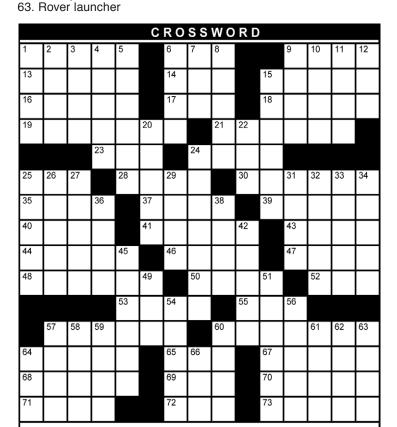
59. Deprive of by deceit 60. So be it

### **Fun and Games**

61. Like Jekyll and Hyde's per-

sonality 62. Antonym of "is" 64. Uber alternative

66. \*Little Mermaid's domain



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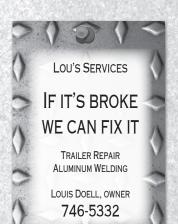
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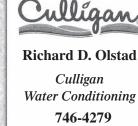
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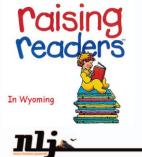
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### For all the marbles

Dogies meet Thermop with playoff berth on the line

Sonja Karp NLJ Sports Reporter

The struggle is real, and that fact has become more than evident for the Dogies as the regular season winds down and the team is team tries desperately to find the rhythm it had earlier in the year.

"There was a quote that I heard recently," head coach Matt Conzelman sighed. "You learn more from losing than you do winning, and if that's the case, we're definitely getting an education."

For the second week in a row, the Dogies were shut out by their opponent as the Big Horn Rams cruised to a 49-0 victory last Friday on their home field.

"It came down to the fact that they executed and we didn't," Conzelman explained. "They had three or four huge plays that we just couldn't counter."

Though his team had moments early in the game that looked promising, Conzelman noted that they were just not able to get into any offensive rhythm, and defensively the Dogies were a little off as well.

On the first drive of the game, his team was able to get the ball all the way down to the 15 yard line, but then got a holding call that stalled the offense. The team attempted a field goal in order to get on the board, but were unable to get the ball through the uprights.

"Penalties were tough again for us in that game, and that's been the monkey on our back this year," Conzelman frowned. "We really just need to put a complete game in, and that's definitely what we're preaching to the guys."

It didn't help that the Rams' game plan consisted of a predominately passing strategy, which did not play into the Dogies' strengths.

"Defensively we held them to 60 or 70 yards rushing, but that doesn't matter when they're airing it out against us," Conzelman stated.

Despite what the scoreboard showed at the end of the contest, there were some bright spots during the game. In particular, junior Triston Roberson played well in several aspects of the game, according to Conzelman.

"He played tight end in the first half and then we moved him back to the quarterback position in the second. He got a lot of first downs and moved the sticks pretty well, but we just couldn't punch it in to the end zone,"

Conzelman said, adding that Roberson and

Ricky Larson played really well on the defensive side of the ball and that his line and linebackers also performed well. Unfortunately, the squad just couldn't make the plays they needed to on

Confidence is something that coaches are hoping to instill in their team as they prepare for the final game of the regular season this Friday.

"We have to learn how to play with urgency this week because the season is on the line. The winner on Friday goes to the playoffs and the loser is done, so the guys need to go into this game with confidence that they will be continuing into next week," Conzelman stated.

The Dogies should be entering this game with a more positive attitude, given that the Thermopolis Bobcats are in the same boat as Newcastle. A loss for them will mean an end to their season as well. With so much at stake, both teams will undoubtedly be focused on getting the win, but there are some indications that the Dogies could be the team that gets it done

Thermopolis is more of a running team, which Conzelman thinks should bode well for the Dogies.

"If I had to choose, I'd rather defend a running attack than a passing one right now. I think we match up pretty well to them across the board," Conzelman began. "But we need to strive to be more physical than they are and more than we have been lately, and we need to make plays. It's going to come down to who wants it, who makes the plays, who takes care of the ball, and who can punch it in to the end zone."

Both teams are currently 2-3 in conference play, and the winner of the game will enter into playoffs as the four seed.

As this is the last home game of the season, the seniors will be honored prior to the 6:00 p.m. kickoff, and Conzelman is hoping for a big crowd to give the Dogies some added support.

### Football

### Dogies @ Big Horn, 10/16/15

Team: 135 yards rushing, 20 yards passing Ethan Schuessler: 23 carries for 94 yards, 1 reception for 6 yards, 4 kickoff returns for 81 yards, 1 tackle

Triston Roberson: 12 carries for 12 yards, 1 reception for 9 yards, 1-5 pass completions for 5 yards, 7.5 tackles, 1 sack Cam Quigley: 9 carries for 7 yards, 1 reception for 5 yards, 2-6 pass

completions for 15 yards, 4 punts for 116 yards, 3 kickoff returns for 29 yards, 6 tackles, 1 pass breakup Lyle Whitney: 4 carries for 17 yards, 5 tackles, 1 pass breakup Ricky Larson: 1 carry for 5 yards, 5 tackles, 1 pass breakup Bryce Womack: 5.5 tackles

Styllon Wright: 2 tackles Bryson Johnson: 1.5 tackles Bryson Tidyman: 2 tackles Cade Ostenson: 3 tackles

Preston Rushton: 1 tackle

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their strongest events.

petitive in," explained Scribner. "We've been watching them all over the last couple of weeks and they are really starting to

blossom into their best events." Among those that the coaching staff has observed, Curren is a freestyle swimmer and that is really all she swims. However, coaches note that she's really started to race and sprint so they are confident that the 200 Free will be a good event for her.

Waggener has been working hard on the Butterfly and was able to qualify in the 100 Fly, so Scribner knows that her 200 IM is going to be great next weekend.

Rachel Henkle, who had demonstrated that she takes to water much like a duck, has been working on sprinting the 50 Free and, according to

coaches, is doing really well in "We will enter our girls in that, so she will probably enter the two events that they have the backstroke, the 50 free or best chance of success, and the the 100 free at the Conference races that they are most com- Meet, but it will all depend on how she is feeling.

Scribner noted that Henkle is strong in all of her events and she has recently been doing great in the breaststroke, so it will come down to whatever she is going to feel most competitive in on the day of the

The squad must travel to Cody for the Conference Meet this weekend, and Scribner admitted that, as a team, he knows that the Lady Dogies will struggle due to low numbers. However, he is confident that individually his ladies will do

"My focus for them is to get as high a team score as possible, so they need to place as high as they can, and I want them to come off this meet feeling confident for State," Scribner noted.

### Swimming

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