

# News Letter Journal

Weston County

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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.

There, Upton Mayor Dustin Upton 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

with the Wyoming Business Council. "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

funding from the Wyoming Business Council and the Upton Economic Development Board.

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

community center for reasons of space and cost effectiveness.

"It's just one way of combining all our utilities, insurance, maintenance, and getting ridding of all the old buildings," said Lindstrom. "To do a new

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## Honor and Remember!



Pictured 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 Taxes

State excise tax	23 cpg
Other state taxes	1 cpg
<i>(goes to DEQ's leaking underground storage tank cleanup activities)</i>	
<b>Total state taxes and fees</b>	<b>24 cpg</b>

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## Coaches ask board to offer Middle School soccer

Todd Bennington  
NLJ Reporter

Varsity soccer coaches Bryce Hoffman and Josh Peterson presented to WCSD #1's Board of Trustees a proposal last Wednesday to expand the district's soccer program to the

seventh and eighth grades beginning 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 among district staff that took place in

2013 about how to maintain interest 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

Newcastle Soccer League. "It's more 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

space would be taken up at the high school for soccer.

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 Area Chamber of Commerce plans to 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

could confirm that a number 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

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 Kenagy.

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)

<b>WEATHER FORECAST</b>	<b>Thursday</b> PM Showers Hi 57 Lo 41	<b>Friday</b> Prt Cloudy/Windy Hi 55 Lo 31	<b>Saturday</b> Sunny Hi 57 Lo 33	<b>Sunday</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 54, Lo 33	<b>Monday</b> Mostly Sunny Hi 56 Lo 31	<b>Tuesday</b> PM Showers Hi 55, Lo 29	<b>Wednesday</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 56 Lo 32	<b>INSIDE</b> • 50 Years Strong, Page 3 • School Notes, Page 8 • Best Little Tidbits, Page 9 • History Awards, Page 10





# Starting Strong



Head Start recently celebrated its 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](http://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 that approval to move these monies was needed in the form of a motion, but no

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 from general accounts that had excess money.

"We were basically smoothing the budget,"

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 that was seconded by Councilwoman Linda Hunt.

### 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.



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### 3rd Grade - Dayne Evenson



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



I Wouldn't Have Known  
 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.  
 I 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  
 I 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.  
 I wouldn't know to  
 Never Doubt Your Ability to touch Someone's Life

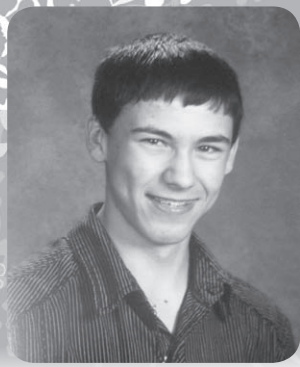
If I hadn't had you Ava Williams, I wouldn't have known...and what a loss it would have been for me. Congratulations Ava!

### 5th Grade - Kyah Miller



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 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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**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, CO.

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 homestead near Upton, Wyoming.

Lu graduated from high school in Newcastle. She 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

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 around Laughlin, 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



**Glenda Willadson**

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 more.

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-

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, Tylis 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, WY. Sister: Vicki (Ray) Leigerski, Casper, WY, Brother: Fred (Carla) Slagle, Karnes City, TX. Nephews: Cody Leigerski, Casper, WY, Dustin (Jena) Slagle, Parker, CO, Wayne Leigerski, Casper, WY. Nieces: Mandy Brannan, Rangely, CO, Leslie (Nic) George, Sheridan, WY, Torie Slagle, Rangely, CO, Tessa Slagle, Grand Junction, CO.

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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- **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 Study 6 pm.
- **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 Wednesday 6:30 pm Christian Academy.

- **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Mark Thurman, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Adult Bible Study 8:45 am; Traditional Church Services 10 am; 10:15 a.m. Children's Church and 11:45 am. Contemporary Praise & Worship Service.
- **GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Jon Andersen, Evangelical Free Church meets at the Weston County Senior Services; Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship 11 am. Call 746-8091.
- **KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES:** 5018 US Hwy 16, 746-2319 or 746-4517. Tuesday 7 p.m. Congregation Bible Study, Theocratic Ministry School and Service Meeting. Sunday Public Talk 10 am; Watchtower 11 am.
- **NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. 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 Worship 6 pm.
- **OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH:** 348 Sheridan St. in Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm.
- **SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST:** Pastor Gary Force, 78 Old Hwy 85, Pastoral Assistant Matt Dooley 949-0831 and Joe Storey 605-891-9954. Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11:00 am.
- **ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Killian Muli, Upton. Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
- **VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH:** Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366.
- **UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Rev. Sharee Johnson, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Worship 9 am; Fellowship 10 a.m.; Adult Study 10:30 a.m.; 1st & 3rd Wed Evenings Prayer and Praise Service 7 pm.

**BACK TO OLD TIMES**



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

Weekly Scripture Reading						
2 Kings	Daniel	Daniel	Daniel	Daniel	Daniel	Daniel
6:1-23	1:1-21	2:1-23	2:24-49	3:1-30	5:1-31	6:1-28

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# Obituaries

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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 of 64.

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 state level. Her passion for the seniors of Weston County helped the center to become what it is today.

Glenda is survived by her son Joey and son and daughter-in-law Brian and Kandice of Newcastle, WY; grandsons Keyan of Cheyenne, WY; Gage and Nash of Newcastle, WY; Steve Pollat of Newcastle, WY; brothers Gomer (Ann) of Douglas,



**Glenda Mefford**

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;

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' education.

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

*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, Lorraine Balesetes, Rose Hansen, Betty Dexter, Dell Thomas, Wanda Lianos & an unidentified student. (Photo Courtesy of Anna Miller Museum)**

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## WHAT'S UP

### October 2015

#### Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>Thurs 22</b>	11:45 a.m.	WC Health Services Foundation	Hospital Board Room
	6:30 p.m.	Domestic Violence Meeting	FOCUS Office
	6:30 p.m.	WC Children's Center Open House	104 Stampede St.
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
<b>Fri 23</b>	11:30 a.m.	WC Library Board Meeting	Library
	6:00 p.m.	Football (Newcastle vs. Thermopolis)	Home
	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
<b>Sat 24</b>	7:00 p.m.	Magic Show	WC Senior Center
<b>Sun 25</b>	8:30 a.m.	AA Meeting	Mondell Heights
	2:00 p.m.	Bingo	Corpus Christi Catholic Church
<b>Mon 26</b>	11:00 a.m.	WCHS Ground Breaking Ceremony	1124 Washington Blvd.
	1:00 p.m.	Low Vision Support Group	WC Senior Center
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
<b>Wed 28</b>	6:30 a.m.	Wellness Wednesday Blood Draw	WC Health Services
	7:00 p.m.	WCSD #1 Board Meeting	Administration Building
<b>Thurs 29</b>	12:00 p.m.	<b>Chamber General Membership Mtg.</b>	<b>Newcastle Country Club</b>
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
<b>Fri 30</b>	7:00 p.m.	Western Ramblers Dance	WC Senior Services
	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
<b>Sat 31</b>	11:00 a.m.	Soccer	Newcastle Soccer Field
	4:30 p.m.	Monster Mash Street Bash	Main Street
<b>Sun 01</b>	8:30 a.m.	AA Meeting	Mondell Heights
	2:00 p.m.	Bingo	Corpus Christi Catholic Church

## November 2015

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

- October 22  
 Dustin Freed  
 David Kline  
 Shirley Dietz  
 Annabay 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

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## Newcastle Elementary School FALL FESTIVAL

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!

# For the Ages

News Letter Journal

## Just call me '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 newspaper!

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!

## A labor of love



Doug Hudson prepares labels for resident mailboxes so that they may send and 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 found.

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 home-like 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 really good!
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 see it!

## A birthday celebration for two

Donna Gochanour  
NLJ Senior Correspondent

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

This past Saturday, on Oct. 10, family and friends gathered at the Open Class Building at the Fairgrounds to help Jim Piscioti 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 Mount*.

Born and raised in Weston County, he found his bride-to-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 all.

Happy Birthday to you both!

## Senior Happenings



### WC Senior Services

**October 22**  
Mexican Train 1:00 p.m.  
Ceramics 1:00 p.m.

**October 23**  
Rolls 9:00 a.m.  
Beltonne 9:00 a.m.  
Blood Pressure Check 9:30 a.m.  
Bridge Ladies 1:00 p.m.

**October 24**  
Raising Readers Program

**October 26**  
Visually Impaired Support Group 1:00 p.m.

**October 27**  
Mexican Train 1:00 p.m.

**October 28**  
Manor Here for Lunch  
Creative Handcrafts after Lunch

**October 29**  
Bridge Ladies 1:00 p.m.  
Mexican Train 1:00 p.m.  
Ceramics 1:00 p.m.

**October 30**  
Rolls 9:00 a.m.  
Bridge Ladies 1:00 p.m.  
Dance 7:00 p.m.

**Manor**

**October 22**  
Bean Bags 10:30 a.m.  
Al and the Gang Birthday Party 2:00 p.m.

**October 23**  
Greedy 10:30 a.m.  
Bingo 2:00 p.m.  
Movie 6:00 p.m.

**October 24**  
Guggenheim 11:00 a.m.  
Happy Hour 3:00 p.m.

**October 25**  
Trivia 11:00 a.m.  
Church 2:00 p.m.

**October 26**  
Wii 10:30 a.m.  
Crazy Cart 3:00 p.m.  
Bingo 6:00 p.m.

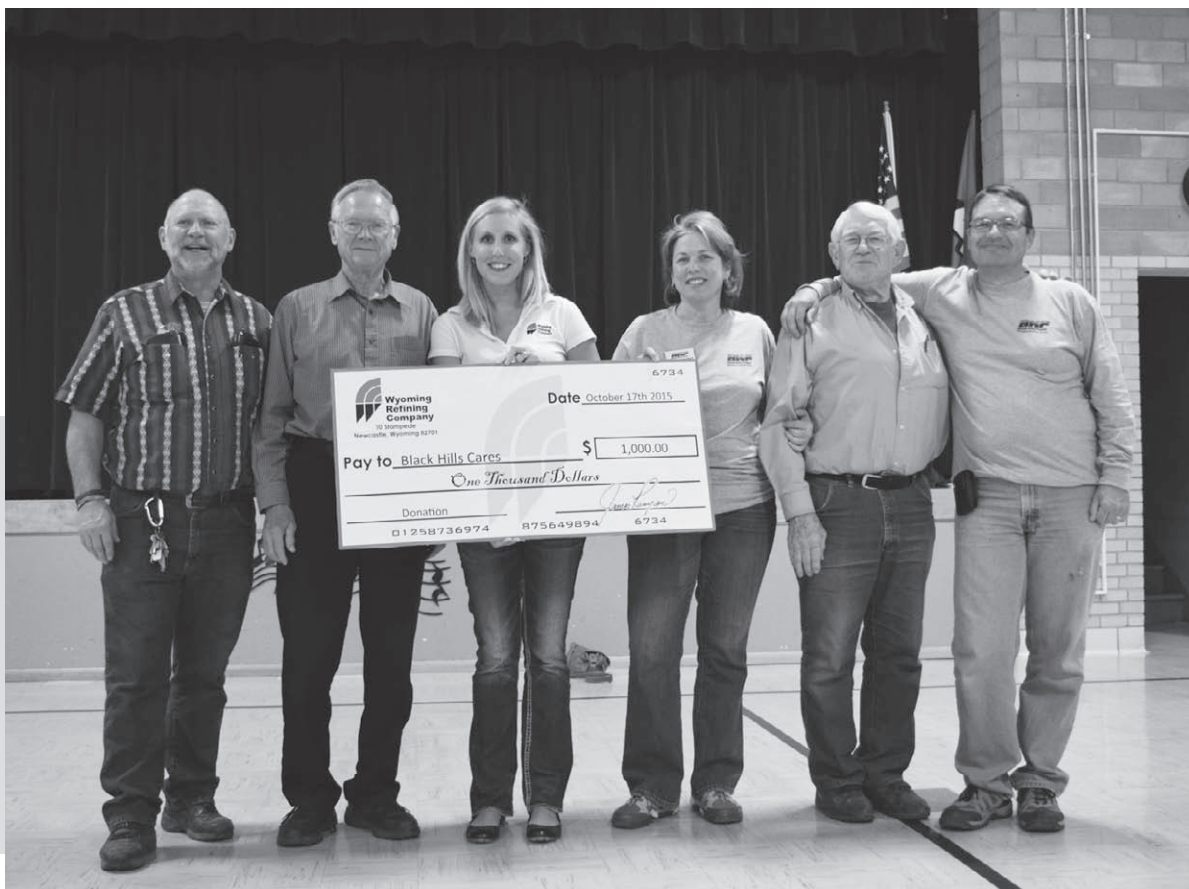
**October 27**  
Ceramics 10:30 a.m.  
Keepsake Krafters 2:00 p.m.  
Stories 4:00 p.m.  
Cards 6:15 p.m.

**October 28**  
Catholic Study 10:00 a.m.  
Flu Shot 10:30 a.m.  
Out for lunch 11:30 a.m.  
Bingo 2:00 p.m.

**October 29**  
Jeopardy 10:30 a.m.  
Manicures 2:00 p.m.  
Men's Club 3:30 p.m.

**October 30**  
Greedy 10:30 a.m.  
Halloween Party 2:00 p.m.

**October 31**  
Name 10 11:00 a.m.  
Movie 2:00 p.m.  
Trick or Treat 6:00 p.m.



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# Fuel Taxes

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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 fuel tax."

"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 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-

sented the process of collecting 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 Administration 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 highways.

As for federal taxes, which of course also figured into

SmartAsset's calculations, 18.4 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 prices.

"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 refineries.

"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.

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](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 Administration.

Source: Fuel Tax Administration — Wyoming Department of Transportation

### County fuel tax distribution by calendar year

(includes both gas and diesel)

<b>Crook</b>	
2014	\$925,906
Total 2010-15	\$3,777,893
<b>Campbell</b>	
2014	\$3,642,194
Total 2010-15	\$14,873,454
<b>Niobrara</b>	
2014	\$456,278
Total 2010-15	\$1,877,158
<b>Converse</b>	
2014	\$1,292,642
Total 2010-15	\$5,119,152

Source: Fuel Tax Administration — Wyoming Department of Transportation

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

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

Motor Fuel Taxes	Wyoming	National Avg.
<b>Gas</b>	<b>42.40 cpg</b>	<b>48.88 cpg</b>
State excise tax	23.00 cpg	20.77 cpg
Other state taxes	1.00 cpg	9.71 cpg
Federal excise taxes	18.40 cpg	18.40 cpg
<b>Diesel</b>	<b>48.40 cpg</b>	<b>54.50 cpg</b>
State excise tax	23.00 cpg	20.06 cpg
Other state taxes	1.00 cpg	10.05 cpg
Federal Rate	24.40 cpg	24.40 cpg

Source: American Petroleum Institute

# Halloween

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of funding that match, and the decision was made to host some fundraisers to help raise the money.

The reason for the shortage, according 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 alternative funding sources—like municipalities and other organizations—may have to decrease, or at least not raise, the amount they provide, even though service costs

continue to rise.

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 in their homes for a longer period.

Tickets for the magic show are available in advance at a discounted price at the Weston County Pharmacy, Home Health and the Weston County Health Services office. Tickets purchased in

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

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**R**ecognize the signs of someone who is depressed or suicidal

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

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would be reduced on the middle 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 provide opportunities for those 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 Brad LaCroix, added that the bigger picture has to be considered as well, and the outcome of school 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.

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**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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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 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

better deal for everybody."

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.

• Upton airport manager Lori Olson 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 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 16-4-405.



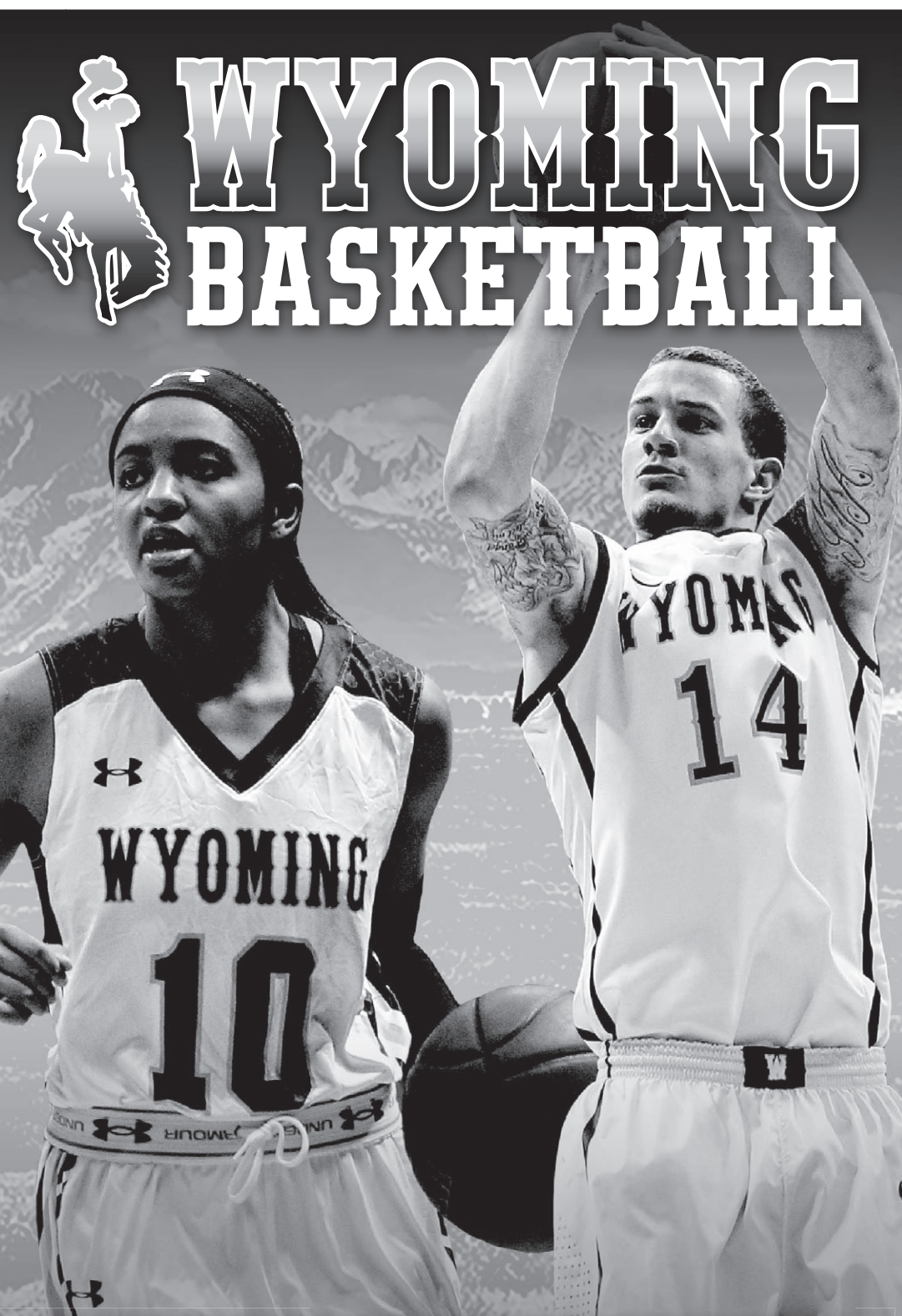
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## County claims history awards

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 society members) is to be aware and nominate people

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 years.

"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 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 Washakie in Junior Activities Awards Grades 3-5

**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

**3rd Place** Annika Coberly for Father Pierre De Smet in Junior Activities Awards Grades 6-8

**The Clara M. and Henry E. Jensen Outstanding Wyoming Teacher Award**, Laura Giesler

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



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# Sports

## 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**  
10/23 VJ Douglas Bearcats A 5PM  
10/24 9 Conference @ Glenrock A TBA  
10/24 VJ Buffalo Bison H 2PM  
10/30-31 Regionals Douglas A TBA

**Football**  
10/23 V \*Thermopolis Bobcats H 6PM  
10/30 V 1st Round Play Off H TBA

### Scores

**MS Cross Country**  
Girls 3K Absaraka Conference 1st Place  
Boys 3K Absaraka Conference 1st Place

## 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.

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 home.

Though the course at Glenrock was a challenging one, I'm sure that it will be a little sad to run that event elsewhere next year.

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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## 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

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

— See Calbi, Page 18



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)

### Cross Country

Dogies @ Absaraka Conference Meet 10/16/15			
<b>Women's Varsity Team Results</b>	<b>Women's Individual Results</b>	<b>Men's Varsity Team Results</b>	<b>Men's Individual Results</b>
1 Douglas 48	1 Calbi Ausmann 19:28.03	1 Worland 33	7 Rawlins 161
2 Worland 61	9 Catherine Orban 22:20.19	2 Newcastle 80	8 Wheatland 167
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			32 Jacob Esposito 20:51.99
			35 Holden Shultz 21:04.66
			47 Dalton Phillips 22:22.83
			<b>Men's JV Team Results:</b>
			2 Newcastle 42
			<b>Individual Results</b>
			1 Dylan Tally 19:06.10
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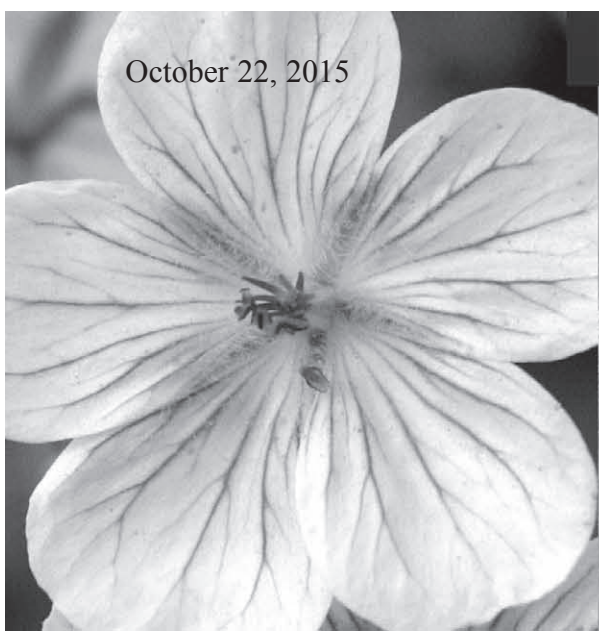
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# For all the marbles

*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 offense.

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.

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Dogies @ Big Horn, 10/16/15	
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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
Carm 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
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Bryson Johnson:	1.5 tackles
Bryson Tidman:	2 tackles
Cade Ostenson:	3 tackles
Preston Rushton:	1 tackle
James Lewis:	1 tackle

# Swimming

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their strongest events.

"We will enter our girls in the two events that they have the best chance of success, and the races that they are most competitive 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.

Waggner 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 that, so she will probably enter the backstroke, the 50 free or the 100 free at the Conference 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 meet.

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 well.

"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	
Newcastle Qualifier 10/15/15	
3rd Place with 259	
200 Medley Relay	2:10.10
1 Mikenna Waggner, Sarah Henkle, Rachel Henkle, Shaylee Curren	
200 Free	2:19.3AQ
2 Mikenna Waggner	2:51.84
5 MaKenzie Wagoner	2:52.87
6 Kinlee Whitney	
200 IM	2:45.22
2 Nathina Crabtree	
50 Free	26.84 4AQ
1 Rachel Henkle	31.19
8 Rachel Ehlers	31.54
9 Clover Rhoden	
1 Meter Diving	175.90
4 Sarah Henkle	149.65
5 Rachel Ehlers	
100 Fly	1:14.98 3AQ
1 Mikenna Waggner	
100 Free	1:37.31
11 AriAnna Anderson	
500 Free	6:39.43 3AQ
4 Shaylee Curren	2:09.28
200 Free Relay	
4 Nathina Crabtree, MaKenzie Wagoner, Kinlee Whitney, Shaylee Curren	
100 Back	1:05.75 4AQ
1 Rachel Henkle	1:15.96
2 Sarah Henkle	
100 Breast	1:23.88
3 Nathina Crabtree	1:33.81
6 MaKenzie Wagoner	1:38.27
7 Kinlee Whitney	5:08.02
400 Free Relay	
4 MaKenzie Wagoner, AriAnna Anderson, Rachel Henkle, Shaylee Curren	

# Bookfest & Feast

A Breakfast and Fundraiser for Raising Readers in Wyoming

**Saturday, Oct. 24**  
**8 a.m. - 11 a.m.**

**Weston County Senior Center**  
 627 Pine St. in Newcastle

## Free Breakfast

Basket Auction (Deadwood Trip & more)  
 Resource Tables  
 Storybook Characters  
 Story Time Reading Sessions  
 Door Prizes (Dress in costume-not scary-for an extra Door Prize ticket)

Donate a gently used children's book for a chance to win a Kindle Fire (Books will be donated to the BookMobile)

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# Canned Food Drive

**Who:** Newcastle FBLA Chapter  
**What:** Supporting the local BREAD Office  
**When:** Oct. 5, 2015 - Oct. 31, 2015  
**Where:** Deliver canned goods to Newcastle High School

October 31, 2015 FBLA memberS will be Trick-or-treating for canned goods

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