

News Letter Journal

Weston County

November 20, 2014

Newcastle, Wyoming

Year 128 Week 47



The Pony Express

Newcastle Christian Academy and home school students participated in a Pony Express presentation by Amy Puetz Nov. 13. She informed the students about the mail service which delivered messages, newspapers, mail and small packages from St. Joseph, Mo., across the Great Plains, over the Rocky Mountains and the Sierra Nevada to Sacramento, Calif., by horseback, using a series of relay stations. The students participated in an activity simulation using stick horses and racing each other. They also colored and created tepees to represent how the Native Americans lived during this time. History leading up to the Pony Express was also learned, where the students were able dress as an historical character as the speaker talked about the importance of each one.

Above, Moriahn Kenney and Hannah Gross participate in an historical skit called "Pioneers by the Campfire." At left, Austen Kenney and Ramsey Gross race their 'ponies' during the presentation. (Photos by Denice Piscioti/NLJ)

Smile!

■ If you encounter Newcastle police, you will be on camera

Alexis Shultz
NLJ Reporter

"It's better for the citizens and the officers," professed Jim Owens, Newcastle's chief of police, in an interview with the News Letter Journal, explaining that the body cameras Newcastle's officers will soon be wearing in Newcastle are going to better protect everyone. Officers will have the body cams attached to their body during their shifts, he explained.

"It gives us a better picture of what actually happens," stated Owens, adding that in the case of complaints, what actually hap-

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Whipped

■ Hunt wins leadership position

Bob Bonnar
NLJ Publisher & Editor

Because he ran unopposed for a third term in the Wyoming House of Representatives this year, Rep. Hans Hunt, R-Newcastle, didn't have to campaign too hard prior to the primary or general election.

But as soon as the votes were counted on Nov. 4, and he knew who was going to be joining him in the House this year, Hunt hit the phones and started writing letters to let his fellow Republican House members know that he was interested in moving into

a leadership position when the 63rd legislative session begins in January.

The hard work paid off when the 26-year-old Hunt was elected Majority Party Whip of the House of Representatives when GOP legislators held their caucuses last weekend.

"I had been kicking around the idea of running for Whip. I had an interest in doing something at a higher level, and that is the entry level position for leadership in the legislature," said Hunt, who is now the fourth-ranking Republican

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School results vary with guide used

Denice Piscioti
NLJ Reporter

Weston County School District #1 received the 2013-2014 results from both the Wyoming Accountability in Education Act and the Federal Adequate Yearly Progress earlier this month. Currently the district is working under both systems with the hope someday to only have to fall under the guidelines of one.

Last year was a pilot year for the new state accountability act, making this year the first time it has been in action. Most of the results are a reflection of the Proficiency Assessment for Wyoming Students and the ACT tests.

"The state put forth a statewide accountability system with the goal to be able to meet all the federal requirements and replace our federal accountability system with just the state accountability system. For the No Child Left Behind — the federal accountability system — we do get federal funds and we are tied into that one. The federal has not endorsed our state accountability system, that is why we have two separate ones. The original intent was to only have one, not to have to work under both at the same time," explained Sonja Tysdal,

“Because of the transition, you have to really look with a fine-tooth comb to really say what is really going to make an impact and what direction we want to go in ... The results show we are making progress.”

— Sonja Tysdal, WCSD#1 Curriculum Director

WCSD #1's curriculum director.

For WAEA, growth, equity, achievement and participation are calculated into each school's score and given a score of exceeding targets, meeting targets or below targets for each category. Both elementary and middle schools are scored the same way, however the high school scoring is more complex, explained Tysdal, calculating in more variables, but the score reads the same.

The state scores are compiled for an overall school score with four possibilities: exceeding expecta-

State Accountability (WAEA) 2013-2014 Results						
School	Growth Target Level	Equity Target Level	Achievement Target Level		Participation Rate Level	OVERALL SCHOOL RATING
Newcastle Elementary	Exceeding Targets	Exceeding Targets	Meeting Targets		Met	EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS
Newcastle Middle School	Below Targets	Below Targets	Below Target		Met	NOT MEETING EXPECTATIONS
	Equity Target Level	Achievement Target Level	Graduation Rate Target Level	Additional Readiness Target Level	Participation Rate Level	
Newcastle High School	Meeting Targets	Meeting Targets	Meeting Targets	Below Targets	Met	PARTIALLY MEETING EXPECTATIONS
	Overall Academic Performance Target		Overall Readiness Target Level			
	Meeting Targets		Below Target			

tions, meeting expectations, partially meeting expectations and not meeting expectations. All three schools in WCSD #1 received different results. Newcastle Elementary School was given exceeding expectations, Newcastle Middle School received not meeting expectations and Newcastle High School's score was partially meeting expectations.

"The intent was very good, to build in a statewide cooperative system to share what is going well with the rest of the state and to share what is not going well. What they didn't account for is the reality that every school would need a coach then, so they don't have that support system in place yet. So I think that will be a topic for them, to try to figure out if this is even reasonable to have those expectations in there," Tysdal stated.

Accountability measures by both

Federal Accountability (NCLB) 2013-2014 Results		
School	Math	ELA
Newcastle Elementary	met	did not meet (Year 2 of Improvement)
Newcastle Middle School	did not meet (Warning Year)	did not meet (Warning Year)
Newcastle High School	met	met

the state and federal systems are based on PAWS and ACT scores, however, for the federal AYP calculations only math and reading scores are evaluated, whereas the state considers every state assessment given to students. Each had different results this year for NES and NHS.

Tysdal stated that, according to the state, the elementary school is exceeding. According to the federal guidelines, NES did not make AYP.

"We really are operating under two systems that do not always tell

you the same things," she said. "The high school is a bit contradictory as well. The middle school, I would say probably matches up at this particular time."

With No Child Left Behind, 100 percent proficiency is the goal. Safe harbor takes into account improvement from year to year. If the number of students scored at basic and below basic significantly, then the school is able to meet Safe Harbor, because they

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NHS English teacher's story to be published

"We stood wide-eyed, dumbstruck, and motionless while his deathly screams echoed across the valley, and his body flew, arching over and then down ..."

— Excerpt from "The Infamous Swinging Tree Incident," by Debb Proctor

Denice Piscioti
NLJ Reporter

Four years ago, a freshman at Newcastle High School, Johnny Walker, suggested that NHS English teacher Debb Proctor write down a story she told to the class. Now, in Walker's senior year, Proctor

received word that the story he encouraged her to write has been selected by the Black Hills Writers Group for their book, "Black Hills Literary Journal."

In the spring Proctor received a letter from the group asking her to submit writing to them. She put the letter aside for a while, then decided she would

go ahead and submit several short stories. In September, she received a letter notifying her that her story called "The Infamous Swinging Tree Incident," inspired by an event in her youth, had been selected.

It's a story she has been telling her freshman English class for years. When Walker

heard the story he asked if it was written down somewhere. When she told him it wasn't, he encouraged her to do so.

"They say a good technique is when your students write, the teacher writes — and so I wrote it. I shared it with my

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WEATHER FORECAST	Thursday Mostly Sunny Hi 36 Lo 26	Friday Mostly Sunny Hi 39 Lo 20	Saturday Mostly Cloudy Hi 38 Lo 26	Sunday Mostly Cloudy Hi 29, Lo 16	Monday Partly Cloudy Hi 24 Lo 11	Tuesday Mostly Cloudy Hi 28, Lo 19	Wednesday Snow Hi 30 Lo 8	INSIDE • Christmas tree, Page 3 • Crafters, Page 6 • Massage, Page 7 • Singing, Page 10	

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Our View

Gift horses

If you've turned on the TV, radio or Internet in the past couple of weeks you've probably heard that you need to leave the dishes in the sink on Thanksgiving Day and hurry to Rapid, Casper, Billings or Denver to get your Christmas shopping done before all of the good stuff is gone.

Fortunately, your local businesses don't feel the need to pressure you into fighting for parking spots and places in line on Black Friday, and they are more than happy to offer you a wealth of valuable, unique and affordably priced gifts whenever it is convenient for you to stop in and peruse their merchandise over the next few weeks.

Many of those merchants began advertising their holiday sales and special offers in this newspaper this week, and they will continue to do so right up until Christmas. We encourage you to check out the ads that will be running in the weeks to come, and to stop in our stores and find out what is available right here in Weston County before you take your sales tax dollars elsewhere.

Our local businesses and organizations have also scheduled a slew of holiday open houses and other special events throughout the next few weeks, and it all begins with the annual lighted parade on the day after Thanksgiving. If you haven't stuck around town on Black Friday in the past, we strongly encourage you to do so this year so you can take advantage of the opportunity to celebrate the holiday weekend here with friends and family.

In fact, making a commitment to do the vast majority of your shopping here will allow you and your family to truly appreciate what a small town like this has to offer during the holidays — bazaars, feasts, decorating contests and even free movie and shopping days for the kids.

We guarantee that you will enjoy the experience of shopping at home and participating in these events — all of which are made more enjoyable by the fact that you will be surrounded by friends and neighbors, instead of blood-thirsty, bargain-hunting strangers.

Our local businesses offer these gifts to their customers each and every year, and we urge you take a minute to allow yourself to appreciate them this year.

Need to talk to a public servant?

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Linda Hunt	629-1512
Roger Hespe	746-2800
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Letters to the Editor

Take a look at the liberals who are buying elections

Dear Editor,

How many people notice that the biggest spenders in the last election by a wide margin were the liberals, and they also complain the most about spending by the conservatives. They constantly complain about the Koch brothers, who are about number 40 on the spending list, but never a word about George Soros or Tom Steyer.

There is one benefit about election spending though. It is a method of moving money from the rich to the poor. The Dems spend \$32,000 for a meeting with the president and that money flows back to the people in the form of wages for advertising.

—Don Thorson

The have-nots don't have to surrender so easily

Dear Editor,

Like any good, self-serving businessmen the Koch brothers would like to operate under the "free-market" system — free from regulation, free from taxes, free from any concern for our environment or our fellow men.

Pursuant to that goal they have rightly determined that control of our politicians and the laws they write is the only sure means to that end.

Gaining that control is easy, the bait is campaign donations. Since they have an abundant amount of cash reserves (in the billions) they can afford to buy anybody's ticket to Washington or even any local school board. The laws they want will follow in short order, never-mind the deleterious effects on our country or injurious consequence on ourselves.

In other words: The Philistines are on the move. If they succeed, we will answer to the commands of the Kochs, the Waltons and a very few others. We will have no need of elections or even a government. They have a management team to take care of that.

The Associated Press reports that Colorado's second largest school district has three newly elected "conservative" school board members who want only the benefits of the "Free-Market System" taught. To

teach only "Respect authority, blindly obey the law" and ignore completely that passage that begins: "We hold these truths to be self-evident" and ends with: "when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce [us] under absolute Despotism, it is [our] duty, to throw off such Government, and provide new Guards for [our] future security."

They must be stopped, but little will change without robust protest and unyielding demand. The left is far stronger than it asserts. The right is far weaker than it appears.

More than 30 years ago one of the Koch brothers ran for vice president as a Libertarian. His platform was selling off to private entities all government services — the water and sewer systems, the highways, the schools, the museums, National Institutes of Health — nearly everything.

It didn't stop there. He also proposed ending all environmental laws, campaign laws, health insurance laws, credit and usury laws.

Also on the chopping block were Medicare, medicaid, food stamps, everything just like the good old days — the year 1267 when King Koch owned everything and might dispense as he sees fit, or not.

Power never gives up anything without a fight. Prepare to do battle or prepare to be owned.

—Jerry Baird

Inflation is making it tough on a fixed income

Dear Editor,

Low and behold, as I write this letter, the atrocity continues. Today I purchased an item for \$2.13, two or three weeks ago that item was \$1.93. That is a raise of 10 percent. We on Social Security might get 1.7 percent raise.

By Jan. 1, all of our raise will be taken care of by all the raises on food, etc. Gas has been dropping for the last two to three weeks, and yet the grocery stores continue to raise prices.

This is bad, bad, bad. Why? Us old people need a 1 percent raise each month — just to keep up.

Stores: no more raises!

—Cal Huber



Deadline for Letters is noon on Friday

Marriage equality is a global revolution

Late in his political career, five-term U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater, "Mr. Conservative" himself, was persuaded to champion the cause of gay rights. He believed such persons just wanted to be left alone and to be granted equal opportunity to pursue their own version of the American dream.

But those in revolt against established mores never really want to be just left alone. Neither are revolutionaries ever merely in pursuit of "equal rights." Like such enthusiasts for equality as the French Jacobins and the Russian Bolsheviks, what they really want is to undermine, to overturn, and ultimately to destroy.

In our day, as state after state affirms "marriage equality" — the phrase itself is a twisted bit of sophistry — political pundits are busy discussing whether it's an issue that should be decided on the state or federal level.

The essence of the matter is apparently lost on them. What gay marriage represents is a fundamental and, in its own way, violent revolution. Yet the talking heads speak of "evolving societal attitudes" as though the whole thing hasn't been the culmination of a decades-long campaign of propaganda and intimidation.

In the not-so-distant future this will become unavoidably obvious, though it is doubtful that by then there will be much to be done about it. Those who persist in maintaining principled objections to gay marriage on religious or other grounds can expect to find themselves ostracized, even persecuted. That is, unless they choose to remain closeted.

Those who are chagrined by these developments may or may not take comfort in understanding that this latest installment of the sexual revolution has not been confined to the United States and other Western nations. Instead it's on its way to becoming international to a degree to which even the members of the Comintern of the early Soviet period could only have dreamt.

Let me make this clear to you by presenting, as just one of many possible examples, the case of the Southeast Asian nation of Thailand, a place which is well known as among the most accommodating in the world when it comes to homosexuality, but which nonetheless has come under attack from both within and without by the forces of the

revolutionary left.

As it so happens, the Buddhism that prevails in Thailand, in contrast to the Abrahamic faiths of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, takes a relatively benign view of gays and the transgendered. Such persons are believed to be undergoing a punishment for sins committed in a past life and are therefore looked upon with pity rather than contempt. Gays are highly visible within Thai society and generally treated without derision, though it's true that they're less likely to be taken seriously when it comes to public office or certain professions.

But if you were to think that these social arrangements would be enough to satisfy the enforcers of political correctness, you'd be wrong.

By way of example, in an article for "TIME" magazine published earlier this year, journalist Per Liljas, a stereotypically liberal Scandinavian and representative member of today's journalistic class, tells us that the country known as the Land of Smiles is secretly full of hard-hating homophobes.

"Much of this tolerance is a facade," he complains. "After all, it wasn't until 2002 that the Thai government stopped classifying homosexuality as an illness. It took four more years before the military and some conservative colleges permitted LGBT people to join their ranks.

Even more alarmingly, hostility toward the LGBT community can take horribly violent forms."

Liljas goes on to list some rather unimpressive-sounding crime statistics and mentions a handful of specific criminal cases, in most of which it's actually unclear whether the victim's sexuality was a motivating factor.

When dealing with the revolutionary left, however, the validity of such statistics is beside the point — the fulfillment of their agenda is what matters. As Goldwater candidly told the "Washington Post" in 1994 of his work with the so-called Human Rights Campaign, "The big thing is to make [the United States], along with every other country in the world with a few exceptions, quit discriminating..."

But aside from demonstrating the global nature of this call to sexual anarchy, there's another reason I give you this non-Western example. It reveals something fundamental about the left: No matter who they're dealing with or what concessions are



Todd Bennington
Quo Vadis

Who



Bob Bonnar
Publisher and Editor



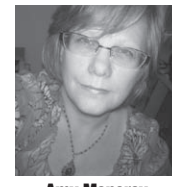
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Tags available for trees

As of last week, Christmas Tree tags have been available at Black Hills Forest Service offices in western South Dakota and northeast Wyoming.

White spruce, ponderosa pine, and western juniper are available and can be cut in many parts of the National Forest.

Each permit is accompanied by a handout with guidance about appropriate tree removal. Trees may not be cut in developed recreation sites, Forest Service administrative sites, active timber sales, the Black Hills Experimental Forest near Rochford, the Black Elk Wilderness, the Beaver Park area near Sturgis, or within Spearfish Canyon.

Individual permits cost \$10, up to a maximum of five permits per individual, and the maximum allowable height of cut trees is 20 feet. The permits, that became available Nov. 12, require that you cut the entire tree, leaving no more than six inches of stump, and that you cut unused branches so they lay flat on the ground.

The adhesive permit tag must be attached before a tree is removed from the woods. A

citation can be issued for possession of a cut-but-untagged tree, even if a tag is available in person or in your vehicle.

Trees should be placed in water as soon as possible to help keep needles fresh, Forest Service officials suggest. Once indoors, trees should be placed away from stoves, heaters, or heating ducts. After Christmas, used trees should be disposed of properly as yard waste. Do not dump used trees on national forest land.

There are no refunds for uncut trees or unused permits. Forest Service offices will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. Dec. 24 is the last day permits will be sold at Forest Service offices.

Tags are available by mail from the Forest Supervisor's Office, 1019 North 5th Street, Custer, SD 57730. Enclose a check or money order in the amount of \$10 for each tree, up to a maximum of five trees per individual as well as a self-addressed stamped envelope. The Forest Service will mail tags and cutting instructions.

Permits are also available at the following Forest Service locations:

- Forest Supervisor's Office in Custer, S.D.; (605) 673-9200
 - Hell Canyon Ranger District in Newcastle; (307) 746-2782
 - Mystic Ranger District in Rapid City, S.D.; (605) 343-1567
 - Northern Hills Ranger District in Spearfish, S.D.; (605) 642-4622
 - Bearlodge Ranger District in Sundance; (307) 283-1361
- Christmas tree permits will also be available from the following private vendors:
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 - Rapid Stop Conoco, Sundance; (307) 283-2240
 - Hardware Hank, Mtn. View Rd., Rapid City; (605) 343-5150
 - Johnson Siding General Store, Hwy. 44, Rapid City; (605) 348-2280
 - Custer True Value, Custer, S.D.; (605) 673-2227

Count Your Many Blessings



President George Washington proclaimed the very first national day of Thanksgiving to be Thursday, November 26, 1789. It was to be a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to especially give thanks for the opportunity to form a new nation and the establishment of a new constitution.

To celebrate Thanksgiving, First State Bank of Newcastle will be closed on Thursday, November 27, 2014.



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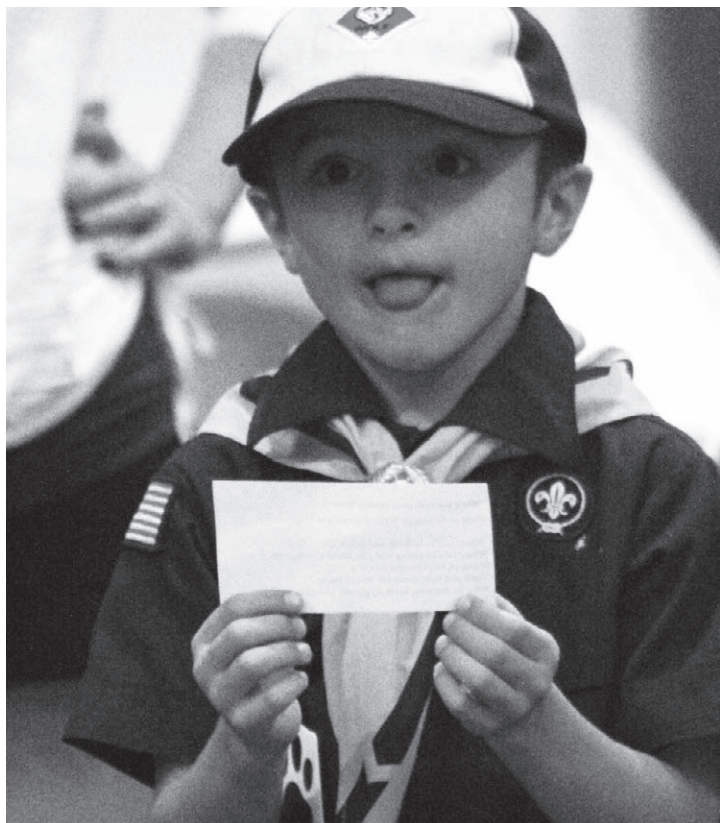
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Study time

Keith Simmons shows a look of concentration as he learns a new song during Pack #66's Boy Scout meeting, held Nov. 13 at First United Methodist Church. During the meeting Scouts were recognized for their accomplishments. See more on Page 10.



Denice Piscioti/NLJ

Schools

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had growth in the proficient and advanced.

At NES, student scores grew enough in math to meet the AYP requirements, but did not in reading for the second year, making the school in year two of improvement. Each year the school does not make the necessary guidelines there are steps that have to be complied with. This year letters will be sent home to each grade school student.

NMS was below the targets in every subcategory for the state requirements, however, noted Tysdal, they were not far off from meeting them at each level. In AYP they did not meet the guidelines in either math or reading, which put them in a warning status year for both categories.

"So that means we did not meet 100 percent and we did not meet enough growth for Safe Harbor. This is our first year not meeting it, so this is our warning year. So if we happen to meet it next year we will be okay. If not we will have to do the same exact process the elementary has to do with two subjects," added the director. "So, for this particular year, both the state and federal assessments do mesh up for the middle school."

Tysdal said that evaluations will begin at the

middle school level to see if changes need to be addressed to be able to achieve better.

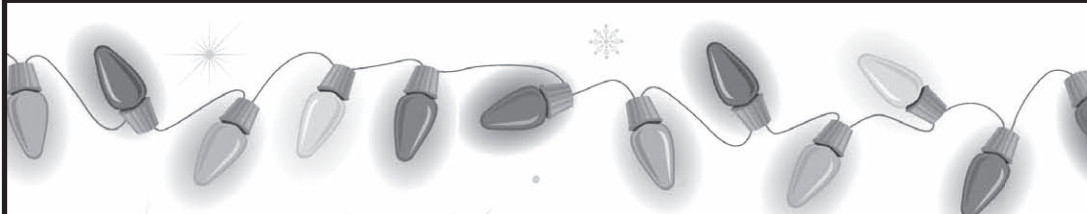
At the high school, more things are looked at for the score than just the assessment test to encompass all grade levels for both accountability pieces. In the Overall Academic Performance they met the target, but were below in the overall reading level, with an overall school rating of partially meeting expectations. They did meet AYP in both math and reading with Safe Harbor.

For the state accountability, whatever the end score is, the school is required to submit a plan according to statute. Those given marks of exceeding expectations submit what is working for them, with the others writing their intended strategy for improving scores.

"Because of the transition, you have to really look with a fine-tooth comb to really say what is really going to make an impact and what direction we want to go in. What Safe Harbor tells us is, we are getting a large chunk to be proficient or advanced, so we are making adequate progress with regard to the state test. There [are] some really, really positive things. The results show we are making progress," she concluded.

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Obituaries

HENRY 'HANK' CIMBUREK
JAN. 18, 1926–NOV. 12, 2014
 Henry "Hank" Cimburek, 88, of Upton, died Nov. 12, 2014, at Ft. Meade V.A. Medical Center.

He was born Jan. 18, 1926, on the family farm near Veblen, S.D. He was the son of Frank and Maggie (Verchota) Cimburek. He attended school through the eighth grade, and was then employed with various local farms. He served in the U.S. Army. Upon discharge, he attended North Dakota School of Science at Wahpeton, N.D. After graduation, he was employed with Pringle Motor Company of Upton as a mechanic. He later worked with Materi Exploration until retirement. In 1951, he married Evelyn Bush of Britton, S.D.

Hank was active in Marathon Bridge, the Upton Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Service, and was Eucharistic Minister at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Upton. He was a prolific gardener, devout Catholic, hunter, fisherman, and card player.

He is survived by his daughters, Mary



Hank Cimburek

Anne (Keith) Wheeler of Rapid City, S.D., and Helen Jean (John) Grutkowski of Sheridan; and one son, Mark (Lori) Cimburek of Casper. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Kristie and Cory Wheeler, Katy and Michael Grutkowski, and Chase, Kayla and Trey Cimburek; as well as great-grandchildren, Ciglen and Carsyn Wheeler and Natalia Three Stars.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Frank and Maggie; his wife, Evelyn; three brothers, Frank, Charley and John Cimburek; and six children, Marcy, Michael, Patrick, Susan, Debra and Louise.

Visitation was Monday, Nov. 17, from 6 to 7 p.m., with recitation of The Rosary at 7 p.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Upton. Funeral Mass was Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, with Father Kilian Muhli as celebrant.

The family is accepting memorial contributions toward the Roman Catholic Post Chaplain Fund at Forth Meade Ministry Chapel, or Upton Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Service. Burial with military honors by VFW Post of Upton followed at Greenwood Cemetery

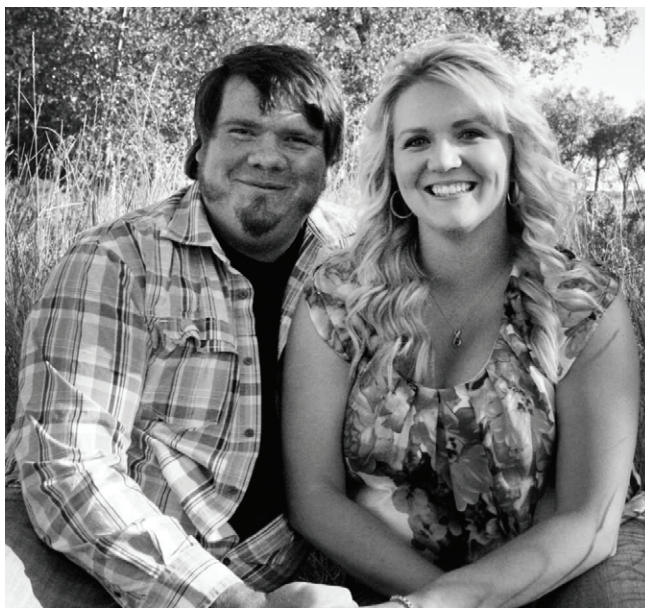
at Upton. Worden Funeral Directors of Newcastle handled the arrangements.

CHRIS MICHAEL CHRISTENSEN
SEPT. 27, 1954–NOV. 2, 2014
 Services are not planned at this time for Chris Michael Christensen of Wright, who was fatally injured in a one-vehicle rollover between Linch and Kaycee on Nov. 2, 2014, while on his way to work near Worland.

Mike was born on Sept. 27, 1954, in Hot Springs, S.D., to Russ and Ruth Christensen of the Cheyenne River community, north of Lusk. Mike attended the Seven Mile rural school near the ranch and graduated from Newcastle High School in 1972. He attended the University of Wyoming for three years. He became a heavy equipment operator and worked in that capacity until death.

Survivors include his dad, Russ and brother, Bill, of the family ranch; a brother, Tom (Debbie) of Thermopolis; niece, Amber Moeller and her two children, and nephew, Wyatt (Danae) and their three children, all of Thermopolis; one aunt, Jean Freeman of Casper, and numerous cousins. He was preceded in death by his mother, Ruth, in January of 2014.

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The parents of Maggie Stubbs and Travis Unterseher are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of Maggie and Travis, to take place on Oct. 23, 2015.

The bride-to-be is a 2008 graduate of Newcastle High School. She graduated from University of Wyoming with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. She is currently attending Black Hills State University in pursuit of a Master's Degree in Secondary Education.

Maggie's parents are Melissa Stubbs of Newcastle and the late Bill Stubbs. She is employed at Newcastle Middle School as the school librarian.

The groom-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Newcastle High School. He attended Black Hills State University, and played football for NHS and BHSU. His parents are Bobbie Unterseher of Newcastle and the late Jim Unterseher. He is currently employed at Black Thunder Coal Mine.

Maggie and Travis will be married at Sylvan Lake, in Custer State Park. They are the parents of three fur-kids, two huskies and a fat chihuahua!

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100 YEARS AGO - NOV. 19, 1914

Last Sunday morning, Dr. S.W. Johnson and family left for their new home in Sheridan where they will reside in the future. Dr. Johnson is a thorough, conscientious practitioner and his many friends in Newcastle and Weston County only wish for the success and prosperity to which he is entitled.

There was a two-inch fall of snow at Howard on Saturday, followed by extreme cold on Sunday and Monday.

The Shell home on South Beaver was the scene of a home wedding on Wednesday, when Mr. Ben Combs and Miss Florence Shell were united in marriage by Rev. Glazier of Newcastle.

Miss Edith Miller of the Fiddler Creek area is spending a few days in Upton taking charge of the Cottage Hotel while Mrs. Painter is out on her homestead.

The political machine is getting pretty rotten when it causes enmity and ill feeling between friend and neighbors, as it did in the recent election.

Geo. Lee has finished fencing the Hampshire flat and is now busy hauling in his winter supply of wood.

Considerable inconvenience and hardship is endured by the different mail carriers along the routes from and to Horton by the mail boxes not being placed within reasonable distance along the road.

While out riding last Sunday on Mt. Pisgah, Bud Smith met

with an accident which will confine him to the house for some time. The horse which he was riding slipped on a rock and fell, breaking Mr. Smith's leg just above the ankle. As there was no one with him or near there, Mr. Smith had to mount his horse without assistance and ride to his home where he soon received medical aid, and we are glad to report him as getting along nicely at present.

Mrs. C.C. Kirkpatrick and little son James came in from their Wild Cat homestead Monday.

75 YEARS AGO - NOV. 16, 1939

Charles Carlson, 75, former owner of the large AU7 ranch southwest of here, died at a Hot Springs hospital Tuesday evening following an operation. Masonic funeral services will be conducted at the local temple this afternoon, with burial in the Greenwood Cemetery. Survivors include his widow of Hampshire.

Fifteen carloads of cattle, over 500 head, were shipped out of Newcastle via Burlington railroad Friday.

Funeral services are being held for Mrs. Ida Harris Mondell, 60, widow of former Rep. Frank W. Mondell, who died at her home in Washington. The former congressman died at August and Mrs. Mondell was buried beside him there. Mrs. Mondell was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Harris and a native of Laramie.

Mrs. R.A. Harper, Mrs. Fred Sweet, Mrs. Floyd Sweet, Mrs.

E.P. Johnson, Phyllis Dumbrill and Mrs. Herbert Musgrave, all of the Beaver Creek area, attended the council meeting at Osage Saturday.

Carroll Hinsdale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hinsdale, suffered a fractured collar bone Sunday night in a fall from a tree.

Ward Cornielson, rider at the LAK ranch, received a broken leg Monday while working on a pile driver, and is confined to the Acord hospital. Cornielson slipped and fell several feet to the ground.

Approximately 20 members were present at the monthly meeting of the Skull Creek Farm Bureau, held at the community building Friday. D.R. Davis was elected president, George Franklin, vice chairman, and Laurence Dewey, secretary-treasurer.

There's gloom in the barnyard as the aristocrat of fowls learns it is soon to join the bourgeois hot dog and hamburger at the nation's lunch counters. The turkeyfurger, or hot turk, has been perfected.

While hunting rabbits last week, Robert Mitchell of the Clareton area found a box full of cooking utensils and groceries, located under a pile of rocks. From all evidence, it was believed the box had been there for more than 20 years.

Mr. and Mrs. James Chittim and children, Selma Jane and Fairy Inez, of Sundance, spent Sunday at the A.H. Chittim home in Osage.



Craig Chevrolet Thanksgiving Special: 1939 Plymouth DeLuxe four-door sedan, 11,000 miles, radio, heater, for \$565.

50 YEARS AGO - NOV. 19, 1964

The annual banquet and board of directors election of the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce will be Friday evening at Gulley's Restaurant and Lounge. Dr. John T. Fey, president of the University of Wyoming, will be the featured speaker.

The Black Hills Packing Co. of Rapid City has closed their Newcastle plant for an indefinite period.

Red Owl Ad: Turkeys, 29 cents a pound for budget C grade; large stalk of celery for 19 cents.

The Women of Christ Church Episcopal met, with the main business of the evening being discussion and planning of the Christmas Christian Fellowship Tea to be held in the parish hall on Dec. 10.

Open house will be held on Sunday to honor Mr. and Mrs. Earl Z. Crum, who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. James Kirkpatrick presented an interesting program on her summer trip to Europe for members of the Twentieth Century Club at a Thursday meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cool and grandson, Howard Pitts, along with Richard Rawhouser, Albert Jonasson, Sammy Sewell, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Mayberry, Mrs. Felix Perino, Mary and Bob, all of the Prairie area, attended the St. Onge livestock sale Friday.

The Guy and Gals 4-H Club of Osage met Friday evening at the community building. There were 13 members present.

The Newcastle High National Forensic League opened its year with a trip to Cheyenne on Oct. 24. Five students and Miss Williams, speech coach, attended a Preliminary NFL Student Congress at the State Capitol Building.

Tice Fowler rode and gathered cattle for Eddie Miller of the Boyd area Thursday. Con Mitich hauled cattle for Mr. Miller to St. Onge.

An Evening of Fellowship

The community is invited into a conversation with the faith community with ways to identify, support and prevent the loss of the precious gift of life.



**December 3, 2014
6:00 p.m. at Haydis Hall
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**From the Vault of the
Anna Miller Museum:**

The 1936-37 members of the Horton School pose for a photo at the school. In the front row are Dean Wright, John Lappe, Betty Pzinski and Donnie Wright. In the back are Virgil Lappe, Myrlyin Wright, Elizabeth Pzinski, Virginia Wright and Dolly Wright. Their teacher was Agnes Lappe.



WHAT'S UP

*Meetings & Events
Calendar*

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Nov. 20	11:45 a.m.	WC Health Services Foundation	Board Room
	5 p.m.	WC Health Services Board Meeting	Board Room
	7:30 p.m.	Mason's Meeting	Masonic Hall
Nov. 21	10 a.m.	Serendipity Boutique Open House	7 N. Seneca
	11 a.m.	Black Hills Power Light Up	Office
	6 p.m.	Newcastle Area Chamber Banquet	WC Senior Services
Nov. 22	7 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Square Dancing	Newcastle Elementary School
	9 a.m.	Christmas in Wyoming Bazaar	First United Methodist Church
Nov. 23	2 p.m.	Bingo	Corpus Christi Church
	7 p.m.	AA Meeting	Corpus Christi Church
Nov. 24	8 a.m.	United Fund Pie Auction	WC Senior Services
	1 p.m.	Low Vision Support Group	WC Senior Services
Nov. 25	1 p.m.	Card Making Class	Four Country Inn
	7:30 p.m.	Eastern Star	Masonic Hall
Nov. 26	6:30 a.m.	Wellness Wednesday Blood Draw	WC Health Services
	Nov. 28	6 p.m.	Christmas Lighted Parade
	7 p.m.	Chili	WC Senior Services

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Nov. 23: Melissa Nack
- Nov. 24: Mr. & Mrs. Paul Piana
- Suzette Miller, Reg Rumbolz
- Nov. 25: Mr. & Mrs. Mike Mills
- Vincent Staton
- Nov. 26: Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Groner
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Senior crafters adding more

Donna Gochanour
NLJ Senior Correspondent

Every Wednesday a group of ladies meet at the Weston County senior center after lunch to create things out of yarn to give away as gifts. Up until now, they have been known as the Fancy Workers, but in a meeting recently they decided on a new name and a new direction.

The name that they chose is "Creative Handcrafters," and they would like to see their group grow to include bead workers, jewelry makers, scrapbooking, and creation of soft toys and machine-sewn crafts. Isabel Taylor assures me that there will be people who can help instruct others in any kind of craft, if it's something that you'd like to learn to do, also.

The things that these ladies make are not for sale. They make slippers for cancer victims in Rapid City Regional Hospital, hat and bootie sets for newborn babies, and contribute heavily to the local Toys for Tots program.

Taylor reports that they have plenty of material for sewing items, and there is a very large amount of yarn for crocheting and knitting other things. She is partnering with Helen Beem in leadership of the group, and Beem is going to be working mostly with the crochet and knitting crowd while Isabel will take over on the other types of things, for as long as she is able.

I met with the group a couple of weeks back and got to visit with Tracy Haynes also, who is working to collect and later distribute things for the Toys for Tots program. It's close to Christmas again, and a lot of toys are still needed for the program, so I hope that our readers will take the time to help fill the need for this worthy program.

Haynes reports that in addition to the hats, gloves and scarves created by these ladies, Family Dollar is very generous with donations, as well as a motorcycle club in Gillette, Decker's Market and Woody's Food Center in Newcastle and Joe's Market in Upton. Haynes would also like to mention that the boys at the Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp take donations of bikes, in any condition, to be rebuilt, refurbished and repaired. The bikes are then returned to Haynes for the toy program.

"I've got four bikes in my yard right now to give away" she said. Not only does some kid get a super-cool gift, the guys at the Honor Camp learn a new skill.

Walking around the room, I stopped to see what each lady was creating, and Irene Ward was pleased to be modeling a shirt that she had crocheted. She also displayed two different sizes of children's hats, and a pair of slippers with cuffs on them, among other things. Lois Lucas was making a pair of slippers in bright colors — my Mom used to make those, too, and they



Donna Gochanour/NLJ

Irene Ward, above, shows some of the hats made by the Creative Handcrafters. The group meets weekly at Weston County Senior Services center.



were so nice and toasty. Norma Reman was crocheting a casserole carrier, and Gwen Ewing had an assortment of dish cloths, pot holders and doilies.

There are no dues for this club, you don't have to belong to the center, it costs nothing but your time, and most of the time any material you would use will already be there. New ideas and suggestions are also welcome anytime. The goal, they say, is to have fun, learn new things, and make things for others and themselves.

You can reach Isabel Taylor at 746-4074. Helen Beem is at 746-9203, and Tracy Haynes can be reached at 746-4253.

Creative Handcrafters

Previously known as Fancy Workers, the new Creative Handcrafters make items for donation, while learning new techniques and creating items for themselves as well. These are a few examples of the items made and distributed:

- Baby caps, donated to Public Health to be distributed to newborn babies.
- Slippers, donated to the Rapid City Cancer Ward
- Mittens, scarves, socks, toys, afghans, sweaters, etc., donated to Newcastle Police Department for Operation Santa.



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Veteran visit

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The power of massage

Denice Pisciotti
NLJ Reporter

After enjoying the benefits of a therapeutic massage herself, Shayna Stuart decided to attend school to become a certified massage therapist. Her new business, Sweetleaf Massage Studio, opened Oct. 15 at 531 West Warren Street in Newcastle, housed in the same building as A Head Of Our Time, but with its own entrance in the back.

"Massage therapy has a lot of benefits. There is just no field quite as rewarding as being a massage therapist, and I am really honored when somebody comes to me for help. I also felt I could not only make a difference in my life, but in others," professed the new business owner.

Her interest in massage therapy began years ago. The more she learned, the more she became intrigued. Earlier this year, Stuart graduated from Headlines Academy in Rapid City, S.D., successfully completing a 750-hour program in six months where she learned Swedish massage as well as in-depth knowledge in anatomy, kinesiology and physiology. A requirement in her field is to continue her education, something she appreciates so she can keep learning more massage techniques to incorporate into her practice.

"I genuinely love massage. I love the human body, relaxation, and I love that no matter how long I am a massage therapist, and no matter how long I practice, there will always be more for me to learn," Stuart told the News Letter Journal in a telephone interview earlier this week.

Being her own boss and making her own schedule is one of the reasons she wanted to open her own business. Her interest in massage therapy is not only as a therapist, but as a client she enjoys receiving body work as much as she does



Denice Pisciotti/NLJ

After enjoying the benefits of massage herself, Shayna Stuart decided to pursue massage therapy as a career, opening Sweetleaf Massage Studio after completing her training.

helping others.

Helping her clients relax is her main goal, along with assisting them with general ailments. Every massage is different, she explained, even with the same client, because they may have different needs each time.

"I never know what my client might need that day, so I don't even plan ahead. I just tailor every massage to what they might need that day," she acknowledged.

Stuart offers 30-, 60-, 75- and 90-minute massages. During a half-hour treatment the client can specify a certain area, or just back, neck and shoulders. The hour-long is a full body massage, the 75-minute is the same with extra time spent on a specific area of the client's

choice. An in-depth massage is done during the hour-and-a-half session.

"In my sessions I also incorporate hot towels. They will get hot towels on their back, feet, neck and face — whatever they want. Water is extremely important after body work, so I always give everyone a bottle of water when they leave," she noted.

Believing that the body has the power to heal itself, she feels massage is the boosting power it needs to get going. In school she found a perspective on healing. The passion she saw in her instructors and peers gave her a deeper understanding of the body and its power to heal.

"I love what I do! I get to see people smile, I help them feel better and I provide them

with comfort. What is not to love about that?" Stuart disclosed.

Along with massage, she also has all-natural bath and body products for sale, such as lotions, candles, bath bombs, scrubs and more. Gift certificates are available to be used for merchandise or massages. Because she is only in the office by appointment, she encourages people to call her at (307) 438-1740.

Even though she has only been open a short time, business has been steadier than she thought it would be at this point.

"I am really thankful for Newcastle and all the support I have received just in the month I have been open. It has been incredible!" she proclaimed.



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| Claire Beastron | Mercedes Voelker | Davin Tysdal |
| Nevaeh Bruggeman | Hailey Wehri | Payton Tystad |
| Tristin Clyde | Jayme Cass | Markie Whitney |
| Kale Corley | Grace Coy | 8th Grade: |
| Peyton Crinklaw | Shelby Davis | Holly Dollison |
| Paige Deyo | Cooper Deveraux | Perry Martin |
| Kilian Gorman | Bradyn Frye | Cade Ostenson |
| Asia Graham | Christina Hadlock | Kaylee Sweet |
| Rebecca Henkle | Lauren Lacey | Lexus Voelker |
| Alaina Laurence | Payton Parks | Makenzie Wagoner |
| Rya Liggett | Madison Pearson | |
| Carson Quigley | | |

"A" Honor Roll

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| 6th Grade: | Honesty Olson | 8th Grade: |
| Caylee Alarid | Conrad Prell | Arianna Anderson |
| Emily Beastron | Zachary Purviance | Alaina Boettcher |
| Trueit Brassfield | Grayson Ramsey | Rowen Combe |
| Caitlyn Cox | Gunner Ramsey | Kaden Curren |
| Landon Engle | Zaiden Rasmussen | Betoney Dixon |
| Grace Freeman | 7th Grade: | Reid Holmes |
| Christopher Fullerton | Austin Bush | Sean Hopper |
| Xavin Gallardo | Owen Cox | Alyssa Houser |
| Megan Haner | Johnna Dawson | MyKenna Howen |
| Tyrell Harrington | Jake Deveraux | Kassidee Jeppesen |
| Jakob Heberling | Emma Humes | Jake Lacey |
| Kayne Hinshaw | Jacob Krogman | Michelle Lewis |
| Alexcya Hopper | Jory McFarland | Paige Liggett |
| Skylar Jenkins | Joseph McLaughlin | Talon Logan |
| Lacey Johnson | Jacob Rhoades | Kolby Pisciotti |
| Tayzen Johnson | Grace Rose | Isaac Prell |
| Kacy Jones | Chloe Smith | Peyton Purviance |
| Dillon Kenney | Sara Sweet | Sawyer Roberson |
| Lacie Koester | Tessa Vandersnick | Brenna Watkins |
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| Westin LaPierre | Ty Weeg | Brady Wilkes |
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Wyoming's Congressional delegates invite the community to meet with their field staff in Weston County during upcoming office hours.

DeAnna Kay, Riata Little, and Matt Jones, field representatives for U.S. Senators Michael Enzi and John Barrasso and Congressman Cynthia Lummis, are scheduled to hold "Office Hours" in Weston County at Upton and Newcastle

on Friday.

The staff members will be at Upton from noon to 12:30, at the Upton Branch Library, located at 722 4th Street. They will then hold office hours at the Weston County Library, 23 W. Main Street in Newcastle, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Area residents are encouraged to come discuss issues or views, questions or concerns with Kay, Little and Jones regarding

the federal government. These comments and concerns will be relayed to Enzi, Barrasso and Lummis.

Anyone unable to attend at that time, who would like information or assistance, can contact the representatives' offices. Enzi's Gillette office number is (307) 682-6268, Barrasso's Casper office is (307) 261-6413, and Lummis' Sheridan office number is (307) 673-4608.

Proctor

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kids when they shared with me. Johnny then said to me, 'You need to give that to your brother for Christmas.' So I did. I gave it to my brother [Nick Heinen] for Christmas," recalled the teacher.

In the story, Proctor talks about growing up in Lead, S.D., in the 1950s as the youngest of six children. She refers to her brother, Nick, as a hero, guide and teacher. Behind their house was a wooded area with a 60-degree sloped hillside, and on it was the infamous 'swinging tree,' the envy of the other neighborhood children. Her brother, who made the "Tarzan-like" swing for the tree, had three rules that were strictly enforced. The story talks about the day someone broke the rules.

"It's quite a story! I was only 3, but I remember like it was only yesterday. My brother was 13, because he is 10 years older than me. When you read the story it is just so him!" Proctor proclaimed.

How the Black Hills Writers Group received her name is still a mystery to Proctor, but she's excited to attend the gala and be recognized for her story.

"I am very humbled, but honored. To think that someone else appreciated and enjoyed my writing is awesome," Proctor said, smiling.

The journal will sell for \$10 a copy, and will be available in Rapid City bookstores, including Mitzi's Books at Main Street Square downtown, and Everybody's Bookstore, the used book and map store at 3321 West Main Street, Rapid City. The journal will also be available through amazon.com and CreateSpace.com. It will be available on Dec. 6, in time for Christmas, Karen Hall told the News Letter Journal, on behalf of the BHWG.

"We'll be launching its inaugural issue at our upcoming gala. We sent out a call for submissions earlier in the year to all the writers in the area, and some from other parts of the state of South Dakota. Our call for submissions specified that stories, poems and essays should be based on the theme, 'family.' We received a lot more submissions than we'd expected, and from those we selected the 35 that will be published in the first issue," Hall explained.

The publication's inaugural issue will be celebrated with a gala at The Journey Museum, 222 New York Street, Rapid City, on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 6. Tickets will be \$10 a person, \$15 per couple, and proceeds will benefit both the Black Hills Writers Group and its partner, The Journey Museum. It will begin at 7 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar in the Adelstein Gallery, followed by



Submitted photo

Debb Proctor, as a little girl, with her older brother, Nick Heinen, a year before the 'Infamous Swinging Tree Incident.'

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1. On everyone's first time on the swing, Nick must ride along. It doesn't matter how old the person, he rode along and showed the correct and safe way to travel.
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readings from the journal in the museum's auditorium.

During intermission, sweets will be served and audience members given a chance to purchase copies of the journal in the museum lobby.

Members of the Black Hills Writers Group will also have their own individual titles for sale there, and the group will also have a few copies of previously published works of the group, 2012 anthology, "Granite Island, Amber Sea: Writings from the Black Hills and Plains." Several more readings will be heard after the break with the evening ending before 9:30 in the evening, Hall estimated.

"The stories, poems and essays that will be published are really wonderful. They range from a few that are utterly funny to some that will bring a tear to the most jaded eye. They represent discussions of blended families, crazy families, old-time families and tragic families. Topics range from death to driving lessons to chicken coops and cannibalism — yes, really! We had a lot of fun putting them together in this issue," admitted Hall.



Denise Piscioti/NLJ

Newcastle High School senior, Johnny Walker, left, encouraged Debb Proctor, his freshman English instructor, to write down a story she told his class. Next month, the writing will be published by the Black Hills Writers Group in the book, "Black Hills Literary Journal."

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A 'Make Your Season Sparkle' open house, with products from Mary Kay cosmetics from consultant Tracy Jones and To The Nines Boutique, operated by Rebecca Podio, was held Friday evening at Bullseye Promotions on Main Street. Jolene Deveraux and Angie Holliday, above, check out some of the items at the event. (Photo by Denice Pisciotti/NLJ)

Cameras

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opened during an incident will be right at hand. Owens explained that currently the officer's cars are equipped with dash cameras, but these cams come with a sacrifice to actual evidence gathering. With the dash cams, footage is only visually recorded if it happens directly in front of the car, and as for audio, the quality disappears with distance. During an officer/civilian encounter, if the event happens within a building audio may not exist.

"These cams will be traveling with the officers," reported Owens. Not only will this allow for the protection of officers in the case of complaints from the public, but it will also allow for officers to gather accurate evidence for cases, he explained.

Owens stated that previously the cameras have been bypassed because it was an expense they could live without, but with technology and the judicial system changing the department is trying to cover the whole spectrum. He added that

the new judges in the area questioned why the officers in Newcastle didn't have body cams to begin with, since these judges came from places where officers use the cameras, and felt it was something that was needed.

"We purchased four to start with," professed Owens, adding that these cams were purchased with a grant from Homeland Security at a cost of \$500 per unit. He explained that the four cams will be passed from shift to shift, and depending on how good they work and the maintenance of the cams, there is the possibility of purchasing more. He added that budget will also be considered when it comes to ordering more.

"They will be in sometime this week," stated Owens.

After the body cameras are received, the officers will undergo training with them before using them in the field, but that should happen pretty quickly, Owens indicated.

Hunt

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in the House.

Although he didn't begin campaigning for the position in earnest until the general election was concluded, Hunt told the News Letter Journal that he started to put feelers out with fellow lawmakers last winter.

"I discussed it with my closest friends in the legislature even before the last session ended, and they indicated they would support me," he reported.

Hunt said that the infighting in the Wyoming Republican Party throughout the past two years, which he attributes largely to disputes within the party over Senate File 104 — a bill passed by the legislature two years ago that effectively stripped the duties and authority of Republican Superintendent of Public Instruction Cindy Hill — motivated him to seek a leadership position.

That battle, which went all the way to the Wyoming Supreme Court, divided Wyoming Republicans along a line that many identified as "mainstream" and "Tea Party," and Hunt believes he can serve as a bridge between the two factions.

"There has been a rift in the Republican party the past couple of years, both on the national and state level, between the people who consider themselves either Tea Party or mainstream in the party. I consider myself very conservative, but think I'm in a position to work with both groups, and I hope to

be an instrumental part of the fix," he professed.

Hunt believes his move to leadership will also benefit his constituents, particularly in Weston County, where voters were angered about legislative redistricting in 2012 and the manner in which the county



Hans Hunt

was split into two different House and Senate districts that are shared with other counties. Hunt reasoned that his ascension to leadership could help replace some of the legislative clout lost when the districts were redrawn.

"My constituents benefit from the district having a stronger voice, and access to leadership because I'm now part of the leadership team," he nodded.

Committee assignments were also handed out during

the caucus, and Hunt will maintain his positions on the House Agriculture and Education committees. He will be joined on the Ag Committee by newcomer Tyler Lindholm, R-Sundance, who was elected to represent House District 1, which covers Crook County and northern Weston County. Lindholm will also sit on the House Corporations Committee.

Both of the senators who represent Weston County were reelected this year, but Ogden Driskill, R-Devils Tower, and Curt Meier, R-LaGrange, saw some of their committee assignments change after the election.

Meier, a Senate veteran for two decades, was moved off of the powerful Appropriations Committee, but has taken over as the chairman of Senate Transportation Committee and will also hold a seat on the Senate Corporations Committee. Driskill will take positions on the Senate's Revenue and Labor committees.

The general session of the 63rd legislature is scheduled to begin at noon on Jan. 13, at which time local representatives will officially take their committee positions. Hunt will also be sworn in to his new leadership position at that time.

"I'm looking forward to assuming my new duties and responsibilities. There will be some real challenges, but I'm excited for those as well," he professed.

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Choir gives students another chance to sing

Denice Piscioti
NLJ Reporter

“The only thing better than singing is more singing,” said Ella Fitzgerald. Newcastle Elementary School students have another opportunity to sing outside of their regular music class, with a newly formed children’s choir.

Sara Whipple, the elementary school music instructor, started the Newcastle Treble Tones Children’s Choir on Oct. 7, offering an extra-curricular activity to teach and challenge students.

“When I first took a poll on how many people wanted to join third through fifth, I had right around 100, so that is why we did the auditions with the third-graders, fourth and fifth could just join. Right now we are standing at 72 students,” stated Whipple. “It is big! It almost takes up our whole classroom.”

On Tuesday and Thursday mornings before school starts, the choir meets in Whipple’s classroom. Jade McConkey, NES fifth grade teacher, stepped up to help because she has a background in music. Whipple appreciates the extra hand, she said, especially since they only have about 15 minutes to practice each morning they meet.

The plan right now is for the group to sing at the third through fifth grade Winter Concert on Thursday, Dec. 11. She is also hoping they will be able to go Christmas caroling.

Before learning to sing songs for



Denice Piscioti/NLJ

Sara Whipple, Newcastle Elementary School’s music instructor, (far left) has started a new children’s choir, giving youth more opportunity to participate in music.

the upcoming holiday season, the students learned to sing “My Country Tis of Thee” in two parts.

“They have never sung in harmony before. We are starting the Children’s Choir first singing in harmony and hopefully that will bleed through into the classroom,” Whipple informed.

Prior to rehearsals for the new

choir, the students sang harmony pieces with different classes, learning the parts separately, not together as they can now.

“I teach the class one part, and I will sing the other part and that gets their ears opening up to hearing the different parts. So we are not at the point they can sing it yet.

Hopefully we will be able to do that with children’s choir,” explained the instructor.

The youngsters form a dedicated group, coming in ready for rehearsal twice a week. There is a pretty even spread between all three grades, with positive feedback from both the students and the parents, Whipple told

the News Letter Journal.

She is hoping that the new choir will be a feeder program for the upper schools.

Whipple’s husband, Ryan, is the band instructor for all three Weston County School District #1 schools. Prior to moving here he directed a children’s choir in North Dakota.

“I have seen a lot of schools that have children’s choirs, and they do a lot for the music program, but also for giving the kids an extra outlet — something to do. I thought we needed to have one here, too, so I decided to just get one going,” Whipple stated.

She wasn’t surprised that there are more female students in the choir, with 48 girls and 24 boys. Attendance and behavior policies must be followed, she noted.

This year the students will provide their own uniforms, which are black, with the boys wearing orange neck ties and the girls will wear orange neck scarves. Eventually she hopes to be able to purchase the uniforms for the students to check out.

Both the uniforms and the name of the choir were voted upon by the students to help give them ownership. It was also enjoyable, she said, to hear the many suggestions. In the end, Newcastle Treble Tones Children’s Choir won.

“It has been pretty successful so far. It has been a new experience for me. It’s the first time I have directed a children’s choir. The students are looking forward to the concert,” admitted Whipple.

Scout just doing his duty

Denice Piscioti
NLJ Reporter

Nine-year-old Will Beastron had a unique opportunity to fulfill the Boy Scout Promise to help other people last month, for which he was honored last week.

Last week at the Boy Scout Pack 66 meeting, Will was honored by Reg Rumbolz, Knights of Columbus Charter Organization representative, with a certificate for taking action in the time of need.

In front of the pack and visitors, Rumbolz described what led up to Will’s heroics and subsequent recognition.

It was after school on Monday, Oct. 6, when Will was on his way to the Rumbolz house to see if their grandson, Cameron Mills, was there. No one was home, but Will could hear someone hollering for help.

“Next door, our elderly neighbor, Bill Hansen, who is 88 years old, had fallen and couldn’t get up and was calling for help. William looked at the situation and realized he couldn’t pick Bill up — Bill being quite a bit bigger than he was — so he went down the street for help,” Rumbolz explained of the situation.

Will later told the News Letter Journal that he went into the carport to see if Hansen was okay, and found the man on the ground at the bottom of the stairs.

This occurred at a time of day when most people are



Denice Piscioti/NLJ

Will Beastron receives a certificate from Reg Rumbolz last week for his quick response and willingness to get help for Bill Hansen in October, after Hansen took a fall.

away at work. Hansen asked Will if he could get help, so he ran two blocks away to Travis Peterson’s house.

“I told him that Bill Hansen fell on the ground, and I need your help to get him up. We went back to his house and Cameron’s Grandma [Sharon Rumbolz] was pulling up. I told her what happened and she and Mr. Peterson helped him into his house,” the young

man recalled.

Will said it was cool to be recognized at the pack meeting, because he was happy to have been a help to Hansen.

“It also has the Scout Promise on it, ‘I promise to do my best, To do my duty, to God and my Country, To help other people, and to obey the Law of the Pack.’ That’s what I did, to help other people,” Will simply stated.




Food for others

On Oct. 27, the Upton FBLA, FCCLA and FFA went door to door and collected food for the Upton Food Bank. The FBLA president, Logan Loberg, FCCLA vice president, Karen Lambert, and FFA president, Kaylee Arthur, organized the food drive. Pictured are (first row) Clover Rhoden, Karen Lambert, Maura Nistler, Abbey Douglas, Kaylee Johnston, Elizabeth Stephens, Annika Coberly, Josie Olson, Hannah Olson and Clayton Louderback; (second row) Kylan Beryl, Mackenzie Grubbs, Kaylee Arthur, Kelsie Hodson, Adrianna Materi, Kade McMillan, Kierra Brown, Sophie Claycomb, Eben Cowger, Nolan Turner and Cash Schultz; (third row) Kathryn Lambert, Yasmine Garner-Donner, Kendra Timberman, Emily Sharkey, Taylor Strandlien, Lainece Claycomb and Savannah Silbaugh; (standing) Caelyn Sadler, Bailey Parrish, Mickey Parrish, Mackinsay Blare, Grace Rhoden, Riley Coburn, Dylan Thompson, Sara Rankin, Jacayla Dowdy, Logan Loberg, Lane Dodd, Andrew McMillan, Bodie Schultz, Alec Arthur, Garrhett Williams and Robert Crawford. (Photo courtesy of Karla Ludemann)

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 Newcastle 18, Upton 20

NMS 7th Grade B Team
 Newcastle 16, Upton 20
 Newcastle 25, Custer 23

A great season

Thank goodness Mother Nature waited to unleash her winter fury until we closed the book on the fall sports seasons. As a huge fan of just about every sport you can imagine (except maybe curling), the seasons went by way too fast, but each left some great memories.



Sonja Karp, Karpe Dogie

Cross country, volleyball, football, and women's swimming all did Newcastle proud with the effort and the results they brought home.

Given that the high school is one of the smallest in the 3A class, the kudos each team racked up this year are even more impressive.

The volleyball team made it to the state tournament for the third year in a row.

The football team made it to the playoffs for the sixth year in a row, and to the semifinals for the third time for the senior members of the team.

The swim team qualified all but one member of the team for the state meet, and brought home an individual state title in the backstroke.

The women's cross country team also brought home an individual state championship in a time faster than any other runner in any of the classes in the state.

As a teacher of all of these athletes, and a mom to two of them, I could not be more proud of each and every one.

I've been a big fan of Dogie athletics for 16 years now, and I've watched many of my students achieve great things in sports. Each of these achievements made me proud to be a Dogie.

This year, though, it's even more special than before, and it's also a little bittersweet.

In the past, I've known the athletes for the few years that they spent in the middle and high schools.

I've known these juniors and seniors since they were little, so I've been blessed to get to be, at

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Newcastle's coach of the year

■ Maja Jechorek recognized

Sonja Karp
 NLJ Sports Reporter

Four years ago, Maja Jechorek took the reins as Newcastle High School's head volleyball coach.

It was a long journey to get to Newcastle, Wyoming, for 27-year-old Jechorek. She was born in Poland to parents who were both professional volleyball players, and started playing the sport herself when in the third grade.

During her high school career, she helped her team to two national championship titles and one second-place finish at the national tournament.

Jechorek's high school coach was contacted by the head coach from Casper College and was asked to have any players interested in playing in the United States who wanted a scholarship to make a CD depicting their volleyball skills during a match.

The opportunity was one that Jechorek couldn't pass up, and her skills were what Casper couldn't pass up, so they offered her a full scholarship to come and play for them.

In her two years at Casper College, her team finished 14 in the National Junior College Athletic Association National Tournament.

Jechorek's performance at the national tournament got the attention of several universities and she was offered full scholarships from Hawaii Pacific University, Eastern Kentucky



Sonja Karp/NLJ

Newcastle High School coach Maja Jechorek, pictured with student-athletes during regional play, has been named 3A East Coach of the Year by the other coaches in the 3A East conference.

University, University of North Florida and Appalachian State University.

After careful consideration, she determined that Appalachian State University was the best fit for her.

Coming in to the head coach position in Newcastle, she was taking over a program that had not seen a great deal

of success in the past.

In fact, prior to Jechorek's tenure the most recent state tournament berth the Lady Dogies had was in 2002, and the only state title earned was that of runner-up in 1977.

There has been a distinct change in the program since she has been at

the helm, however, as three times in as many years the team has earned a spot at the state tournament, finishing in fourth place twice.

After Jechorek's first year as head coach, she went on to coach her Varsity

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Hard work noted

Sonja Karp
 NLJ Sports Reporter

Kendra Back truly left her mark on the Lady Dogie volleyball team this year, and her story is the proverbial 'Cinderella' story.

She didn't need a fairy godmother to turn her into a princess on the volleyball court, however, it was her hard work and commitment to improving that earned her All-Conference and All-State honors at the end of this year's Varsity season.

Last year as a sophomore, Back was an integral part of the Junior Varsity team, but did not set foot on the Varsity court.

With the graduation of several seniors from last year's team, that all changed for her this season as she became a starting middle hitter/blocker for the Varsity squad.

The adjustment from Junior Varsity to the Varsity level is a big one, as the Varsity matches are faster and so much more intense. Though difficult, that

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Sonja Karp/NLJ

NHS junior Kendra Back brought commitment to the volleyball court this season, earning her All-Conference and All-State honors.

UW student of the year

Denice Piscioti
 NLJ Reporter

Christopher Mellor, 2005 Newcastle High School graduate, has been named Outstanding Student of the Year by the Wyoming Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. The honor is awarded to one of the top physical education teaching majors in the state.

Mellor is an undergraduate student in the University of Wyoming Division of Kinesiology and Health Physical Education Teacher Education program. He is in his second year and will graduate in the spring of 2015 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in DKH, with a focus of study in Physical Education Teacher Education with Health Education and Coaching Endorsements. After completing an Associate's Degree from Casper College, Mellor began working as a safety coordinator for an oil company. After several years he decided to return to school.

The News Letter Journal caught up with Mellor this week to ask him a few questions about the award, and his life since graduating from NHS.

NLJ: How do you feel about winning the award?

Mellor: I felt excited about winning the award, because it was an honor to be recognized by the UW professors as a leader. The Physical Education Teacher Education program at the University of Wyoming has an amazing staff, and it was very special to me that my professors acknowledged my hard work.

NLJ: Was the award something you were working toward?

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Mellor: I have been trying to put in the most effort possible to enhance my teacher pedagogy and teaching experiences. However, I had little knowledge about the award prior to receiving it.

NLJ: Have you always had a particular interest in physical education?

Mellor: My first major in college was Occupational Therapy, but I switched over to Physical Education shortly after beginning college. It was important to me to select a field that I felt yielded the most rewarding career. I have a great passion for helping students develop physically, mentally, and socially.

NLJ: Why did you want a coaching endorsement?

Mellor: Sports have always been an important part of my life, and I feel coaching is a great opportunity to help build a young adults character. In addition, acquiring a coaching endorsement will allow me to be more marketable in finding a job. Many school districts are looking for physical educators who are also certified to coach.

NLJ: What made you want to do a practicum at Laramie High School? What class are you working with there?

Mellor: The practicum at Laramie High School is part of three lab process that takes place once you have been accepted into the Physical Education Teacher Education program at the University of Wyoming. During Lab I and II, I taught at various elementary schools throughout Laramie. During these particular labs I



Submitted photo

Chris Mellor, 2005 Newcastle High School graduate, teaches a volleyball unit to 10th-graders at Laramie High School last week. He recently was named Outstanding Student of the Year by the Wyoming Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.

focused on the development of skills, as well as, helping students become competent movers. Now, I am at Laramie High School working with a 10th grade class in Teaching Lab III. In this lab I have been focusing on tactics of various sports/activities, and presenting the students with critical thinking processes that develop their personal and social responsibilities.

NLJ: Next semester you are assigned at a high school and elementary school. Is there a particular age group you want to work with after you graduate?

Mellor: During my experience at the University of Wyoming I have taught at all grade levels. I feel I would be able to make the most impact at the elementary level, because I have done a great deal of research on the development of the Skill Theme Approach. However, I think there are positive attributes for all age levels, but I might be able to give you a better answer after student teaching in Casper.

NLJ: Among your accomplishments is lettering in basketball, track, cross country and soccer while you were a student at NHS. Did this affect

your decision as to what field you would go into?

Mellor: I always had great experiences in sports at NHS, and all of coaches have undoubtedly impacted my decision to follow up into coaching. I think the coaches I had at NHS have always stressed building character through teamwork and cooperation.

However, I think that my decision was ultimately influenced by my physical education teachers in elementary, middle, and high school. Looking back on it now, my physical education teachers had a passion for their career, and it showed

through in many ways. I feel that the passion I experience through my teachers was the overall reason for deciding to go into this field, and I hope to possess a similar passion through my teaching.

NLJ: Tell me about your activities with the Physical Education Teacher Education Student Association?

Mellor: The PETESA organization takes initiative within the community by increasing the number of opportunities for local youth to engage in meaningful, lifelong physical activity and health programs. The organization aims to foster

unity among the student organization members and the local businesses in Albany County. The organization focuses on providing future physical educators with opportunities to further develop as a professional in the field. As an active member in PETESA, I have been a part of various local events that take place in different elementary schools in Laramie. I have also been an instrumental part of fundraising efforts which serve to provide financial assistance to pre-service teachers in attending professional development conferences. I have assisted with additional events on the UW campus and in the Laramie community to promote physical activity and health.

NLJ: What was your favorite event to help with at Special Olympics?

Mellor: My favorite event to help with at Special Olympics was basketball. I felt that I could make the most impact with participants at this particular event I think this particular event stressed teamwork through various practice settings. The participants in the basketball event at Special Olympics were incredibly eager to perform and work on their skills. This made the event very exciting and fun to help work with.

After graduation, Mellor hopes to attain a teaching and coaching position in Wyoming. He will be presented the Outstanding Student of the Year award at the WAHPERD annual convention in Laramie Thursday, Nov. 13.

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least in a small way, a part of their whole lives.

I get one more year with the juniors but for the seniors, this is it.

I've been watching Scotty and Bailey play volleyball together for nine years through the AAU program, middle school and high school.

I've watched the 12 senior boys over the course of their football career from the Knights to the Calves, to the Dogies.

Jae Marie was 2 years old when both of our families moved to Newcastle and became next-door neighbors, and she started swimming shortly after in the Stingray program all the way up through the high school program.

Looking back, though the years have been many, the time

has been short. It's hard to believe that these kids are not going to be in the pool, on the court, or on the field next year.

Fortunately, I still have a couple more seasons to watch them. Basketball starts soon, and that is a sport that is close to my heart. I can't wait for the season to start, but I'm sure that it, too, will pass by much too quickly for my taste.

The seniors have worked hard, have played hard, and have risen to any challenges that were put in their way. They have had a great run so far, and I am blessed to have been able to get to cheer them on along the way.

Thank you to all of the fall sports athletes, and bring on the winter seasons! I have a feeling that they will be good ones too.

PERSON

of the year

It is time for the News Letter Journal to select Weston County's Person of the Year for 2014...

And we need our
readers to tell us who
we should consider.

We invite you to nominate an individual that you believe has made a significant contribution to Weston County and its residents over the course of the past year, and we will publish feature stories on our top 8-12 nominees in the January 1, 2015 issue of the News Letter Journal.

The NLJ staff will select the person we believe has made the most positive impact on the community, and honor them as our Person of the Year.

Submit your nominations by dropping them off at 14 W. Main St. or emailing them to editor@newswslj.com



Dads & donuts

Each year, Newcastle Elementary School offers students and parents a chance to begin the day together by enjoying breakfast at the school by attending the “Moms and Muffins” and “Dads and Donuts” events held at the cafeteria. Parents are able to enjoy a little down time with their children in a school setting, meet the student’s teachers and friends, and share a bit of the school day. Moms and Muffins took place on Monday, Nov. 17, and the following day fathers participated in Dads and Donuts. Above, Coen Tavegie takes a bite into his scrumptious breakfast. (Photo by Bob Bonnar/NLJ)

Jechorek

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players in the AAU season, and took home the state title at the final tournament of the year.

This season at the 3A East Regional Volleyball tournament in Worland, in honor of her success with the Lady Dogie volleyball program, Jechorek was named the 3A East Coach of the Year by the other coaches in the conference.

Just because she is no longer a player on an organized volleyball team, Jechorek hasn’t hung up her knee pads, though.

This past weekend she, her assistant coach

Loni Sorensen, and three others went to Casper to play in the open volleyball tournament there. The team competed in the semi-power division and did well, but ended up losing in semi-finals.

Jechorek’s successful high school and collegiate career, coupled with her continued dedication to the sport both as a coach and as a lifetime player, allow her to bring valuable skills and knowledge to the Newcastle Lady Dogie volleyball program, and the future looks bright for the team.



Sonja Karp/NLJ

Kendra Back in action with her team, the Newcastle High School Lady Dogies. At the end of the season Back was recognized for her accomplishments this season.

Back

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adjustment must be made quickly for any new Varsity player, and for Back it was no different.

“I remember her getting frustrated during our first tournament as she was not hitting the ball as well as she wanted to,” commented head coach Maja Jechorek. “Ever since then, she worked extremely hard to fix her swing to score more, and her commitment paid off.”

Indeed it did pay off, with Back picking up the number two spot on the team in number of kills on the season.

Not only that, but she made the top five in the state in blocking, and racked up 100

digs on the season, though she only played one rotation in the back row.

“Kendra is very coachable and has a very positive attitude, and that is a big part of her outstanding improvement from last year,” acknowledged Jechorek. “She never complained and was always encouraging to her teammates.”

Back’s committed and ambitious play, as well as her hard work, was noticed not only by her teammates and her own coaches, but also by the coaches around the conference and the state. It was these attributes that earned her the selection to the All-Conference and

All-State squads this, her first year, of Varsity play.

“I am very proud of her hard work and her accomplishments this season,” Jechorek concluded.

Back played in 32 matches this season and was 92 percent from the serving line, with 258 good serves out of 281 attempts. Of those 258 good serves, 12 were aces.

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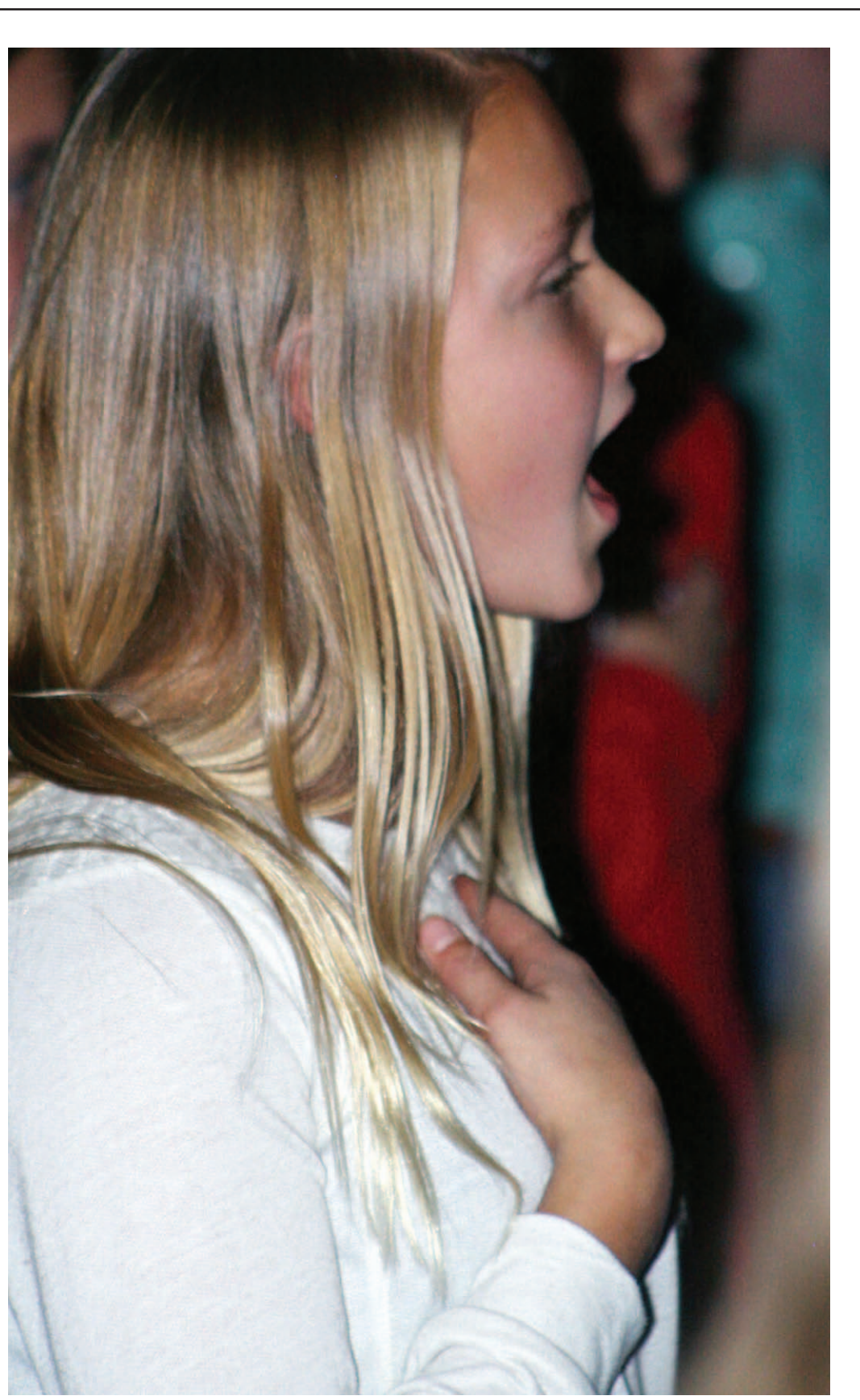
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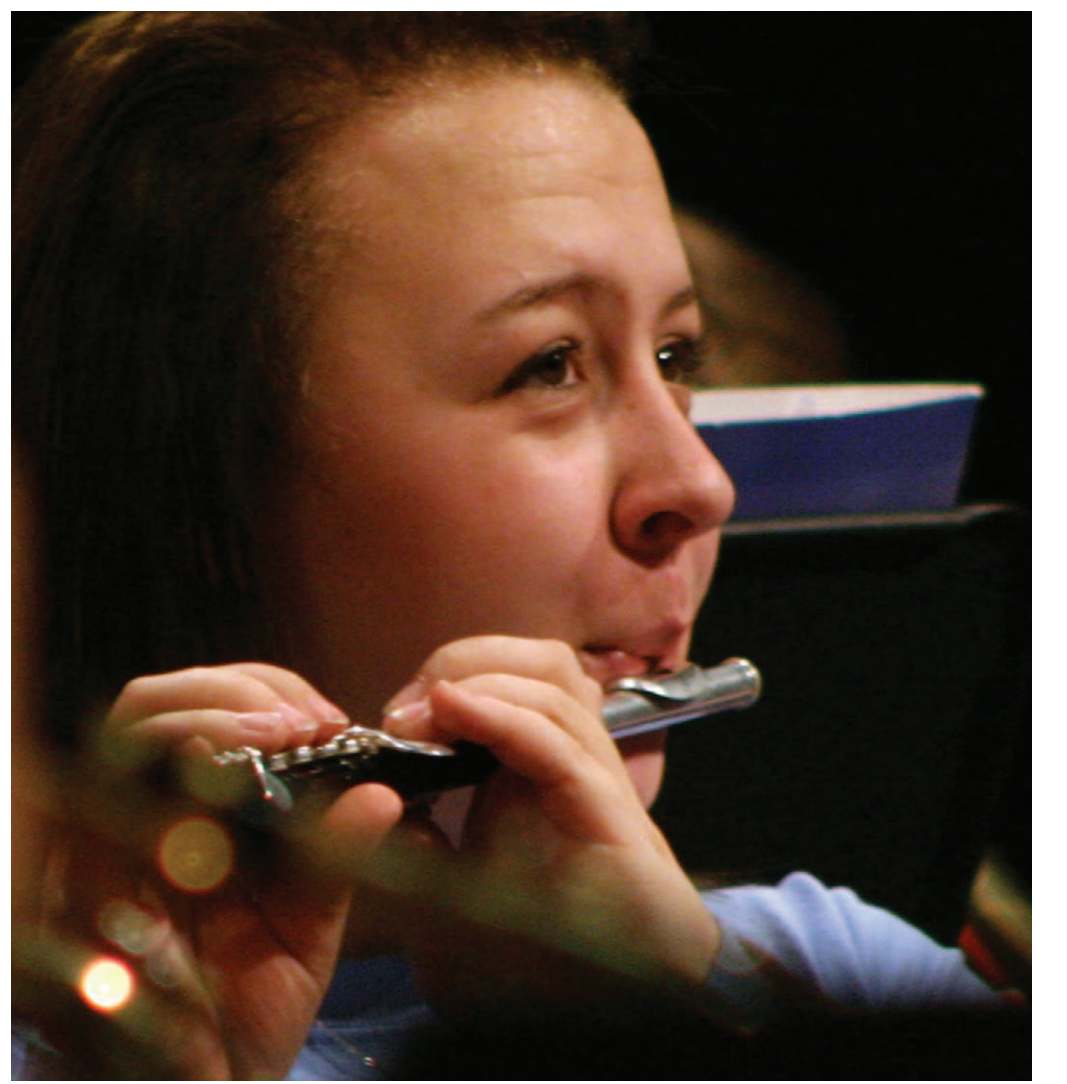
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<p>NOVEMBER 21 <i>Serendipity Nails by Sherry & Boutique</i> Open House 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. <i>Black Hills Power</i> Open House 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Chamber Banquet 6 p.m. Senior Center</p>	<p>DECEMBER 4 <i>Frontier Chamber Coffee</i> 10 a.m. - noon</p>	<p>DECEMBER 7 <i>Mini Bazaar and Pie Sale</i> 1 - 4 p.m. Weston County Manor</p>
<p>NOVEMBER 22 <i>Christmas in Wyoming Methodist Church Bazaar</i> 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p>	<p>DECEMBER 5 Open House Block Party <i>First State Bank Customer Appreciation</i> 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. <i>Modern Cleaners</i> 10 a.m. <i>Wedding Closet</i> 10 a.m. <i>Serendipity Nails by Sherry & Boutique</i> 10 a.m. <i>Edward Jones</i> 10 a.m. Christmas Tea Christ the King Lutheran Church <i>Pinnacle Bank's Festival of Trees</i> 6 p.m. Senior Center</p>	<p>DECEMBER 10 <i>Christmas Decorating Contest Judging</i></p>
<p>NOVEMBER 24 <i>United Fund Pie Auction</i> 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Senior Services Center</p>	<p>DECEMBER 6 Kids Free Shopping 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. First United Methodist Church Holiday Bazaar 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. WC Fairgrounds Coloring Contest Wedding Closet Free Movie 1 p.m. Dogie Theater Sponsored by First State Bank and Weston County Title</p>	<p>DECEMBER 13 <i>Coloring Contest</i> Wedding Closet</p>
<p>NOVEMBER 28 <i>BHP Lighted Parade</i> 6 p.m. RT Chili Feed 7 p.m. Senior Center</p>		

Honoring veterans

Students from Newcastle High School and Newcastle Middle School honored local veterans again this year with a program on Nov. 11 that featured a number of patriotic songs, poems and readings performed by band and vocal music students in both schools. This year's program also featured a short keynote address from Sheriff Brian Colvard, a Navy veteran who now boasts a son in the military. Each year, NMS social studies teacher Robert Munger serves as the master of ceremonies for the event. Above, sixth-grader Honesty Olson recites the Pledge of Allegiance. Below, sophomore Kinlee Whitney plays the piccolo. (Photos by Bob Bonnar/NLJ)



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