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## Campbell's death ruled a homicide

Alexis Barker  
NLJ Reporter

During the Coroner's Inquest held over the course of the past three months in an effort to determine the manner and cause of the death of Richard Campbell in June of 2015, three jurors heard testimony from more than 20 witnesses over the course of four different days.

But on December 20, when the Coroner's Inquest was

convened for the last time, it only took the jury about 40 minutes to deliberate before ruling that Campbell's mysterious death was the result of a homicide.

Officials proclaimed after their deliberations that the manner of Campbell's death was homicide, with the cause being a gunshot wound to the head. The jury indicated the belief that another person

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## Trooper urges winter caution

Andy McKay  
NLJ Reporter

Christmas is a specially reserved time to visit loved ones, and sometimes that means driving long distances on highways beset with the worst Old Man Winter can offer. As travelers try to ensure they get to spend as little time on the road as possible, the Highway Patrol wants to remind motorists weather can change in the blink of an eye.

"Road conditions can turn unfavorable very quickly, especially with temperatures this cold. During the day, the sun melts the snow a little and then it freezes right back over, creating a nice ice rink out on the highway," said Wyoming Highway Patrol Trooper James Rose.

During times of adverse weather and challenging highway conditions, the trooper highly suggests cutting unnecessary travel entirely.

"If the road conditions are bad, the best thing is to not be on them. If you have to travel on them, then go slow. Make sure you have enough time to stop or maneuver around if something happens," Rose advised.

The most dangerous risk on an icy highway is a motorist in a rush, and the Highway Patrol recommends drivers evaluate the overall conditions and preemptively slow down before entering a potentially hazardous stretch of road.

"Don't follow cars closely. Give yourself an extreme amount of space between you and the car in front of you. The biggest thing is the speed. Many times there will be a patch of dry roads and people will speed up to highway speeds. Then they'll hit slick roads and that's where it really hammers people up," Rose related.

As is most often the case, the biggest threat on a road is the one unseen. That threat during the winter season is black ice.

"Black ice can form from anywhere, even without much snow. But with blowing snow, it's almost impossible to see," Rose admitted.

Cruise control is a convenience motorists are accustomed to switching on instinctively after hitting highway speeds, but the trooper advises more caution during the cold months. Cruise control goes from being a modern luxury to a serious liability after hitting a patch of ice.

"It's a very good idea not to use cruise control this time

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A day after cheering for the Cowboy football team when the Pokes hosted their first ever Mountain West Championship game against San Diego State earlier this month, Morgan Simianer was courtside to root on the Cowgirl basketball team. (Sierra LaCroix/NLJ)

Abby Gray  
NLJ Reporter

Through growing up in Colorado, moving to Upton, and finally settling in at the University of Wyoming, Morgan Simianer has known she wanted to spread her wings as a collegiate cheerleader for quite some time.

Simianer grew up in Colorado, where she participated in competitive cheerleading from ages six to 17. She was also on her high school cheer squad in Loveland, Colorado for two years before moving to Upton.

"It was a little different not having a cheer team in Upton. I've always been around cheer, and not having that was

a slight challenge for me," Simianer admitted.

The lack of her lifelong passion at her new school didn't stop her from staying active in UHS. Simianer joined the cross country team in Newcastle and ran with the Dogies, and played basketball and track for

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## Kids @ Christmas



Jeremiah and Jonah Martinez enjoy music by Matt Sharp at the Maverik Kids at Christmas Open House held on Saturday, December 10. (Andy McKay/NLJ)

## Icy temps force flaring

Bob Bonnar  
NLJ Reporter

An extended period of sub-zero temperatures like the one experienced in Weston County last weekend takes a toll on industrial operations, and the near record cold is being blamed for a "flaring event" at Wyoming Refining Company that lit up the skies above Newcastle on Sunday evening.

"The refinery has been fighting the cold weather, and tonight we had some of the instrumentation freeze up causing several refinery units to shut down," the company announced in a press release after some residents expressed concern when a pair of flares began to bathe the central portion of Newcastle in fire-

light at approximately 6 p.m.

The release explained that liquid was put into the flare system as units were tripped offline and de-pressured, and provided assurance to the community that the fiery display simply indicated that systems within the operation designed to address such issues were functioning properly.

"This is part of the safety system to insure the units are safely shut down or put into stand-by until the problems are fixed," the release stated.

"Safety drives everything we do," WRC Vice President of Operations Mike Farnsworth confirmed for the News Letter Journal on Tuesday. "We have active systems in place that are followed, and due to the cold weather, we were making operational adjustments. The

flare and our operational safety controls worked as intended."

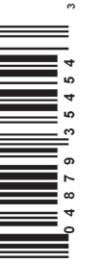
Company officials acknowledged that it is unusual for both the main flare and the stand-by to burn so intensely, and indicated that the problems encountered on Sunday evening forced them to burn liquid— instead of gas—in the flare system.

"When this happened, the flare is larger than normal and is also routed to the taller stand-by flare," the company explained in the release.

"Essentially that is what it is for. It is an overflow/emergency flare," Farnsworth noted, explaining that the fact that the stand-by is an airless flare contributed the "unsightly" appearance of the

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<b>WEATHER FORECAST</b>	<b>Thursday</b> Sunny Hi 29, Lo 12	<b>Friday</b> Sunny Hi 32, Lo 22	<b>Saturday</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 38, Lo 16	<b>Sunday</b> Snow Hi 17, Lo -4	<b>Monday</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 16, Lo 2	<b>Tuesday</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 25, Lo 13	<b>Wednesday</b> Sunny Hi 21, Lo 6	<b>INSIDE</b> • Homeland Secured, Page 3 • Church Cash, Page 4 • Sports, Page 10 • Children's Christmas, Page 13



# Opinion

## News Letter Journal

### Our View

## An unlikely Christmas story

If you've been counting down the days until the Winter Solstice (the shortest day of the year) congratulations, we made it and now the days start getting longer.

If it doesn't seem that way perhaps it's because, while the sun begins to set a little later from here until summer, it rises a little later in the day until January 3.

So when Christmas rolls around this Sunday, even though you've told yourself, "the days are getting longer," your eyes aren't seeing the light of day any earlier.

Some sleep scientists attribute this annual phenomenon as explanation for the Christmas Blues.

But maybe this is why Christmas falls so close to the shortest day of the year - to give us hope.

Despite all the commercialism, a lot of people still celebrate December 25 as the day Jesus of Nazareth was born, even if some theologians acknowledge that date was chosen out of convenience.

Ancient Greeks marked their harvest with the arrival of the great winter planet and the god for which they named it, by celebrating.

As winter presses on, Saturn arcs higher into the sky and although no one knows for certain, this is likely how the late December celebration came about - because Christmas-time is that time when the planet Saturn is at its highest point. As it begins to descend, the days get longer and everyone knows, summertime is coming.

That sounds like a good reason to party.

According to the Greek poet Lucian, the festival Saturnia was marked by widespread intoxication, going from house to house while singing naked and eating human-shaped cookies - a gingerbread man.

About 13 centuries ago, Saint Boniface was sent into the forest to convert the tree-worshipping Germans. Tradition holds, he cut down the mightiest tree and had it brought into his church to get his congregation started.

Imagine you're some poor Hun looking for your giant wooden god but all you can find is the stump.

A bell rings in the distance and so you make your way into the church.

"Oh Tannenbaum," you say, "there you are." And you worship.

A couple centuries prior to that (and some four hundred years after the birth of Jesus) the Church was able to convert pagans into the fold by allowing them to continue with their festival, Saturnia.

But as good as eating and drinking and cutting down nice looking trees makes us feel, it is a poor recipe for long-term happiness.

But with any luck Christmas morning will find you with family and hopefully a few children around.

And you'll watch each other unwrap one gift after another and hopefully recognize how fortunate we are to have each other in our lives.

And find hope in the birth of a baby some two thousand years ago, and faith that better, longer days lie ahead.

**Deadline for Letters is noon on Friday**

## Letters to the Editor

### Trump gives us a chance to get better

Dear Editor,  
The Hillary supporters are now getting the same feeling some of the rest of us had following Obama's victory, but none of us demonstrated about it the way people are doing now. We knew things would get worse under Obama, but there is a good chance things can get better with Trump.

Obama was even less prepared than Jimmy Carter to be president. He had no experience in the real world, and had never earned an honest dollar with his hands. Hillary was even worse. Her only qualification was that she had married Bill Clinton, and that is not saying much. She was a poor lawyer at the Rose Law firm and an undistinguished Senator for New York.

Hillary was not nearly as popular as we thought she was. As was indicated by the votes for Bernie Sanders. These votes do show that there are a lot of uneducated people in the U.S. who would vote for a socialist. Many were young college students who apparently never learned that socialism does not work and never will.

Trump's appointments have been getting a lot of criticism because many are business people. Running our country should not be a purely political endeavor because business is what keeps things running, not politics. It is better to select professionals for business, just as in other endeavors. We go to trained mechanics for service on our cars. So why not for running the business of the government.

Trump has picked many of the people who were opposed to him for places in his cabinet instead of picking those who were contributors to his cam-

aign because he recognizes talent and ability.

Obama has plunged the country far into a welfare economy, and it will be very difficult to return it to where it was. It is doubtful if we can emerge from the welfare state we are in, but hopefully we can reduce it.

—Don Thorson

### Enrichment comes through equality

Dear Editor,  
Strange, very strange, that from the mouth of strong partisans you hear a loud gnashing of teeth and wailing about the poor getting any form of relief from their sorry state.

From that same mouth you never, ever hear even the tiniest hint of disgust about the very wealthy getting yet another tax cut!

By special dispensation, if the very wealthy make a big profit from a certain enterprise, they may be not nearly taxed at all. You will

have to give credit to the wordsmiths who created and deployed this "upside down" logic.

(In between political seasons they busy themselves selling ocean front property in Arizona.)

Even stranger still are the gullible who buy this upside down logic. Born, raised and educated in the greatest country in the world they seem willing to ignore the obvious inequities that are visited on some individuals.

We enrich ourselves when we bring such victims up to parity.

But, so strong are the dictates of the alpha mentality of the strong partisans that aid or assistance is simply "out of the question!"

Thus, we are diminished.

—Jerry Baird



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## Students propose changes at high school

### Honor roll should be an athletic requirement

Dear Editor,  
What is more important, athletics or academics?

Many coaches and students would answer athletics. However, the more logical answer is academics. Students should have to make honor roll to participate in sports because they represent the community and should care about school as well as sports. Their grades could drop because of sports as well.

First, when student athletes put on the school colors, they become ambassadors of the community. Many other cities and communities see a student athlete while in competition.

A typical student with low grades has no future plans. This means the athlete might not think twice about decisions "in the now." This potentially leads to poor representation of the hometown that wants to show its best. Not caring will also lead to poor playing on the field or court. This will be embarrassing for both the player and team.

In the end, poor grades ultimately lead to terrible hometown representation.

A student with failing grades will also not care about the team. In 2012, Steven Conn in an article titled, "In College Classrooms the Problem is High School Athletics," from the Chronicle of Higher Education stated that sports are "co-curricular, semantically on par with math and music." If an athlete does not put forth effort in school, then how will they put effort in sports?

That is especially true when athletics are held to the same standards as education. A student who does not put time and effort into education, which is more important, is sure to disappoint in athletics. It is a waste of government money if students who don't care are sent to sporting events. However, if a sports program has students that have large interest in the program, the program will have success and drive in more money.

Even if the student athlete cares about sports and not academics, their grades will suffer. For further support of this idea, Jamall Abdul-Alim, in "Unwanted Input," stated that student athletes who believe graduation was as important as sports achieved higher GPAs (grade point averages).

All in all, a student who does not give undivided attention to academics, will certainly fail when it

comes to sports.

Furthermore, athletics take away from precious learning time, which can potentially ruin already suffering grades. First of all, games occupy several hours a week that could be used to learn. Several games are scheduled throughout the school week both home and away during a sports season. These games take hours of time away with travel and competition. This time could be spent learning or studying.

Also, the practices in school sanctioned sports could hurt GPAs. Having to manage practice and struggling grades is simply too much for a young adult to handle. A study by S. Alan Siliker in "The Effect of Extra Curricular Activity Participation on the Academic Performance of Male and Female High School Students," showed that students suffered drastic GPA changes while in a sport.

In the end, sports will hurt already declining grades.

Many young adults across the country struggle to compete in sports with failing grades. Students should make honor roll to earn eligibility in athletics.

—Peyton Tystad

### Shorter school days could help students produce more

Dear Editor,  
Shorter school days could have the same amount of productivity as long days, maybe even more!

Short school days should be put into effect because students simply do not have enough time to complete their assigned homework at night, individuals may need more time to be exposed to the real world, and many more could join in on extracurricular activities.

High school students simply do not have enough time to do homework. Schools mainly start around eight o'clock in the morning, and people cannot just wake up in the morning and hitch a ride to school. Most have to wake up early enough to make themselves look presentable in front of the public.

Yet, according to Alexandra Sifferlin in "Why schools are struggling to let students sleep in," teens getting less than nine hours of sleep have been linked to depression, obesity, and more. Furthermore, most get home around 7:30 p.m. after extracurricular sports, then shower, eat, and have

an abundance of homework. By that time, it is 9:30 p.m., leaving teens tired, stressed, and definitely not ready to have an open, rested mind for the seven-hour school day ahead of them.

Students rise early in the a.m., work all day, and arrive late home in the p.m., leaving not a healthy amount of sleep available to them.

Teachers and parents always tell students that it will be a rude awakening when they go out into the real world, but students are always too focused on accomplishing homework in a small amount of time to do so.

The adults need to provide exposure to the ups and downs of relentless real life. The students need to learn how to manage their time wisely without supervision.

Instead of turning homework in, the teachers could provide time after a shortened school day to allow them to learn about jobs and how to manage not just school, but making money in an occupation that pays to be responsible. With shortened school days, students could get a job providing experience for everyday life.

With shortened school days, students could also have a little more time for extracurricular activities, and still be able to manage the large amounts of homework and other activities, too. School not going for seven hours leaves time for many students to join in the fun extracurricular activities provided by the school.

They could participate in sports, get homework done, not be stressed, and still get a healthy amount of sleep every night.

However, even if the students are not in sports, they could still just go home and spend quality time with their families. Spending time with family also means being relaxed, and being able to more fully engage in learning. Shorter school days would relax many, not just students—but their families too!

Shortened school days may have the potential to show the same amount of academic and physical productivity, but could also show more!

Cutting down on immobile school hours could have many positive outcomes. Shortened school days should be thought long and hard about.

—Jake Deveraux

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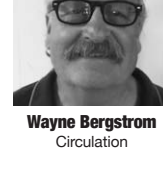
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# A passion for her homeland



Denise Bradshaw is excited to begin organizing the communities resources. (Alexis Barker/NLJ)

## New coordinator thinks job is the perfect fit

Alexis Barker  
NLJ Reporter

On December 6, the Weston County Commissioners were introduced to Denise Bradshaw, who will be taking over as Weston County Homeland Security Coordinator. The commissioners were excited to welcome someone to fill the vacant position, and Bradshaw said she is excited to take on the role.

“Emergency management response has always been my passion. I love it. I love every aspect of it, especially being involved in the community and helping the community as much as I can,” Bradshaw told the commissioners.

Weston County Homeland Security has been without a coordinator for a good portion of the year after Scott Rager resigned from the position several months ago. It fell to Weston County Sheriff Bryan Colvard to find the right person to take over the post when the Weston County Commissioners decided at about the same time to put the Homeland Security office under his supervision.

Bradshaw told the News Letter Journal that her passion for emergency management response was ignited when she became an Emergency Medical Technician.

“It started off as being an EMT and going to my first fire. I was not thinking I would love being at a fire scene, but I did. I loved the whole process,” recalled Bradshaw, who revealed that President John F. Kennedy’s quote, “My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country,” has resonated with her for years. All of this made the Homeland Security position a perfect fit for her.

“I wanted to do more and make an impact in the community I’m in. Putting all of those pieces together made me realize the role I wanted to be in,” maintained Bradshaw, who said she has always worked in the emergency response field and holds a number of certificates pertaining to the different roles she has played throughout

the years. Her journey began in crisis response, before she moved on to emergency response through EMT and firefighting work. She also has experience as a safety officer, and in various medical response avenues, as well as serving as a dispatcher.

Filling a position that has been vacant for so long has created the need for Bradshaw to catch up on a number of tasks, and she told the commissioners that she has a lot on her agenda for her first month in the new position. As part of that effort, she plans to get together with agencies throughout the community so they become familiar with her and identify her with the position.

“I want to be there for them, as outreach, as a suggestion box, for concerns. I want to make sure we have everyone on the same page,” Bradshaw told the commissioners, indicating to the News Letter Journal later that she hopes to bring together all of the agencies in Weston County, to prepare for a worst case scenario, and ensure things can go as smoothly as possible.

Bradshaw also hopes that the range of ideas she brings to the position as a result of the variety of experience she possesses will allow her to work with all parties—the county, several different agencies and the public—in a productive way, and pledges to use the structure and knowledge she brings to the table to better confront emergency situations.

One of the tasks Bradshaw is already focused on is the creation of a mitigation program that will open the county up to grant dollars Weston County could previously not access, which she believes could lessen the impact of potentially hazardous situations in the future.

“Right now, we do not have a mitigation program that is on file with the state. That is keeping us from getting some grant dollars. Mitigation programs recognize what hazards are in an area, and put different plans in place so those are not as big of an impact on the community,” revealed Bradshaw. As an example, she explained that if there is an area in the county that is prone to flooding and soil erosion, a mitigation program could involve either adding plants

to the area or a pond to collect that water.

“It beautifies the community as well as mitigates the community. It is good for the community and protects it as well,” acknowledged Bradshaw, who indicated the mitigation program also allows the county to apply for two other grants that aren’t presently available because a program has not yet been filed with the state.

Before she can begin to create a mitigation program, however, Bradshaw said she must catch up on homeland security responsibilities that may be a little bit behind due to the lack of coordinator here for the past few months, and Colvard confirmed that there are some things that may be a little more than just a little bit behind.

“She will get a good idea of what the county is lacking, and we’ll discuss things. We are kind of setting the priorities right now as far as what gets dealt with immediately, and so on and so forth,” Colvard told the commissioners, indicating that he has communicated with officials at the state level during the transition to keep them abreast of the situation in Weston County.

The commissioners also asked Colvard if a clear chain of command is being established, and he assured them that it is being created as well, and that he is working with the new coordinator to avoid potential communication breakdowns in the future.

“I have been going through things to find out what the problems were. I want to sort those things out so we don’t have those same issues now,” Bradshaw assured the commissioners, indicating again her passion for team building and desire to “make things flow.”

“I want to make sure the people know that I’m here for the community, that they can come to me with questions and concerns. I want to be that speaking point that they can come to me, and I will answer those questions or prepare a presentation,” commented Bradshaw.

Bradshaw makes it very clear that she plans to serve the community to the best of her abilities while working with agencies throughout Weston County to create the best possible situation in case of emergency.

## Merry Christmas to You and Your Family

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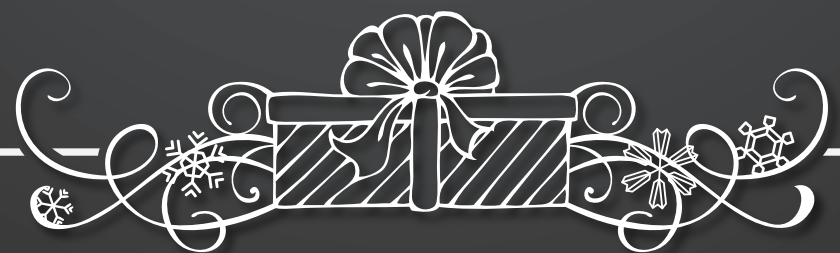
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## Cheer

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the Bobcats in Upton. The new sports she was involved in— which she was familiar with after cheering for them— didn’t stop her from staying true to the dream she hatched early on in high school.

Simianer decided she wanted to continue cheering through college when she started her freshman year, wherever that may be. When she decided she wanted to continue to the next level, she didn’t yet know where she wanted to attend college, but after moving to Wyoming, she visited the sole university in the state, and her heart felt at home.

“I was invited to cheer at a (University of Wyoming) basketball and football game during my senior year to meet the team and get more experience with college athletics. I decided that’s where I wanted to attend school, and I had

official tryouts for the team in May of 2016,” Simianer noted.

She was handpicked to be one of the elite group of 30 cheerleaders out of 90 individuals vying for the spot. From the time she was little, she had a feeling she would want to cheer for as long as possible, and her love for the sport has stayed strong to this day.

“I love all of my teammates, and I enjoy being around them and practicing four times a week, and cheering two times a week. I’ve met my two best friends in college on the cheer team, which has made this experience so incredible,” Simianer smiled.

Simianer, along with the rest of the University of Wyoming cheerleaders, were set to hit the football field one last time during the Poinsettia Bowl in San Diego on Wednesday, December 21.

*Merry Christmas*

## The Broken Chain



Charles Townsend  
1943-2011

We little knew that day,  
God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
In death we do the same.  
It broke our hearts to lose you.  
You did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.  
You left us beautiful memories.  
Your love is still our guide.  
And though we cannot see you,  
You are always at our side.  
Our family chain is broken,  
And nothing seems the same.  
But as God calls us one by one,  
The chain will link again.

*Missing you, Loving you still~*

Everyone is Welcome!

## Christmas Eve Celebration Service

4:00 p.m.

Events Center at the Fairgrounds

Our Savior Church, LCMC • Pastors Doug & Frezil Westerlund

## Good Deed Lunch



Left to Right: Daymon Oliver, Ty Stith, Taylor Crinklaw, Daniel Bickford, Madison Hesse



Thank you Subway for hosting this month's Good Deed Lunch and partnering with Newcastle Elementary School to reward students who display good citizenship by helping others.

## Church grant provides employment and training

By Andy McKay

The past year has offered more than its share of economic challenges in Weston County, and the community has consistently rallied around the families most affected by the downturn. It appears that sort of benevolence will continue into the new year, as the Newcastle's Christ Episcopal Church recently received a \$5,000 grant from the Foundation for the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming dedicated to poverty alleviation following the recent recession and layoffs felt statewide.

"It's the first time this kind of grant has ever been offered. We've received other grants that we've used within our church, but this is the first time we've gotten a grant to specifically address poverty,"

Janet Hutchinson said.

Janet was the one to write up the official request and submit it to the foundation, but she was far from the only one who wanted the community to benefit from this good-faith generosity.

"A lot of people brainstormed and brought forth the ones that would benefit the community the most in unemployment and poverty needs," Janet stated, indicating the group decided to make sure this was a gift that would just keep giving.

"We are truly touched by this gift. We had a very difficult time deciding how to best utilize it, and have ultimately decided to be diverse with the gift," Janet's husband, Mike, stated. He and his wife have been members of Christ Episcopal Church since 1985.

Keeping this altruistic

thought in mind, the \$5,000 grant was distributed to six separate areas. Their first investment was to kill two birds with one stone by hiring someone recently out of work to do improvements on the church. Thanks to the grant, a gentleman who was laid off at the coal mines is now gainfully employed by the Episcopal Church for some general maintenance and much needed repairs around the church facilities.

A total of \$1,000 will also be split into two scholarships at \$500 apiece, with the goal of allowing those laid off the opportunity to pursue further education or training to help them qualify for new employment.

"Personally, as an educator, I'm excited about the scholarships for people who want to get training in a new field. That

was the big one I wanted," Janet admitted.

The rest of the grant's allowance is distributed equally amongst four organizations: the local Bread Office, Totes of Hope, Helping Hands, and Operation Santa: Kids helping kids. Each group will benefit from a \$500 donation. This falls perfectly into what the grant was originally meant to do.

"The intention is to help individuals and families all across Wyoming by recognizing the severity of the economic downturn in their lives," a letter from the foundation stated.

"That's why the foundation decided to do this, because of the energy jobs that were lost in the whole state of Wyoming. Every congregation in the state got this grant if they asked for it," Mike reported.

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Episcopalian Janet Hutchinson presents a \$500 donation check to a very surprised Sue Simon and Eileen Vickers for Totes for Hope on Tuesday. Operation Santa also received a check that afternoon and two other charities will soon benefit from the same generosity. (Andy McKay/NLJ)



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- **CAMBRIA COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH:** Pastor Todd Olson, 19 Stampede St. 746-2321. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship 10:30 am; Youth (6-12 grades) and Adult Bible Study Sunday Evening 6-7 pm; Wednesday Night Youth and Adult Bible Study 6 pm; Life Recovery Bible Study Sunday Night 7 pm.
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- **CHURCH ON THE HILL:** Wayne Wilson, 301 Delaware, 746-5542. Sunday School 9:30 am; Prayer Service 10:15 am; Worship 10:45 am; Youth Group Wednesday 6:30 pm; Christian Academy preschool & K-12 746-9663.

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- **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Michael Jarrell, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Adult Bible Study 8:45 am; Traditional Church Services 10 am; 10:15 am Children's Church.
- **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.
- **OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH:** 348 Sheridan St. in Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm.
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- **ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Killian Muli, Upton. Sunday Mass 11:30 am.
- **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 am; Adult Study 10:30 am; 1st & 3rd Wed Evenings Prayer and Praise Service 7 pm. August 7, 14, and 21 church is at 9am. August 28--no church in Upton, worship is at 11am at Rev Johnson's home in Custer. September 4th and all sundays following, 9am Sunday School, 10am Worship, 11am Fellowship, and 11:30 Bible Study.



Silent night Holy night

### Daily Devotional Reading

Dec 22	Dec 23	Dec 24	Dec 25	Dec 26	Dec 27	Dec 28
Luke 1:26-56	Luke 1:57-80	Luke 2:1-20	John 1:1-18	Luke 2:21-52	Titus 1:1-16	Titus 2:1-15

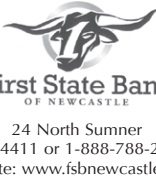
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# Recapture A PIECE OF HISTORY

**December 25, 1891**  
W.H. Kilpatrick & Senator Mondell went over to Hill City this week.

Several of the employees of Kilpatrick Bros. & Collins joined in giving General Manager Mondell a pair of elegant cuff-buttons made of Black Hills Gold with sets of Black Hills Garnet.

The Elkhorn surveyors, with Prof. Hemingway, the coal expert, have gone out to Hay Creek Coal Field again, this time for a long stay. A team was hired for a month, & evidently important work is being done.

Frank Albee returned from Lincoln Wednesday where he was called by the illness of his mother, but who is now on the way to recovery. His sister-in-law, Mrs. Annie Erhart, came with him upon his return & will make her home here.

Some of the Gillette coal was received here this week for trial. It gives excellent satisfaction & everybody predicts that it will find a ready sale-not in competition with the Newcastle coal but, in connection with it. The coal will be billed from here. The main entry of the new mine has been driven in about 100 feet, & of course the coal is improving with the distance penetrated.

**December 25, 1941**  
Paul Piana returned on Friday from Laramie to spend

Christmas Holidays with his parents Mr. & Mrs. A. Piana. Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Graham

have as holiday guests Mr. Graham's sister, Mrs. Mable O'Keefe & daughter Kay of Omaha.

The night of December 16th the wind blew a gale all night, upsetting hay stacks & small buildings. It blew Latal Fisher's hen house away. Nothing was left but the floor. The next morning chickens were scattered all over the yard.

The five operators employed by the Mountain

States Telephone & Telegraph Company in Newcastle have their photos appearing in the December issue of the Monitor Publication of the company.

Mr. & Mrs. Vern Barton Sr., & sons Vern Jr., and Billy, will have Christmas dinner with Mr. & Mrs. Merritt Barton at the Nefsy Ranch.

Wood Gray returned on Friday from the school of mines at Rapid City to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. D.O. Gray.

*Should have seen it in color*



**This photo was taken during the 1950's at Weston County Memorial Hospital (Now Mondell Heights). It shows the Nuns in the hospital chapel during Christmas. If anyone has any information about the Nuns, please contact the Anna Miller Museum 746-4188. (Photo Courtesy of Anna Miller Museum)**

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**Veterans assistance in the new year**

A state of Wyoming veterans service officer from the Wyoming Veterans Commission will conduct community outreach services in Wyoming cities throughout January, and he will be in Weston County on three occasions next month.

Brian Yeager is available to meet with veterans and their families to discuss state and federal veterans' benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs claims, or VA healthcare. Yeager can also help veterans and their families apply for benefits, file claims or request healthcare.

His office is staffed in Gillette, at 551 Running W. Drive, Suite 100, and he will also be available at the Department of Workforce Services Office in Newcastle, located at 22922 US Hwy 85, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on January 5, 19 and 26.

Veterans are reminded that during periods of inclement weather, they should check with the staff at the outreach locations to ensure the veterans service officer will be available. They are urged to contact Yeager at 307-687-5396 for more information, or to schedule an appointment.

Yeager, a former U.S. Marine, is available to meet with veterans and their families from Campbell, Crook and Weston counties in addition to the scheduled outreach.

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Even though it was offered, it seems as though not every church has taken advantage of the generous offer.

"Including us, ten congregations have received the grant so far. There are 54 churches and missions in Wyoming and they are all given the opportunity to get this grant," Mike said. "The deadline isn't until December 31, so more grants may still be given."

The local church is also pursuing another grant to broadcast an oral reading of Forward Day by Day, a free publication with a daily verse followed by a short piece on how it applies to the contemporary reader. Regardless of whether it is

finding alternative funding for charities or airing a message of hope on the air waves, the group is dedicated to applying the Golden Rule.

"Well, any time you can help someone else, it's always a good thing. It was there for the asking, we just had to come up with a short little request of how we were going to use it. We just decided to share as much as we could with as many as we could," Janet confessed. "I think it's very gracious of our state diocese to offer this." Anybody who is interested in obtaining one of the two scholarships, or learning more about them, is encouraged to call 746-2628.

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December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.  
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December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.  
Christmas Morning Worship

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**WHAT'S UP**  
*December 2016*

*Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar*


	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>Thurs 22</b>	11:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	WC Health Services Foundation AA Meeting	Hospital Board Room WC Senior Center, Family Room
<b>Fri 23</b>	11:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	WC Library Board Meeting Bingo	WC Library VFW Hall
<b>Sat 24</b>	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Our Savior Christmas Eve Service Candlelight Christmas Eve Candle Lighting and Carols NA Meeting	Farigrounds Event Center First Baptist Church The Country Church at Four Corners Cambria Church Basement
<b>Sun 25</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 7:15 p.m.	Christmas Celebration Christmas Worship Women Only Life Recovery Meeting	Assembly of God First Baptist Church Cambria Church Basement
<b>Mon 26</b>	1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Low Vision Support Group AA Meeting	WC Senior Center WC Senior Center, Family Room
<b>Tues 27</b>	12:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Alzheimers/Dementia Support Group Easter Star AA Meeting	WC Senior Center Eastern Star #30 Mondell Heights, Breakfast Room
<b>Wed 28</b>	7:00 p.m.	NA Meeting	Cambria Church Basement
<b>Thurs 29</b>	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
<b>Fri 30</b>	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Bingo Western Ramblers Dance	VFW Hall WC Senior Services
<b>Sat 31</b>	7:00 p.m.	NA Meeting	Cambria Church Basement

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# The new wave of shade

**Bob Bonnar**  
 NLJ Reporter

Laurie Martin started doing window treatments for her mother, Elta Eatherton, when she was still operating Elta's Custom Draperies in Newcastle. When her mom retired 15 years ago she took on some of her clients and modernized the service she offered to meet the changing needs of customers.

With 25 years of experience under her belt, Martin now operates her own business under the name "Shade-E-Lady Window Fashions," and has acquired the training necessary to grow her client base throughout the Black Hills.

"I'm a master installer, which means I've gone through the regular installer training with Hunter Douglas, and the top 20 in those classes were invited to take the master installer training for free. I had to go to Denver for classes," Martin told the News Letter Journal.

She said that she is glad she made a commitment early in her venture to Hunter Douglas, who she called an industry leader.

"She (Elta) had several different brands that she sold, but I have just stuck with Hunter Douglas. The products that I sell have a lifetime warranty. Every mechanical part inside of them can be replaced if there is an issue, and I know how to take them apart and put them together. They don't yellow, or warp, or fade, or shrink or anything like that," Martin professed. "They're the top dog in the industry."

While she is impressed with the quality of the product offered by Hunter-Douglas, Martin is just as confident in the training she has received from the company and her ability to fit and install treatments properly for her customers.

"When I measure somebody's window, it is a precise, exact measurement, and the product is made to those specifications. There is no standard-sized window in the Hunter Douglas world," she smiled, noting that she usually receives the product from the company in about a week.

Martin also doesn't mind that the business requires her to make house calls.

"I have a shop-at-home service. I provide people with custom made window treatments for their homes or businesses, but I don't have a showroom. It's portable, so I bring the products to them. I have sample books and hand samples of the products to show," she explained, noting that her consultations involve a discussion with clients about what they expect from the window treatments that she will install.

"We have a meeting to determine if its light filtering or total black out or a little of both," she offered, indicating that Hunter Douglas products all offer UV protection.

"That's a big thing to protect people's carpet and furnishing and antiques," she said, noting that consumer safety is another point of emphasis for the company.

"Our products have a breakaway tassel that is held together with the tiniest magnet. We're basically trying to eliminate cords from window treatments altogether," Martin reported, explaining that the prod-



Laurie Martin demonstrates some of the window treatments she has recently installed for a customer in Weston County. (Pam Penfield/NLJ)

ucts are operated by a lift system that involves a pulley mechanism in the head-rail or bottom rail.

While that feature is convenient all by itself, Martin said the world of window treatments has really evolved, and she can offer customers the latest in high tech window wizardry.

"Almost all of our products are available with a powerview motorization system. That can be operated by a hub, or you can use your iPhone. We can hardwire those in, or they can be battery operated," she described. "You no longer have to be home for your window treatments to open and close. You can operate them from wherever you're at with a smartphone app."

While Martin is always excited to provide new window treatments for a

customer, her training as an installer has provided plenty of work for her as well.

"I actually have several South Dakota customers, and I've done a few installations where I didn't sell the product," she said, noting that she most recently installed the new window treatments at Springhill Suites in Deadwood for Hunter Douglas' hospitality division.

"They paid me to go over and install those," she nodded.

Martin said she is the only Master Installer of Hunter Douglas products that she knows of in Wyoming, so she gets a little business from various places throughout the Cowboy State as well.

"I've had people ship me stuff from different places in Wyoming to fix. Some of it is warranty, and some is stuff that has been abused by the customer," she stated.

## Campbell

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was involved in the death of Campbell, and that further investigation is warranted.

Campbell's body was discovered in his residence at 1074 Old Highway 85 South on June 24, 2015 by Caroline Scutt, and the nature of her relationship to the deceased, as well as her actions around the time of his death, was the focal point of much of the testimony offered since the inquest was first called into session on September 28 of this year.

Weston County Deputy Coroner Laura Sundstrom indicated in her testimony that a number of suspicious circumstances surrounding Campbell's death meant that she was unable to conclude the true manner of his death, and indicated that helped prompt

the inquest.

In addition to descriptions of forensic evidence found at the scene, jurors also heard witnesses testify about a life insurance policy Scutt had on Campbell, accounts of Scutt's and Campbell's pasts and the nature of their relationship and reports of both of their activities on the day of Campbell's death.

After three full days of testimony, jurors were ready to make a decision when the inquest reconvened this Tuesday. Wood, Upton and Macke were tasked with determining whether Campbell's death was accidental, the result of natural causes, or homicide. An option of not determined was also available if evidence supporting the other manners

did not convince jurors that one was more compelling than the other.

Prior to their deliberation, Weston County Deputy Coroner Steve Rossier reviewed evidence and testimony presented over the course of the inquest and asserted that the jurors were to utilize all of the information they heard to determine the manner of death.

"I would also like to remind you that an inquest is exactly that, a search and inquisitive proceeding to look through information to come to the truth. This is not about finding guilt or innocence. It is about assessing the information that is available to determine the cause and manner of death of Campbell," Rossier professed.

Caroline Scutt also

made her first appearance at the inquest to fulfill her legal obligations under a subpoena, but she provided no testimony. Her lawyer, Jeremy Michaels, explained to the jury that Scutt was going to invoke her privilege to utilize the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution, which provides the right of an individual to remain silent to avoid the possibility of self-incrimination.

After the jurors announced their decision, Wood asked Rossier what was going to happen next in the investigation into the death of Campbell.

"The Coroner's Office is going to push for additional investigation by whatever means we are able to," Rossier assured the jury.

PEACE JOY LOVE PEACE JOY LOVE

**Christmas Eve Church Services**

Cambria Community Baptist Church	6:00 p.m.
Christ the King Lutheran Church	6:00 p.m.
Church on the Hill	6:00 p.m.
Our Savior Church @ Fairgrounds Event Center	4:00 p.m.
Corpus Christi Catholic Church	Midnight Mass
First Baptist Church	5:00 p.m.
First United Methodist Church	7:00 p.m.
The Country Church	5:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day Church Services**

Assembly of God	9:30 a.m.
Cambria Community Baptist Church	10:30 a.m.
Christ the King Lutheran Church	9:00 a.m.
Church of Jesus Christ of LDS	10:00 a.m.
Church on the Hill	10:45 a.m.
Our Savior Church	9:45 a.m.
Corpus Christi Catholic Church	9:00 a.m.
First Baptist Church	10:30 p.m.
First United Methodist Church	10:00 a.m.
St. Anthony's Catholic Church	11:00 a.m.
Gateway Fellowship Church	11:00 a.m.
The Country Church	10:00 a.m.

**Christmas Day Dinner**  
 Gateway Fellowship Church 11:00 p.m.

# Winter from page 1....

of year. Cruise control maintains your vehicle's speed and it causes power to go to the wheels when they need it. That's the last thing you want when you're on ice. The best thing to do if you hit ice is to let your wheels roll with no gas input or brake input. That's your best chance for maintaining traction," professed Rose.

Wyoming's reliably strong winds also pose a potential threat.

"Of course the wind always blows. The old phrase is, 'The snow doesn't disappear, it just wears out.' Even if a plow has gone across the highway and cleared a path, it can be covered over almost instantaneously by that blowing snow. It creates whiteout conditions many times where you can't even see the highway," Rose stated.

Travelers finding themselves unable to keep going should take ample precautions in case other motorists, especially snow plows, are still on the roads but facing adverse visibility.

"If you cannot continue driving and cannot make it to your destinations, the best thing is to get off the road as best as possible. Sometimes bad crashes occur because the car is sitting too far in the lane. Activate your hazards, stay with the vehicle and call 911 and let us know your situation," advised Rose.

It is vital to be prepared for such a situation by stocking your vehicle with survival essentials.

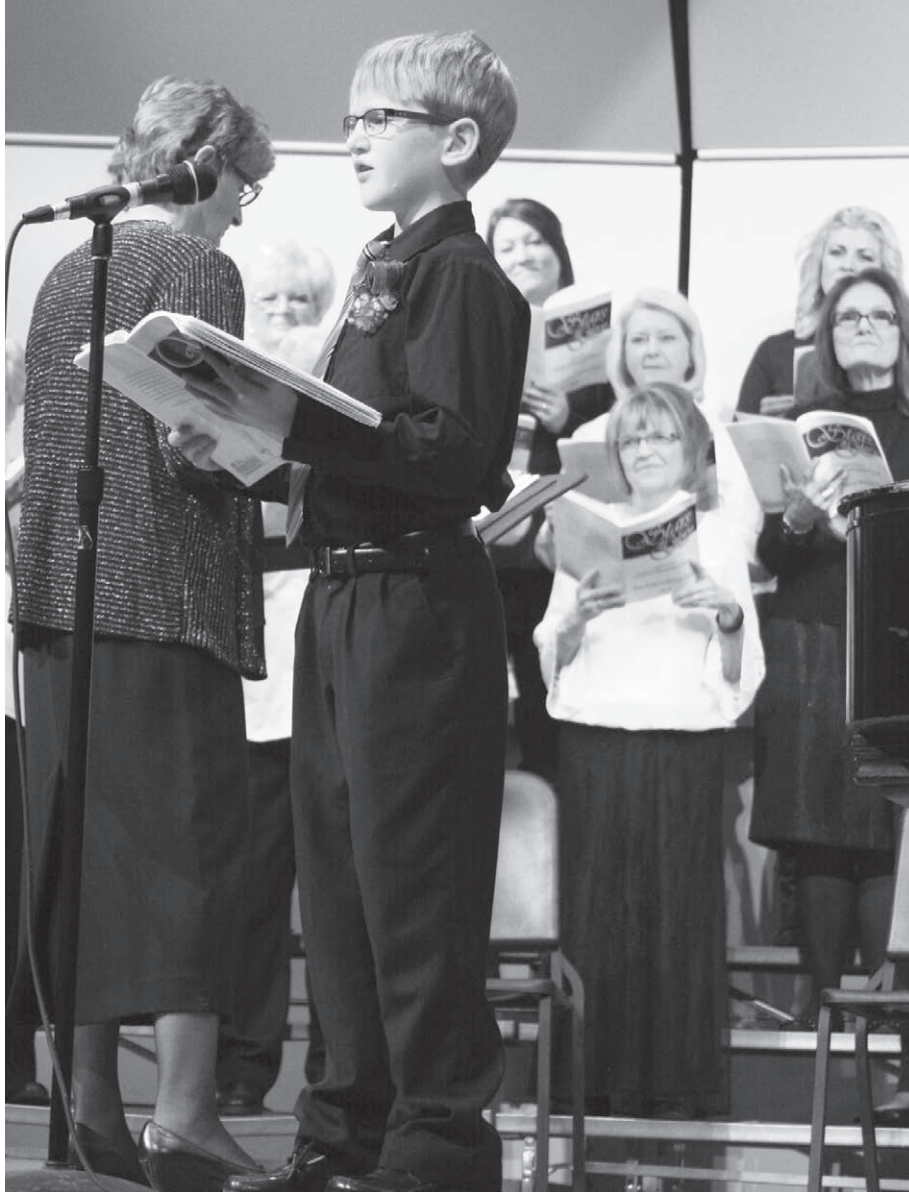
"You want extra clothing, blankets, anything to stay warm. If you're caught in a bad storm, your vehicle will not stay running. It's also a good idea to keep extra food and water in the vehicle," Rose commented.

Those caught stranded in adverse weather conditions should stay with their vehicle and wait for it to improve, or for help to come.

"We travel our rounds and inspect the roads constantly, especially when the roads are bad. We're looking for stranded motorists. Many of the areas out here don't have cell coverage, so there's no way for them to get ahold of us outside of us traveling around. Plow trucks are also out constantly," Rose said.

Wyoming is regularly marred with road closures this time of year, which can make it a difficult time for drivers looking to make a long trip. But it is those who live outside of town that feel the sting of road closures the most, as they can find themselves cut off from their homes. There is a remedy for such situations, but Rose indicated that many motorists are unaware of the program that is designed to help

# Young talent



Mason Wilkes performs a solo during the annual Community Cantata that was held at Crouch Auditorium on Sunday, December 11. The performance, which has become a community tradition features the vocal talents of community members from all faiths and all walks of life. (Andy McKay/NLJ)

them gain authorization to travel home on a closed road.

"If the road is closed, you cannot just cross the road-closed-gate because you live on the other side of it. I get calls almost every time a storm shuts down a highway of people requesting to get to their home. We can authorize it, but the best way to get involved with that is with WyDot Authorized Travel," Rose stated.

Out-of-town residents are encouraged to sign up so that, "any time the road is closed, people who have been authorized receive an email or phone message which gives them the permission to continue to their house if weather conditions are still

favorable," Rose said. He continued that passes need to be on hand if pulled over on a closed road.

Those interested can sign up for authorization at [www.wyroad.info](http://www.wyroad.info), which is the Department of Transportation's website for highway conditions. Motorists can also tune in to 1610 AM for weather and highway updates, or call 511 or 1-800-WYO-ROAD (996-7623).

"My biggest encouragement is not traveling on roads when they're treacherous if you don't have to. But if you do, make sure you slow down and take your time. It's better to get there late than not at all," Rose reasoned.

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# Hardware store earns award



Dr. Mike Jording presents Janet Mueller with a print autographed by Wyoming's living Governors. (Andy McKay/NLJ)

Andy McKay  
NLJ Reporter

The staff at Newcastle Hardware was given a pleasant surprise when the business was awarded with the prestigious Maurine Carley Memorial Historic Preservation Award earlier this year. The memorial comes with a plaque commemorating the distinction, a large Schwiering print signed by all of the past Wyoming governors still alive, and a monetary award.

The Weston County Historical Society Chapter's nomination for the prestigious award lauded the owners of Newcastle Hardware, Chris and Janet Mueller, for "maintaining a viable business, protecting Newcastle and Weston County's valuable heritage and history, and has made that history available for the public to view."

Constructed in February of 1920, the original building that presently houses Newcastle Hardware was comprised of three parts, which were separated into Newcastle Mercantile, Craig Chevrolet, and the Chevrolet service shop. During its long life, it has housed barber shops, a furniture store, and a grocery store along with its mercantile store. That part of the business has gone under many different guises, progressing from Newcastle Mercantile to Marshall-Wells Hardware Company, Coast to Coast, and

finally to Newcastle Hardware.

The award was given in recognition of owner Chris Mueller's efforts to restore, preserve, protect, and maintain the building's unique historical façade, heritage and artifacts. The work done to revive its historic appearance was also a factor as the award is granted to "buildings and sites [that] retain features and characteristics that are strongly reminiscent of the original use."

Newcastle Hardware was nominated by Dr. Mike Jording, who is the president of the Weston County Chapter of the Wyoming State Historical Society. Jording was first approached by Mueller in 2010 after he discovered a treasure trove of stained glass that graced the original storefront.

"[Mueller] discovered the stained glass windows that had been covered by owners about 50-60 years ago. He not only discovered them, but he recognized their inherent value, protected and restored them, and ultimately has displayed them for the public to enjoy," Jording stated.

Mueller unveiled a 48-foot stretch of leaded stained glass panels which are largely intact and unfaded even with the passage of time, thanks in part to the protection granted by virtue of being covered up over the long decades.

Entering upon the threshold, customers are greeted by two of

those panels, which currently flank the two sides of the front patio, embellishing its brick and wood exterior. Though the panels in storage have some damage and missing glass, Mueller projects that they can be fully restored by recycling only one panel for glass.

Another of the store's more fascinating curiosities is its large hand-operated elevator. It was intended to transport goods from storage in the basement to the sales floor in bulk. Far from an oddity in Newcastle, other stores in the downtown also showcase these antique freight elevators.

The elevator, designed and installed by C. H. Mitchell & Co. from Chicago, is a marvel of engineering as it still operates optimally 86 years later. It is operated with a thick rope that loops around the mechanism and gives the elevator its propulsion.

The manual hoist is steadied by a counterbalance that allows the elevator to, when unencumbered, continue its trek up or down—even without someone manning the rope. The proprietors continue to use the elevator to ferry goods from the basement to the main floor, or vice versa.

Mueller has been applauded for his work to preserve the building's historic authenticity, but not everything is as it was. The balcony overlooking the front section of the store is newly refurbished, bolstering the southern wall's insulation while turning a cramped storage area into a polished trophy room. Its walls boast souvenirs from the store's bygone past, along with guitars and salesman awards, tokens of Mueller's accomplishments both as a worker and an artist.

Plans have also been made to renovate the basement with better equipment, storage, and lighting, as the Mueller's look to continue their mission of preserving a long-enduring memento of Newcastle's past while building upon their growing lore of its role in the town's evolution.


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While the flames, which rose dozens of feet into the air above the flare towers, may have given the impression that a significant event was taking place, refinery officials announced at approximately 9 p.m. that the flaring event had ended, everything was contained within the refinery itself, and workers were already restarting and lining out the units that had tripped offline that night.

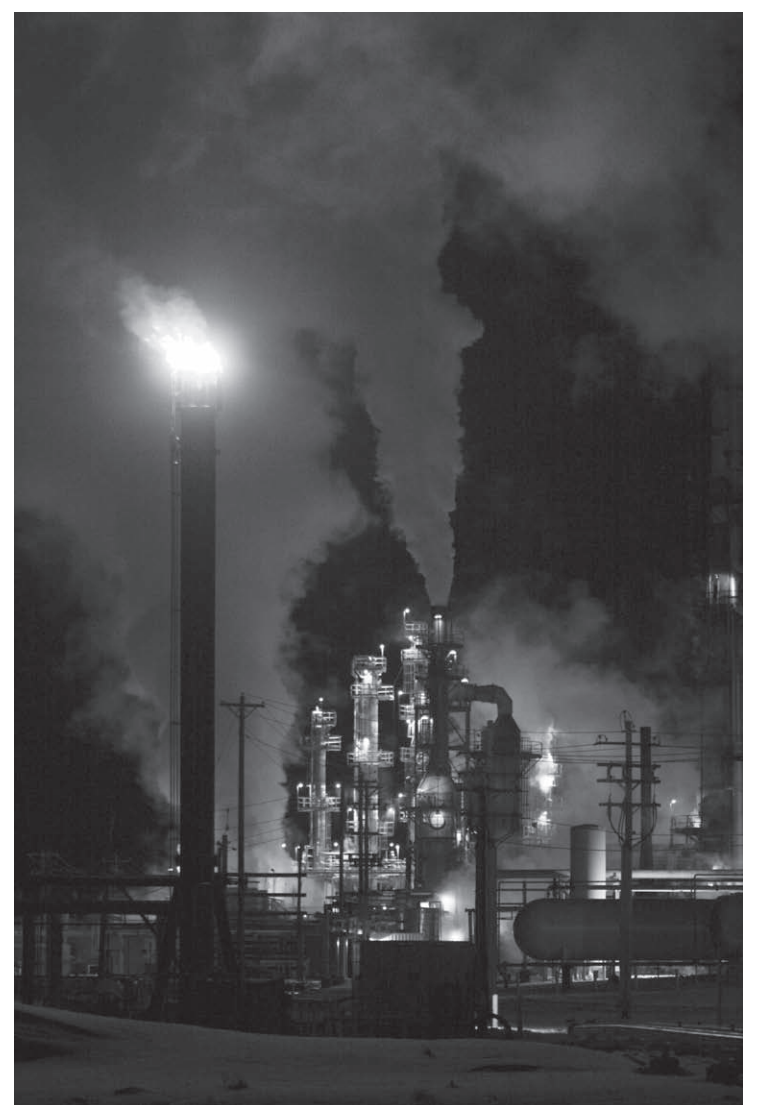
"Our experienced operations team, along with others who were called in, did an excellent job in dealing with the problems caused by this severe cold weather," the company proclaimed in its release.

"There was no impact to production," Farnsworth nodded, noting that operations at the plant were back to normal within a few hours and confirming that the plant was in full operation this week.

The ability to respond quickly to the situation brought on by the extreme cold was also due in large part to the fact that refinery officials were prepared for the situation, and had increased manpower at the plant in anticipation of the significant dip in temperature that occurred late last week.

"When we see that the weather is going to go in that direction, we add additional staffing, and we had additional staffing on that day. We were working 12 hour shifts, and had a contractor on site helping us out. We prepared for the cold weather," Farnsworth said, reporting that even more personnel were brought in when the cold finally caught up with the operation and units began to go offline Sunday night.

He further indicated that



By 7 p.m. the Refinery's flare had dissipated and employees were bringing units back online. (Andy McKay/NLJ)

the refinery began utilizing additional manpower when fall finally gave way to winter and temperatures started to dip below freezing a couple of weeks ago, but said that employees had little trouble keeping up with the demands of the cold until the mercury in the thermometer plunged well below zero last week.

"Instruments and level gauges freeze up, as well as lines, but we typically don't have problems until it gets to minus double-digit lows," Farnsworth said.

In the release issued immediately after the flaring event, the refinery admitted that the temperatures simply reached a point on Sunday evening that proved to be more than the operation could handle.

"It is extremely challenging to keep the refinery running in the extreme cold weather. We have had extra people working each shift to assist in keeping everything thawed out and operating, but at times the cold gets ahead of operations and that is what happened tonight," the company reported.



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Christmas is a time of giving and has been since its inception. But what makes this time of the year so special?

For many, Christmas marks a magical time of a new season. Though winter ushers in a time of cold death, its bleak, dead landscape is blanketed by a layer of pure white and is enchantingly transformed into a winter wonderland.

It is a time of frightful weather but warmer hearts as everyone prepares to partake in longstanding holiday festivities. As Christmas approaches, it almost seems we are transported back in time to the innocence of our youth and experience its unique holiday magic all over again.

I believe at least part of the delight of the season comes from traditions with family and friends. While traditions even in our small community can be so disparate, they are all unified not because of how we celebrate but because of what we celebrate.

And since what we celebrate is the promise of new life— even in midst of death— it is only natural to respond by giving freely just as we ourselves have received freely. It is because of this that new traditions are constantly being born just as others carry on and grow over time.

A new tradition that has blossomed in my life is Christmas tree hunting. While marching out into the cold wilderness to wander aimlessly from one conifer to the next (as my standard for the perfect Christmas tree dwindles in pace with my patience) may not sound like the ideal holiday excursion, it truly is.

I grew up either going to the local tree lot to pick out the perfect tree from amongst racks of farm-grown trees or unpacking an artificial tree. While both are more convenient than hiking out

to claim one of your own, I have found there is a special thrill and timeless serenity in it that goes beyond merely getting a tree.

This is only the second year my tree hasn't been an evergreen dandy from a tree lot or a Build-a-Tree from out of a box, so perhaps I'm still held in novelty's sway. But I find that unlikely. What I find more convincing is this new tradition's implication in my own life.

For this is also the second Christmas I've been married. You see, Christmas tree hunting is a tradition my wife has brought from her family. This change has made it so my holiday experience has changed. My life is no longer only my own. It is shared and very much a part of someone else's. How amazing is it that change is apparent even in how I celebrate Christmas!

This is but a single example. I have added so many new features to this time of the year and have experienced so much joy from sharing in that with my wife and her family, and the same has happened with her. We also lost some facets of the holidays that were once fixed traditions, but it is part of the growing pains of forging a new family.

In losing them, we gained something in return—a tradition of our own. Husband and wife, we found new life through sharing our traditions.

Perhaps we feel reliving our childhood will resurrect the sense of awe and wonder this holiday brought to our young lives. Or perhaps we hope to capture that same Christmas spirit and gift it to another so they too can experience the magic of Christmas. Personally, though, I feel the spirit of Christmas transcends merely our actions and derives from something that is greater than all of us.



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Lyle Whitney splits a pair of Bulldog defenders to secure a loose ball in the Dogies runaway win. (Andy McKay/NLJ)

## Dogies finding their stride

Sonja Karp  
NLJ Sports Reporter

After struggling in the first tournament of the season last weekend, the Newcastle

Dogies dominated the Sundance Bulldogs in their home opener last Thursday and followed that decisive victory with a big—though narrow—win over Lead on the Gold Diggers home

court as the Stateline Shootout Tournament continued on Monday.

Knowing his young and inexperienced squad would be facing teams who varied in

ability, head coach Allen Von Eye was focused on consistency as they took the court against the Bulldogs.

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## Firing it up

*Lady Dogies getting up plenty of shots*

Sonja Karp  
NLJ Sports Reporter

The second weekend of preseason tournament play tipped off last Thursday as the Lady Dogies welcomed the Sundance Lady Bulldogs to town for their home opener, and then traveled to Lead on Monday to take on the Lady Gold Diggers in the second contest of the tournament.

In the first tournament of the season, Newcastle tended to start strong, but then faded as the contest played out. In addition, the squad struggled from time to time with putting the ball in the hole. The ladies appeared to fix the first issue in their games against the Bulldogs and Gold Diggers, however, they continued to have moments where they struggled to score.

"I was pleased overall with our defense, but at the same time, we'd get a steal only to turn it back over or miss a layup," head coach Tyler Bartlett admitted. "We've got to do a better job of capitalizing on the opportunities we create. We did some good things, but we just didn't take advantage of them. For example, thanks to our defense and rebounding efforts, we actually got 23 more shots up than Sundance did. When you shoot 23 more times than the other team, you should be able to pull away and win a little more comfortably than we did."

Bartlett went on to state that part of the reason his squad was unable to capitalize on those opportunities was because of their shot selection. Rather than try to get the ball inside, the Lady Dogies settled for outside shots more often than Bartlett liked.

"We want to hunt for paint

touches on every trip," he began. "You could really see in the third and fourth quarters, when Rachel Ehlers started to attack the paint, and we started pounding the ball inside to Rachel Henkle, that's when we built our best leads. If we're going to be successful going forward, it's going to be by attacking inside-out on offense, not the other way around."

Heading into the locker room at the end of the second quarter, the Lady Dogies held on to a slim lead over the Lady Bulldogs, but came out strong in the second half, extending their lead to 12 at one point in the fourth quarter. Though Sundance made a run late in the contest, Newcastle was able to cruise to a comfortable 48-39 victory.

Rachel Henkle led her team with her third double-double of the season, and after a quiet first half she ended the contest with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Alyssa Umphlett followed with 11 points, Rachel Ehlers with nine and Taylor Spain and Sarah Henkle each added five of their own.

After a weekend of rest, the ladies were back at it as they traveled to Lead on Monday to take on the Lady Gold Diggers and defense was the name of the game that the Lady Dogies used to take their second consecutive victory of the tournament.

"I was really pleased with our defensive energy and the amount of turnovers we were able to force," Bartlett grinned. "Throughout the game, we did a better job of pressuring the ball and denying passes, and I thought our full court pressure caused them some issues."

Without a doubt, the pressure from the Lady Dogies gave their opponent fits as evidenced by the 31 turnovers committed by Lead. However, once again the struggle to capitalize on those opportunities plagued Newcastle.

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# INSURANCE *Holiday Mishaps*



As you prepare to celebrate the holiday season, the Wyoming Department of Insurance (DOI) suggests you review your insurance policies to avoid some possible holiday nightmare scenarios.

### AUTO INSURANCE

**A family member borrows your car and has an accident:** Your auto insurance policy will provide the same coverage for your relative as if you were driving, but an accident may increase your premium. If your family member has an accident while intoxicated, the company might not renew your policy or charge you a higher premium.

**You borrow someone else's car and get into an accident:** The auto policy on the borrowed vehicle provides primary coverage. If no coverage exists, your auto policy might provide coverage. Find out if your coverage extends to a friend or family member's car.

**Someone breaks your car's window and steals gifts:** Most standard homeowners and rental insurance policies provide coverage; however, you are responsible for the policy deductible and there are limits. Some auto policies provide coverage for this situation. Talk with your agent to find out under which policy you should report your claim.

### HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE

**Someone steals the holiday decorations from your front yard:** A standard homeowners policy typically provides coverage, subject to policy deductible and coverage limits. These items are

also generally covered if you have a condominium or renter's insurance policy.

**Presents are stolen from your home:** Standard homeowners, condominium, and rental insurance policies provide coverage with special limits for certain goods, such as electronics and jewelry. Check your policy for specific item limits. Be sure to add new items to your policy as soon as possible.

**Your guest slips and falls on your icy driveway:** A standard homeowners insurance policy can provide limited medical payments coverage if your guest needs medical attention. If a guest sues for additional damages, your policy should provide liability coverage. Check to be sure you have adequate liability limits.

**A snowstorm causes a tree to fall through your front window:** Home damage and tree removal (if the tree fell due to the weight of ice or snow) is generally covered by a standard homeowners policy minus deductible. Check to see what coverage you have.

**A candle falls over and lights a curtain, causing a house fire:** A standard homeowners insurance policy will cover your home and belongings destroyed by a fire, up to policy limits. Standard policies typically provide additional

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# Bison best grapplers before the storm

Sonja Karp  
NLJ Sports Reporter

Mother Nature wreaked havoc for the combined Newcastle/Upton Wrestling team last week, keeping them from attending the annual Battle of the Big Horns tournament in Worland held on Friday and Saturday. However, they were able to sneak in a home dual against the Buffalo Bison in Upton on Thursday night before a storm moved in that created hazardous driving conditions and caused school closures.

Like the week prior, the Dogies/Bobcats went into the competition with three open weight classes, as senior Bryce Womack (285) was not yet cleared for competition. His absence put the home team at a slight disadvantage, given the Bison gave up only two forfeits on the night.

The highlight of the dual came during the 170 pound match when Newcastle grappler Conagher Testerman made quick work of his

opponent, pinning him 45 seconds into the first period.

Coach Lee McCoy noted that, though Testerman was the only competitor to pick up a win in the 18-49 loss, several others gave their opponents a run for their money before losing their matches by close decisions.

“Alan Baker (132), Zach Schuessler (145), Wyatt Corley (152) and Teigen Marchant (195) all had some good battles in their matches, but just came up short in the end,” McCoy nodded.

Despite the lopsided defeat, McCoy was quick to state that his squad is making good progress, and has shown considerable growth in a short period of time.

“I feel like we’re continuing to improve every time we step on the mat,” he began. “It’s still very early in the season and we’re identifying problems and working on fixing them.

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## Dogies

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“I really wanted our guys to make sure that we were playing our game, regardless of the level of competition,” he began. “I thought the kids did a great job of keeping the game at the level we are capable of playing. We stayed disciplined and we played defense very well, using our feet instead of reaching. It was actually one of our best games of the year so far defensively, and we stayed out of situations that would get us in foul trouble.”

Though a bit sluggish offensively to start the contest, it didn’t take long for all in attendance to see that the Dogies were in control as they jumped out to a 14-2 lead to end the first quarter, and continued to roll in the second frame to go into the locker room with a dominating 36-7 disparity on the board.

“We shot the heck out of the basketball in the second quarter,” Von Eye exclaimed. “In the first half we were 50 percent from the floor and 60 percent from beyond the arc, and they were good shots and great shot selections. You have to have that against a team like Sundance. You have to make sure you play your game.”

After coming off a weekend where the Dogies struggled to score, the success of the first half was a confidence builder for the squad that they used to blow the game wide open in the third quarter, which ended with the implementation of the 40-point mercy rule and a running clock for the duration of the contest.

The run and gun, fast-paced game the Dogies executed against the Bulldogs was a new look for the team, but was certainly a crowd pleaser.

“The kids did a great job of running their lanes and pushing it down the floor, and then if we didn’t have anything, we did really well with being patient and pulling it back out to work the offense,” Von Eye stated. “Our cuts were nice and hard, and you can see that this is a smart group. You see them curling when they are supposed to, and you see some really great back cuts. More importantly, we have guys seeing when those things happen and can get them the ball in a place where they can be successful with it.”

In the 58-22 Dogie victory, sophomore Cade Ostenson dominated the offense, racking up 21 points in the first half, and ended up leading all scorers with 25 on the night. Triston Roberson

contributed 11 points, with Lyle Whitney close behind with nine.

Originally scheduled to play on Friday, the game against Lead was pushed to Monday due to weather, and with their first win under their belt, the Dogies were looking to add another. Von Eye had anticipated the Gold Digger squad to be a challenge. However, the talent they brought to the court was more than he had originally expected.

“That was a big win for us,” he admitted. “Word was out that they had several players who had not returned this season, but we found out that was not at all true. They are solid and the best shooting team we’ve come across this year. They are very disciplined and do things really well, so it was great for our kids to come out in the fashion they did.”

Not only did the Northern Hills squad present an offensive threat, they also gave the Dogies a new look defensively by throwing a zone at them.

“This was the first time our kids have seen a zone this year, and they executed it very well,” Von Eye admitted. “We’ve done very little work against a zone so far, so I thought our kids did a fabulous job with it, and it really was one of the best games we’ve had with attacking a zone in five or six years.”

The first quarter saw a battle between the two squads as they went bucket for bucket with the lead changing hands often. Unfortunately for the Dogies, Ostenson picked up personal foul number two at the end of the first quarter, which put him on the bench for the remainder of the half. With their leading scorer out for the second frame, the rest of the squad rose to face the adversity.

“I thought our kids did a really great job coming off the bench contributing and making sure we held the lead through the second quarter, and we had some guys who usually don’t score so much pick up the load for Cade,” Von Eye nodded. “That’s one thing that’s beautiful about this team. We have five or six guys who have no fear of taking a shot and every single one of them can score. That makes it so nice, because we know that Cade is one of the purest shooters and scorers that we’ve ever had, but when he does go out, we still have guys who want the ball and want to score.”

The Dogies went into the locker room at the half with a

### Boys Basketball

Newcastle v. Sundance 12-15-16: 58-22	
Triston Roberson:	11 points, 5 rebounds, 5 assists, 4 steals
Cade Ostenson:	25 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 4 steals
Lyle Whitney:	9 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal
Sawyer Roberson:	5 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal
Jake Lacey:	6 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists
Dylon Tidyman:	2 points, 3 rebounds, 2 steals
Bryson Tidyman:	2 rebounds
Kyle Haslam:	1 steal
Newcastle @ Lead-Deadwood 12-19-16: 52-50	
Triston Roberson:	9 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists
Cade Ostenson:	17 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal
Lyle Whitney:	4 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal
Sawyer Roberson:	7 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals
Jake Lacey:	8 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists, 1 steal
Dylon Tidyman:	7 points, 4 rebounds, 4 steals

slim two point lead, but with a four game trend of struggling in the third quarter, Von Eye was concerned with how his squad would come back out.

Two Newcastle turnovers on consecutive possessions gave the Diggers the opportunity to swing momentum as the second half began and they pulled ahead to a four point lead. Though this was what Von Eye was trying to avoid, the lull didn’t last long as the Dogies went on a mini run of their own to recapture the advantage, and would go on to hold onto it for the duration.

Things got exciting for fans in the final minute of the contest when Von Eye picked up his first technical foul in six years after a questionable call that handed Ostenson his fifth foul. Newcastle was holding on to a five point lead when the Diggers stepped to the line to shoot the free throws.

“That makes you feel terrible and just sick,” Von Eye sighed. “And we teach our kids to just walk away and do what you need to do, so that was a good learning experience situation for me too, because that put us in a bad situation.”

Fortunately, the situation didn’t impact the outcome of the game, and the Dogies finished with a 52-50 victory over the Diggers.

Once again, Ostenson led his team with 17 points, but from there the scoring was distributed pretty evenly throughout five other players. Triston Roberson picked up nine, Jake Lacey had eight, Sawyer Roberson and Dylon Tidyman each added seven and Whitney closed it out with four points.

The final game of the tournament was played on Tuesday night, and results of that contest against Belle Fourche will be reported in next week’s paper.

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**Ladies** from page 10 .....

“The bottom line is, thanks to our defense and rebounding, we got 25 more shots than they did, and that’s an incredible amount,” Bartlett exclaimed. “That’s what we want. That’s why we’re playing the style that we’re playing. But then we have to take advantage of all those opportunities and make some shots once in a while. Shooting less than 30 percent from the field just isn’t going to get it done, especially when we’re getting so many good looks inside. The girls just need to slow down, relax, and shoot the ball like they know how.”

Newcastle went into the half with a two point difference on the scoreboard, but came out on a mission in the second half to cruise to a 41-23 victory over the Lady Diggers. The point spread allowed for some younger players to get some valuable varsity experience early in the season.

“I was pleased with the way we pulled away in the second half,” Bartlett smiled. “It even gave us an opportunity for three more players to make their varsity debuts – sophomore Kaylee Sweet, and freshmen Grace Coy and Madison Pearson got in on some varsity action for the first time in their young careers, and that’s always exciting to see. I’m also happy to say that eight different players scored for us in the game because that’s the kind of balance we’re after offensively.”

Ehlers led her team with 10 points and was followed by Umphlett with eight. Rachel Henkle picked up six and sister Sarah added five. Lexus Voelker and Makenzie Wagoner each had four while Spain and Lauren Lacey rounded out the scoring with two points apiece.

The Lady Dogies finished up the Stateline Shootout against the Lady Broncs of Belle Fourche on Tuesday. Results of that contest can be found in next week’s News Letter Journal.



Senior Rachel Ehlers prepares to shoot free throws in Thursdays win. (Andy McKay/NLJ)

**Girls Basketball**

Newcastle v. Sundance 12-15-16: 48-39	Newcastle @ Lead-Deadwood 12-19-16: 41-23
Rachel Henkle: 16 points, 10 rebounds, 2 steals	Rachel Henkle: 6 points, 10 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals
Rachel Ehlers: 9 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals	Rachel Ehlers: 10 points, 7 rebounds, 3 steals
Alyssa Umphlett: 11 points, 2 rebounds, 6 assists, 5 steals	Alyssa Umphlett: 8 points, 1 rebound, 2 assists, 2 steals
Taylor Spain: 5 points, 5 rebounds	Taylor Spain: 2 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal
Sarah Henkle: 5 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal	Sarah Henkle: 5 points, 6 rebounds, 5 assists, 4 steals
Lexus Voelker: 1 point, 2 rebounds, 3 steals	Lexus Voelker: 4 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal
Makenzie Wagoner: 1 assist	Makenzie Wagoner: 4 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist
Lauren Lacey: 1 point, 3 steals	Lauren Lacey: 2 points, 2 rebounds
	Kaylee Sweet: 1 rebound

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**Wrestlers** from page 10.....

This is a tough, tedious task and the results aren’t always immediate, because breaking habits and changing attitudes takes time. We definitely have to ramp up our intensity and improve on putting moves together during our matches.”

Team points were earned by Testerman (170), Reid Holmes (106) and Trayton Dawson (113), with the latter two winning by forfeit.

The Dogies/Bobcats were scheduled to leave from Upton following the Thursday dual to head to Worland for the Battle of the Big Horns, but the weather put a stop to that. The tournament is one

that both the coaches and the team look forward to as a great opportunity to see good competition and get some much needed experience prior to the Christmas break.

“I was pretty disappointed that we weren’t able to participate in the tournament because we ended up missing some valuable mat time,” head coach Lee McCoy sighed. “Last year most of the kids got between six and seven matches, and we really grew leaps and bounds from that experience.”

The squad will be looking to make up for the missed opportunity with some intense practices over the break to

prepare for their first dual of 2017. The Lusk Tigers will meet the Dogies/Bobcats in Upton on Tuesday, January 3.

**Wrestling**

Newcastle/Upton v. Buffalo 12/15/16	Newcastle/Upton 18 Buffalo 49
106: Reid Holms W by Forfeit	106: Reid Holms W by Forfeit
113: Trayton Dawson W by Forfeit	113: Trayton Dawson W by Forfeit
120: Jacob Rhoades L by Fall 1:12	120: Jacob Rhoades L by Fall 1:12
126: Aaron Fullerton L by Fall 2:28	126: Aaron Fullerton L by Fall 2:28
132: Alan Baker L MD 12-4	132: Alan Baker L MD 12-4
138: Gavin Durfee L by Fall 1:31	138: Gavin Durfee L by Fall 1:31
145: Zach Schuessler L by Decision 5-7	145: Zach Schuessler L by Decision 5-7
152: Wyatt Corley L by Decision 6-8	152: Wyatt Corley L by Decision 6-8
160: Conagher Testerman W by Fall :45	160: Conagher Testerman W by Fall :45
170: Open	170: Open
182: Double Forfeit	182: Double Forfeit
195: Tieggen Marchant L by Decision 7-10	195: Tieggen Marchant L by Decision 7-10
220: Open	220: Open
285: Open	285: Open



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Clockwise from top left: High School Troubadours: Sean Hopper, Trenton Parsons, Colin Heaton, Kolby Pisciotti, Wyatt Voelker, Flint Hossfeld, PJ Martin, Aaron Fullerton, Brady Wilkes, Jaiden Carter (behind the tree); Cookie Fundraiser: Camilla Drake and Tara Carter; Weston County Children's Center Concert: Brooklyn Hoffman and Lillyan James; 3-5 Concert: Kiara Lay, Rachel Baird and Ivy Bau; 8th Grade Band: Allie Auch; 3-5 Concert: Teddy Troftgruben, Collin McConkey, Maggie Lacey and Aiden Cummings. (Bob Bonnar, Alexis Barker, Pam Penfield and Andy McKay/NLJ)

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- Newcastle Shine & Show
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- Delta Kappa Gamma
- Weston County 4-H
- Weston County Junior Rodeo

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Vicki Hayman and Stacey Buchholz celebrate their recent recognitions for their hard work at the UW Extension Office. (Alexis Barker/NLJ)

## Extension's dynamic duo win honors

Alexis Barker  
NLJ Reporter

Weston County's UW Extension Office is celebrating the end of a successful year after both Nutrition and Food Safety Educator Vicki Hayman and 4-H and Youth Development Education Stacey Buchholz were recognized by the University of Wyoming, for what they have brought to the community.

The Extension Office has seen its share of changes over the course of the past decade or two, and the two educators are gratified to have been recognized for the services they provide.

"I started December 1, and this was the start of my 20th year. I just completed my 19th year in Extension. When I was hired I was 50 percent 4-H and 50 percent Nutrition and Family and Consumer Sciences," recalled Hayman, who explained that shortly after she was hired, Family and Consumer Sciences was changed to Nutrition and Food Safety to become a more specific teaching avenue.

Roughly eight years ago, according to Hayman, the Weston County Commissioners approved the creation of a Full Time Equivalent position for 4-H, which caused her position to become more focused on the nutrition and food safety education aspect of her job. After the change, Hayman's focus became 75 percent on nutrition education in north-east Wyoming, 15 percent 4-H and youth development and 10 percent dedicated to county coordinator duties.

Hayman, as part of her nutrition and food safety educator job, teaches cooking classes. These are mainly offered in Crook, Weston and Campbell counties, and one of her most recent ventures in this field won her this year's recognition when she received the Diversity Enhancement Recognition Award for her multicultural cooking classes.

"I just thought it would be interesting, in the northeast corner of Wyoming we have some multicultural cooking, but not much. So, I thought it would be fun to learn more about it myself, and introduce it to others in the communi-

ties," explained Hayman. She shared how fun the experience was for her, particularly learning about the variety of spices used by other cultures and their different ways of eating.

"For this class, I picked different countries to feature—a total of nine different cuisines. I picked the ones I thought would be interesting. It was fun to get the spices and to work with food we were not familiar with," commented Hayman, who maintained that she really tries to tie nutrition into her classes in a way that is fun for not only herself, but the participants as well. In that way, they can learn more about nutrition while grasping the skills associated with cooking.

Hayman said she was honored to be recognized at the state level for what she had done, noting that she was up against experts in her field who were also nominated for the award.

Buchholz was among those who nominated Hayman for the Diversity Enhancement Recognition Award because she thought the program was actually what the award was created to encourage.

"The workshops included handouts about the cultures with authentic recipes. Participants prepared course meals together, mastering recipes and techniques they may not otherwise have encountered while learning about authentic ingredients. Through cooking, the participants developed an understanding of and respect for the cultural values of other people, which expanded their cultural horizons," professed Buchholz in her nomination letter.

Hayman returned the favor and nominated Buchholz for the UW Extension Newer Employee Recognition Award, and Buchholz said the recognition gave her reassurance that she was doing what she needed to be doing. It was also nice to know that individuals in higher positions in the organization recognize what she is doing for the community.

"When they hire you, they tell you to go do great things," Buchholz remembered, noting

— See **Extension**, Page 20


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## Free smoke detectors arriving soon

Alexis Barker  
NLJ Reporter

Individuals and families within Weston County have the opportunity to not only receive new smoke detectors in their home, but also tap into important fire safety tips, courtesy of the Weston County Volunteer Fire Department and Weston County LEPC, who are working with the Red Cross to bring the Home Fire Campaign to Weston County.

The Home Fire Campaign utilizes local fire personnel, with the help of Red Cross Disaster Program Manager Cindy Shank, to install smoke detectors in homes that need them. At the same time, essential fire safety tips and advice will be provided to the families to prepare them for the worst case scenario.

Currently, Don Steveson, who serves with both the WCVFD and WCLEPC, is waiting for the smoke detectors to arrive and working to determine the areas and homes that are in need of this service.

"We are trying to get an idea of who is needing them, whether those be low income, elderly or trailer park areas. It is not limited to those groups specifically. It is open to anyone who needs a home fire inspection completed," Steveson told the News Letter Journal.

During the visit, volunteers through the WCVFD or WCLEPC will install smoke detectors in homes that do not currently have them and they will replace units that

have collapsed or are nearing their 10 year expiration date. Education will be provided as well, and volunteers will determine if the family has a fire pre-plan. If not, they will assist in developing one.

"If they don't have a fire pre-plan, we will help in that area to determine safe locations for the family to meet. We will also establish locations, like neighbors, kids can go to in case their parents are not home," shared Steveson, who noted that there is a need for families to have these plans and to practice them.

He reported that the only requirement of the families who utilize this service is the completion of paperwork that will be submitted to the Red Cross. There are no costs associated with the program.

"We are shooting for installation in January, but we want to know what is best for the people that are interested," explained Steveson. He noted that prior to installations, volunteers will have to complete training.

"This is really important, especially this time of year. Most house fires happen during this time of the year," professed Steveson, adding that chimneys, kitchens, dryer vents and furnaces are all common sources of house fires.

Those interested in receiving free smoke detectors and education are encouraged to contact Steveson at 746-5070 or 746-4300. Deb Solis can also be contacted to express interest in the program at 746-2481 or 941-0721.

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## Fleece Navidad



Tim Lorenz sings a tune while decked out in his finest at Perkin's ugly sweater contest this last Saturday. The owners kept patrons well provisioned with complimentary food and drink throughout the evening's entertainment courtesy of Alien Entertainment. (Andy McKay/NLJ)

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Meeting Notice

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Notice is also given that official minutes of each regular or special meeting of such board, including a record of all official acts and of all warrants issued, are available for inspection by any citizen during regular office hours.

(Publish December 22, 2016)

Meeting Notice

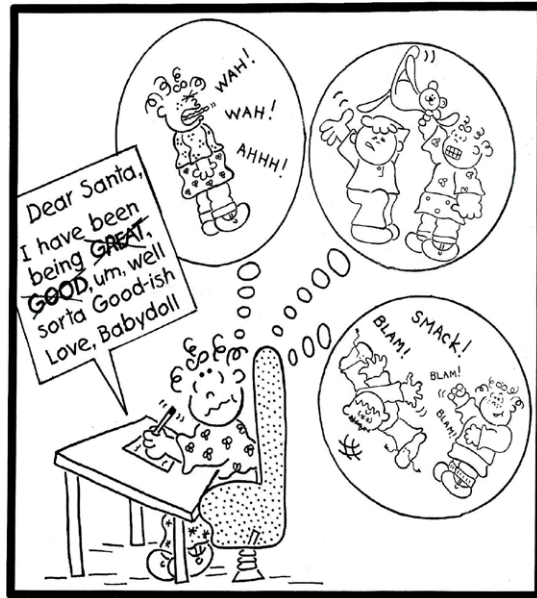
NOTICE OF EASTERN WESTON COUNTY PUBLIC RECREATION BOARD MEETINGS

Notice is hereby given that regular meetings of the Eastern Weston County Public Recreation Board, State of Wyoming, are held each month following the regular scheduled school board meetings on the second and last Wednesday of each month.

Notice is also given that official minutes of the Eastern Weston County Public Recreation Board meeting of such board, including a record of all official acts and of all warrants issued, are available for inspection by any citizen during regular office hours.

(Publish December 22, 2016)

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Foreclosure Notice

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note and mortgage dated November 2, 2009 executed and delivered by Kenneth L. Dickey, as Mortgagor, in favor of JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., recorded November 3, 2009 as Rec. No. 715597, Book 318, Page 776, in the public records in the office of the county clerk of Weston County, Wyoming.

Northerly portion of Lot 1, Block 22, Original Town of Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming, further described as follows: Commencing at the NW corner of Lot 1, Block 22, Original Town of Newcastle, which is marked by a 2" pipe with an aluminum cap inside of it and the point of beginning; thence S29°42"E along the West boundary of Lot 1 for a distance of 94.0 feet to an aluminum capped rebar; thence N62°58'E for a distance of 65.8 feet to an aluminum capped rebar; thence N12°04'W for a distance of 101.8 feet to an aluminum capped rebar; thence S60°17'W along the South side of West Winthrop Street for a distance of 96.6 feet to the point of beginning;

with an address of 208 West Winthrop Street, Newcastle, WY 82701.

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., has served a written Notice of Intent to Foreclose the Mortgage by Advertisement and Sale pursuant to the terms of the Mortgage to the record owner or party in possession in accordance with the statute ten (10) days prior to the first publication of the sale.

The amount due and owing on the date of the first publication is \$141,312.27 which includes the unpaid principal and accrued but unpaid interest. Interest continues to accrue on the unpaid balance at the rate of \$20.70 per day.

The property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale and any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting a bid.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to W.S. § 34-3-101 et seq., (1977 Republished Edition) that the above described property will be at public venue sold by the Sheriff of Weston County, to the highest bidder at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the 7th day of February, 2017, on the courthouse steps of Weston County.

DATED this 6th day of December, 2016.

BY: Bruce S. Asay Associated Legal Group, LLC 1807 Capitol Ave Suite 203 Cheyenne, WY 82001 (307) 632-2888 Attorney for JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

(Publish December 22 and 29, 2016 and January 5 and 12, 2017)

Foreclosure Notice

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having occurred and all prerequisites to foreclosure having been met, notice is hereby given that the mortgage given by Tracy L. Hintz, mortgagor, in favor of GMAC Mortgage Corporation, mortgagee, dated September 18, 2006, recorded September 19, 2006, in Book 290 of Photos, Page 0674 in the Office of the Clerk of Weston County, Wyoming, given to secure payment of a note in the original amount of Seventy Nine Thousand Two Hundred Ninety One Dollars and 00/100 (\$79,291.00). Said note and mortgage were assigned to the Wyoming Community Development Authority by Assignment dated September 18, 2006, and recorded September 19, 2006, in Book 290 of Photos, Page 0681 in the Office of the Clerk of Weston County, Wyoming.

Therefore, said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the following described real property located in Weston County, Wyoming, described as:

LOT 6 AND THE WEST 25' OF LOT 7 IN BLOCK 2 OF ROBY ADDITION TO NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON.

which has the address of 1010 Wood Street, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701,

to be sold by public auction by the Sheriff to the highest bidder, for cash, at 10:00 a.m. on January 3, 2017, at the Weston County Courthouse, 1 West Main, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701. The sale will take place only if a representative of the Wyoming Community Development Authority, or its agent, is present.

Wyoming Community Development Authority By: Thomas A. Valdez Chapman Valdez & Lansing 125 West 2nd Street P.O. Box 2710 Casper, WY 82602

(Publish December 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2016)

Foreclosure Notice

FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note ("Note") and real estate mortgage ("Mortgage"). The Mortgage dated May 11, 2001, was executed and delivered by Clifford J. Small Jr. ("Mortgagor(s)) to Major Mortgage, as security for the Note of the same date, and said Mortgage was recorded on May 11, 2001, at Instrument No. 644169 in Book 250 of Photos, Page 261 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming; and WHEREAS, the mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

To Wyoming Community Development Authority on May 11, 2001, recorded December 18, 2001 at Instrument No. 648825 in Book 254 of Photos, Page 298.

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

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

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$63,400.50 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$60,395.56 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$2,033.74, plus other costs in the amount of \$971.20, plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of sale;

WHEREAS, the property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale. Any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting a bid;

NOW, THEREFORE Wyoming Community Development Authority, as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Weston County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on January 3, 2017 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, Wyoming, Weston County, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

LOTS (9) AND TEN (10) IN BLOCK (4) OF GREENWOOD ADDITION TO THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

which has the address of 426 Pine Avenue, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701.

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Wyoming Community Development Authority By: Danette Baldacci Crowley Fleck PLLP 101 West Brundage Street Sheridan, WY 82801 1-844-280-7990

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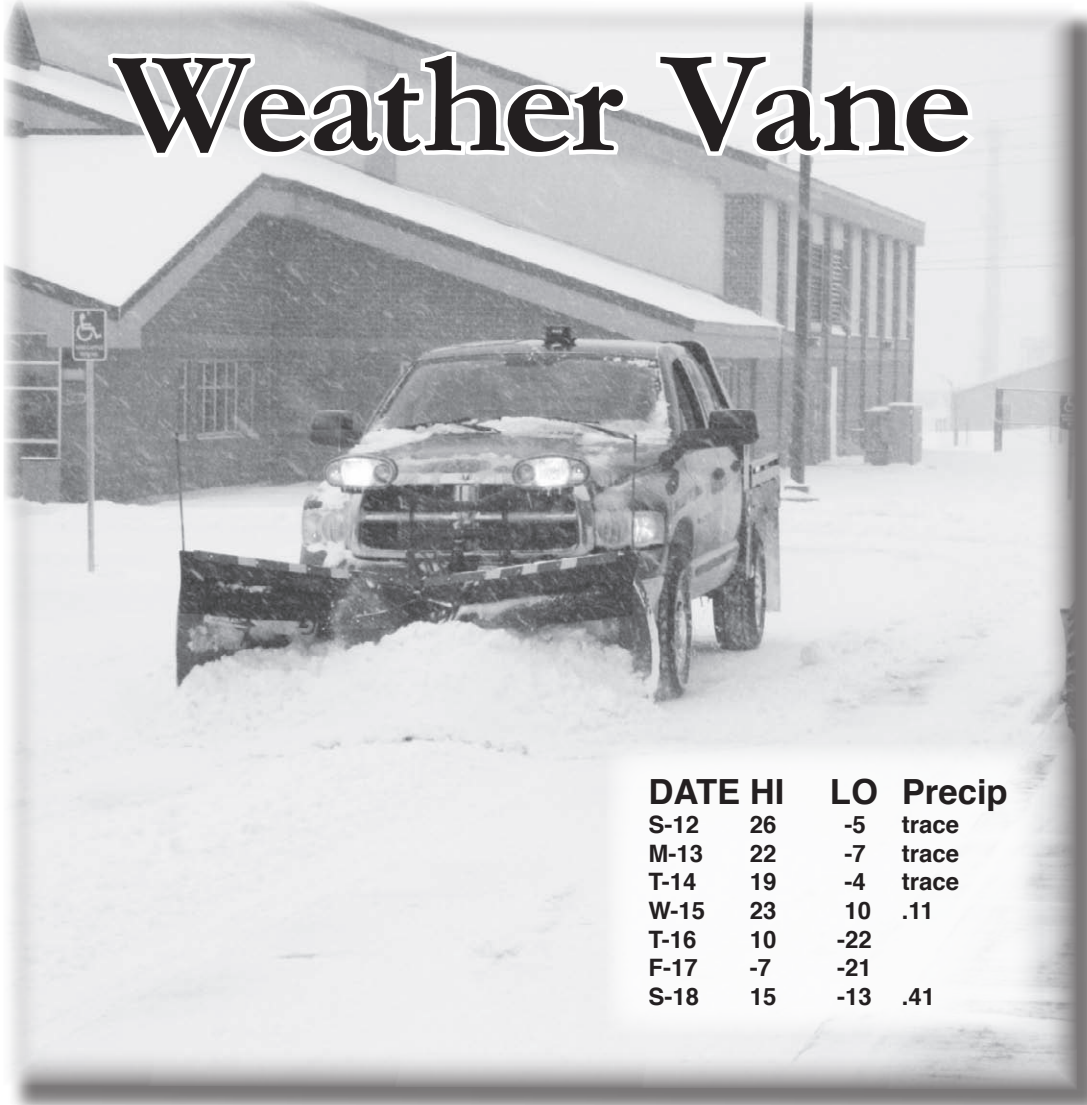
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T-14	19	-4	trace
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T-16	10	-22	
F-17	-7	-21	
S-18	15	-13	.41

## Blotter

**December 11, 2016**  
 Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Commercial alarm reported. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Assist other agency. Suspicious activity reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.  
**December 12**  
 Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. 911 hang up. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Protection Order issued. Traffic stop, No action taken.  
**December 13**  
 Residential alarm reported. 911 hang up. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. House check requested. Traffic stop, Citation issued.



issued. Assist other agency. Assist other agency. Traffic complaint.  
**December 14**  
 Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.  
**December 15**  
 Assist other agency. VIN inspection requested. Assist other agency. Medical assist. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Medical assist. Extra patrol requested. Suspicious activity reported.  
**December 16**  
 Civil standby requested. Accident reported. VIN inspection requested. Motorist assist. Motorist assist. Traffic stop, Verbal Warning issued.  
**December 17**  
 Traffic hazard reported. Medical assist. Bar checks.

**Deadline for Legals is noon on Friday**

## Bid Notice

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Weston County Commissioners will consider proposals at their first meeting on January 3, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. for publishing the county's legal advertisement for the calendar year 2017. All proposals need to be received by 4:30 p.m. on December 30, 2016 to the Weston County Clerk's office, 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY 82701.

Jill Sellers  
 Weston County Clerk

(Publish December 15 and 22, 2016)

## Public Notice

### WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CHEYENNE, WYOMING NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AND FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR HIGHWAY WORK

Notice is hereby given that the State Transportation Commission of Wyoming has accepted as completed according to plans, specifications and rules governing the same work performed under that certain contract between the State of Wyoming, acting through said Commission, and Foothills Contracting Inc., the Contractor, on Highway Project Numbers N442061, B014074 & N442A02 in Weston County, consisting of Recon, with grading, draining, pavement, struct., rehab, etc., and the Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; that the Director of the Department of Transportation will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on January 25, 2017. The date of the first publication of this Notice is December 15, 2016.

STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING  
 By: Kimberly Lamb  
 Project Resource Coordinator  
 Budget Program

(Publish December 15, 22 and 29, 2016)

## Foreclosure Notice

### NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note (the "Note") dated 11/07/2011 executed and delivered by Gerald J. Gesinger, ("Mortgagor") to Guild Mortgage Company, a California Corporation and a real estate mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by said Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Guild Mortgage Company, a California Corporation, and which Mortgage was recorded on 11/09/2011, as Reception No. 731214 Book 332 Page 0835 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming; and The property covered by said Mortgage is described as follows:

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that they really leave the door open for employees to decide exactly how they will accomplish the goals set for their position. Buchholz was hired nearly five years ago to fill the full time 4-H and Youth Education position at the Weston County Extension Office, and since taking that position she has expanded the program in a number of ways.

Hayman explained in her nomination letter that not only has Buchholz increased 4-H camp numbers drastically, she has also offered a number of new programs to the community and brought new competitions to the Weston County Fair.


"Within her first year, she initiated the Farm School program, allowing 4-H and FFA members living within Newcastle city limits to raise market livestock at the fairgrounds. The program has continued to be a success through her tenure in Weston County. This year Stacey worked with the Weston County Jr. Livestock Committee and UW Beef Specialist Steve Paisley, to bring an ultrasound carcass contest to the county fair," Hayman said, noting that there are a number of other successful ventures Buchholz has brought to the community.

Buchholz said the success is supported greatly by her co-workers and the community that she serves. She acknowledged that Hayman and former co-worker Bill Taylor never treated her like the "new kid," and really aided her in becoming a part of the community quickly, which expanded her success. She also credits the other adults



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Buchholz said the five years she has spent in the position have given her time to build solid relationships with the community, and noted that cultivating relationships with 4-H members who were first starting when she did has ensured that she now has a group of teen leaders that are excited, trust her, and are willing to try new things.

"Since the community, Vicki and Bill, 4-H leaders and members have all opened their arms and welcomed me to the family, we really have been able to do a number of fun and exciting things. Overall, I think it has been a number of factors that really come together to help Weston County 4-H be a success...I love my job. It is rewarding to see the interactions between the youth and adult leaders, see members growing their skills and abilities, and be a part of a community that really cares about its youth," announced Buchholz.

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