

The gift of reading



Emeree Tavegie looks on as fellow first grader Sophia Stith reads from a "Little Critters" book to a captivated audience at last week's school board meeting. Board members were touched by the readings and surprised the students by gifting them brand new story books. (Andy McKay/NLJ)

After the inquest

Coroner's finding leads to further investigation

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

The Coroner's Inquest into the manner and cause of death for Richard Campbell came to an end in December when the jury determined, after hearing the testimony of over 25 witnesses, that Campbell's death was to be ruled a homicide.

With that decision comes a recommendation, which the jurors stated in a document filed in District Court, that further investigation into his death was needed.

The Weston County Sheriff's Office will be responsible for continuing that investigation, and Weston County Coroner Cindy Crabtree told the News Letter that she has been informed that there is, indeed, an active investigation going on.

"They need to do investigation into the homicide and build a case," shared Crabtree, noting that the investigation will try to determine who is responsible for Campbell's death. If an individual is identified, they will then be brought in on charges.

Weston County Sheriff Bryan Colvard was not available to answer questions about the case, and County Attorney William Curley offered no comment on actions that could potentially be taken after the closing of the Coroner's Inquest.

He did reveal, however, that Crabtree

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There's a new chief in town

Andy McKay
NLJ Reporter

The City of Upton has been looking to fill the chief of police position since it was left vacant with the previous chief, Lynn Holland's, retirement back in September. After careful consideration, the Upton Town Council has decided to place its trust—and police department—in the hands of Susan Bridge, a police officer from Evanston who boasts a long career in law enforcement.

This is not simply a change in scenery for the longtime officer, as she'll be taking on additional duties and responsibilities with her

new position.

"This is the first time I've had this type of administrative role. I am very excited and anxious to serve in this beautiful place," Bridge admitted.

Bridge will fulfill these new administrative duties while also serving as an officer of the law.

"I'll be a full patrol officer, so I'll be what they call a 'working chief.' I'm hoping to be in the schools at least two days a week teaching. I'll be teaching about the concerns of social media, drug and alcohol abuse, and domestic violence— things that I think at an early age we can do a little bit to influence

in a positive way through education," Bridge said.

Her emphasis on working with and educating youth reflects a National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse study that 90 percent of addictions begin before the age of 18. While statistics help to drive the point home, Bridge is more focused on how that affects children, both today and later on in life.

"All I know is what I see, but what I see is the damage and devastation of the long term use and abuse of those things," Bridge professed, sharing that the best way to

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Still looking for docs

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

Weston County Health Services hosted a strategic planning presentation and lunch last week to present their long-range strategy to interested stakeholders and receive feedback from them about the information presented.

The individuals who joined CEO Maureen Cadwell for lunch were also given the opportunity to ask questions regarding any part of the operation at WCHS, and one area of concern expressed at the gathering involved staffing at the community's medical facility, specifically the number of traveling nurses utilized by WCHS and the long-term plan for recruiting physicians to Newcastle.

Cadwell admitted that when it comes to CNAs WCHS has utilized quite a few

"travelers," but insisted that the local nursing staff is a very stable group and that traveling professionals are actually used very little.

As for the long range plan for physicians in Newcastle, Cadwell indicated that she had been pushing Rapid City Regional, which owns the Newcastle Clinic, to look deeper into recruiting physicians, and said she was trying to help them with that, noting that WCHS is also in the process of recruiting physicians as well.

"We had it on our list to look at urgent care, and that is still on the list. We have no space now, but we would after Phase Two (of the current remodel) is complete. The board has discussed it, and we will continue to push Regional Health. They have four mid-levels and

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The promise of early snow

Still too soon to tell if winter moisture represents the drought's end

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

Newcastle and the surrounding area has already received significant amounts of snow this year, especially when compared to last year, according to snow total reports issued last week by the US Department of Agriculture that reveal areas of elevation near Newcastle are at or above their 30-year median for snowpack.

The two stations nearest to Newcastle from which samples are taken for the reports put out by the USDA each winter are Little Bear Run at 6,240 feet and Mallo at 6,420 feet. Both are north of Newcastle, and located near the South Dakota state line.

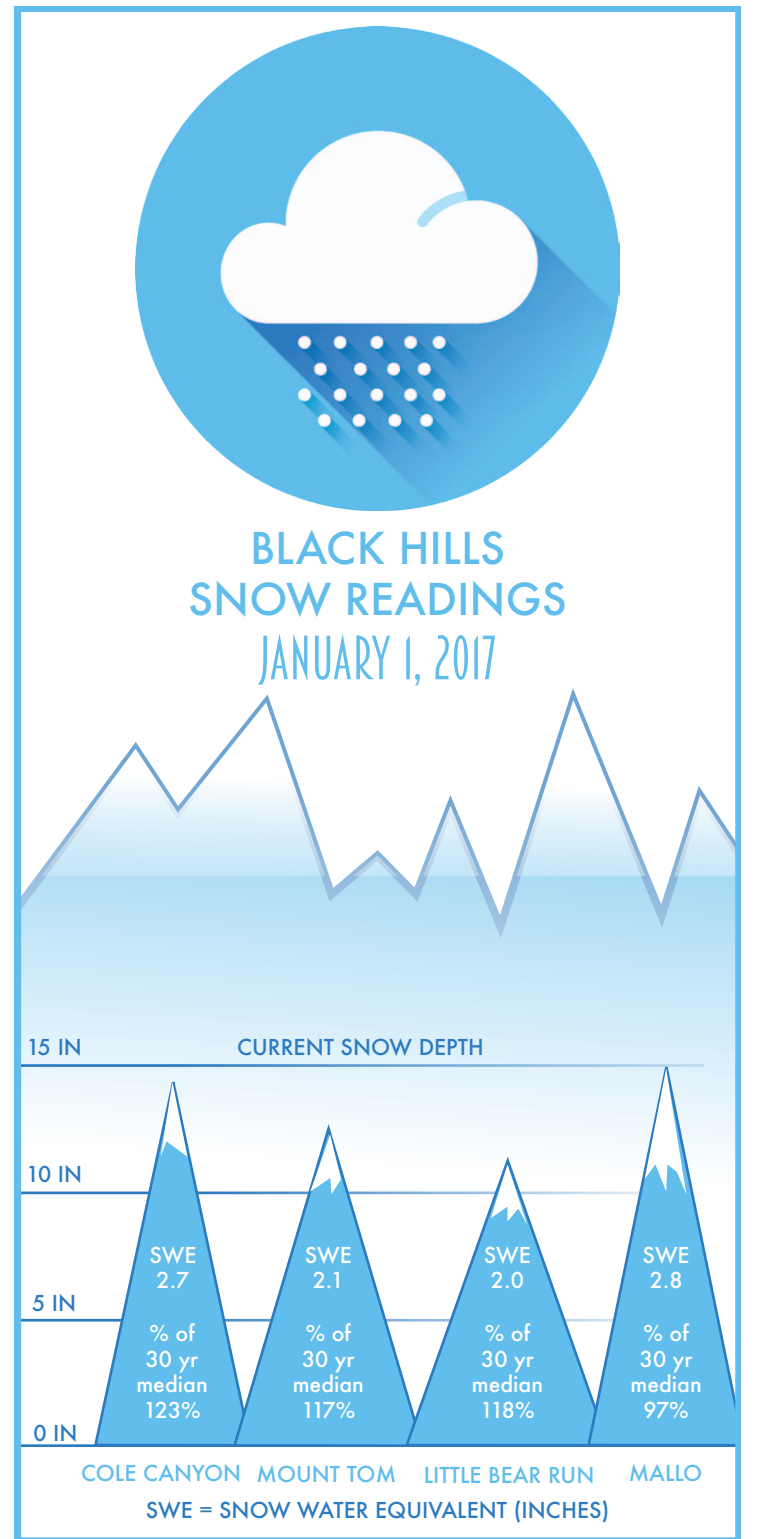
According to USDA Resource Specialist Jason Nehl, the area is doing much better compared to last year— when there wasn't much snow to measure— in terms of total moisture in the snowpack.

"We didn't sample these sites for the January, 1 2015 report, so the last time we know we were at or above normal (100 percent Snow Water Equivalent) was 2014," said Nehl, who is stationed in Sundance. He explained that since the "normal snowpack" value of 100 percent is a median number, half the years will be at or above "normal" and the other half of the years will be at or below normal.

Areas read near Newcastle include Little Bear Run at 6,240 feet and Mallo at 6,420 feet.

Little Bear Run, as of January 1, had

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Board bristles over audit

Andy McKay
NLJ Reporter

Members of the local school board expressed frustration with the findings of a recent audit of lunchroom practices when they were revealed to them at the group's first meeting of 2017 on January 11, but their dissatisfaction was directed at the auditors, not district personnel.

It was reported to the board that the State of Wyoming conducted a multiple day food service audit of the elementary school last week, and the preliminary criticism expressed to local district officials verbally may result in write-ups that would be seen as controversial, judging by the

board's reaction to the report.

WCS D #1 Superintendent Brad LaCroix told the board that district personnel have, to this point, only been notified verbally of the infractions, and said an official written report is expected to be received soon. He indicated that smaller items from the verbal report sometimes do not make an appearance on the official report in audits like this, and said infractions like the ones cited verbally to the district could be dismissed as too minor to officially write-up.

Some board members expressed displeasure when it was explained to the group that one of the more serious infractions

pertained to the simple matter of where the lunch ticket-taker is located when students file into the cafeteria. WCS D #1 Business Manager Deb Sylte explained to the board that the district is not in compliance because the ticket-taker is currently located outside the cafeteria and greets the children before they go through the line.

The tickets are taken in this manner so young students aren't forced to navigate the line while undertaking the tricky task of balancing a tray full of food and brandishing their lunch ticket, but the State of Wyoming wants to verify the students receive

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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
Clear
Hi 44, Lo 25



Friday
Snow Showers
Hi 38, Lo 23



Saturday
Snow Showers
Hi 34, Lo 23



Sunday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 32, Lo 13



Monday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 30, Lo 15



Tuesday
Snow Showers
Hi 27, Lo 13



Wednesday
Snow Showers
Hi 23, Lo 12



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Opinion

News Letter Journal

Our View

Fair market

We have been criticized in the past by readers for supporting the Marketplace Fairness Act sponsored by Senator Mike Enzi. The bill, which passed the Senate but has languished in the U.S. House of Representatives for months, seeks to require online retailers to charge a sales tax on purchases.

Although Wyoming residents have largely opposed a tax on internet sales, we urge continued support from local representatives of a bill currently in the state legislature that seeks to accomplish the same thing.

House Bill 19 comes on the heels of an agreement announced by Governor Matt Mead between Amazon and the State of Wyoming through which the nation's largest internet retailer will start collecting taxes on sales made in Wyoming. To this point, residents of this state have been relatively silent in their opposition to the tax, and we hope our readers will take things a step further and actively encourage our own state legislators to continue moving the bill forward.

We believe the lack of opposition to this point stems largely from the dose of reality we've all been handed in the past year as mineral revenues dried up and state coffers began to empty rapidly. Over the course of the past few months, state leaders have been forced to openly discuss the imposition of new taxes and the elimination of government services to meet a pending budget shortfall, and none of the ideas put forth have been very well received.

When faced with options like a state income tax, higher property taxes and larger class sizes in Wyoming schools, citizens appear to be more willing to accept an internet sales tax than they were before.

We're pleased with that reaction because the revenue the state will receive will prove beneficial as Wyoming navigates the current economic downturn, but that's not the only reason we're happy. The tax will also help level the playing field for our own local businesses, who have been required to collect taxes on their sales all along, and that is just as important for our community as the extra revenue.

Beyond the rhetoric

The debate over the repeal of the Affordable Care Act, otherwise known as Obamacare, is heated. There are millions of passionate voices on both sides that believe the wrong course of action could have catastrophic consequences.

Americans should have a health care system with low costs and that provides access. That is why, as chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, I played a key role in passing a resolution that will provide for the repeal of Obamacare. As we improve the system there will be a stable transition period in which those with insurance under Obamacare will not lose access to health care coverage.

Obamacare is not sustainable. After more than six years, 28 million people remain uninsured. Insurance markets are failing.

Premiums are soaring. Thousands of Wyomingites have complained to me their health care options are worse because of the flawed law. They and millions of other Americans have demanded that we repeal Obamacare.

The law provided assistance to some people who had no coverage; however, it has simultaneously made insurance across all sectors more expensive.

In Wyoming and many parts of the country, Obamacare created an environment of instability in the insurance marketplace. In our state, we lost one out of only two insurers on the individual market, WINhealth, in large part because the law's economics do not work long-term.

It would be irresponsible to ignore the realities of this law. The Senate passed the resolution to start the repeal of Obamacare January 12 and now the committees with jurisdiction will take the next steps to ensure Congress can vote on a repeal at a later date.

We are discussing people's health care and therefore their very lives. Please don't accept the political talking points that this is just a way for Republicans to kick people off of their health care.

We will work to ensure that any repeal of the law will include a stable transition period in which those with insurance will not lose access to health care coverage.

There are half a dozen or more serious proposals that would improve our health care system that we need to

consider.

I had a proposal even before Obamacare that would have made critical reforms to how health insurance works. Now we've taken the first step to get rid of the bad system.

Consider that while the Obama Administration has claimed Obamacare has insured 20 million people, we know that data is wrong. In reality the number is likely closer to 14 million, with 84 percent of them just being added to Medicaid. But even that is misleading because two-thirds of those added to Medicaid were already eligible before the law passed. More than half of the "new people" who gained health care under Obamacare were already eligible, they just didn't know it.

I am not seeking to take away health care from folks who like what they have now. My colleagues and I will look to protect them as we take the next step in health reform. Don't expect a 2,700 page government health care plan though. We will work to repair the damaged insurance markets and provide stability for people.

Mandating a one-size-fits-all health insurance plan doesn't make sense. We have seen six years of out-of-control cost increases that have accompanied it.

The GOP did not put Obamacare in place. We've been prevented from making changes until now, but we are committed to taking the steps to confront the hard reality that this law has, and is, failing millions, and costing billions. We want to create a better system.

I am on the committees that will be working on changes (Senate Finance and Health, Education, Labor and Pension Committees) and my goal will be to pass a step-by-step reform to our health care system that gives Americans access to quality, patient-centered affordable care. We will be able to craft a new set of reforms, listening carefully to the advice of the millions of affected Americans and to make sure that we proceed wisely and do no harm.

I know senators on the other side of the aisle share the goal of a robust health care system for hardworking families, and I hope that they will work together with us to find common ground that delivers more choices and lower costs.

Guest View



Mike Enzi
U.S. Senate

Untapped resources

The Wyoming Small Business Development Center (SBDC) met with a group of dedicated Weston County business owners last Tuesday at the Weston County Library.

The SBDC visits Newcastle on a quarterly basis to assist area business owners with just about anything they need— at no cost.

Funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration, their experts offer assistance with everything from developing a business plan, accounting and bookkeeping (yes, Quickbooks), hiring, creating marketing materials, adopting sustainable business practices, and even an exit strategy for when you're ready to retire, sell your business, or purchase a new business.

Other than a few of their webinars, all of their services are free, and the webinars are the direct result of the SBDC's \$100,000 grant to provide educational opportunities to Wyoming businesses.

Additionally, the SBDC offers

a whole variety of loan guarantee programs that can aid you with financing your new business, or just putting some more capital in your current business.

Surprisingly, few business owners are taking advantage of all that the SBDC has to offer, and their leaders hope that will change.

They're always eager for suggestions on new topics, and want to hear about the challenges facing small business owners right now.

Starting a new business, or sustaining the business that you have, can be challenging in the best of times. With a downturn in the economy, access to resources, professional expertise, and maybe just a small loan can keep your business going.

Let the SBDC guide you through the initial launch of your business and beyond. Visit their website at www.WyomingSBDC.org or call Susan Rezanina at 307-261-6520 for more information on how they can help you and your Wyoming business.



Pam Penfield
Tradelines

Letters to the Editor

Pursue the golden rule for a brighter 2018

Dear Editor,

It has been interesting to read letters vouching for either Creation or Evolution. God and science, however, are not mutually exclusive.

On the contrary. See for example, the Laws of Physics. Ample evidence exists for those educated and spiritually inclined showing essential truths of the physical/natural world actually reflect and reinforce truth in the spiritual/heavenly realm.

Let us, as we enter a new year, not fear those individuals who seek to limit or circumvent discovery. Let us counter any fear of truth with explanation and enlightenment. As a resolution, it is a lofty but worthy aspiration to act in our own lives so as to apply (and thereby expand) the goodness in advanced research while seeking to earnestly practice God's Word in our own lives.

Dr. Tony Evans (Victory in Spiritual Warfare, Harvest House, 2011, p.28) writes "God's work and involvement is greatly reduced in a context of disunity. There must be harmony brought about through a genuine and authentic humility and a biblically defined love in order to witness the fullest manifestation of God's presence and power".

As so with science and religion, life and liberty for my fellow Americans are not mutually exclusive rights.

However well-intentioned our legislative representatives and judicial appointees may be, let us pray for them in the upcoming weeks to preserve both life and liberty in a spirit of unity, not disharmony.

In 2017, we have a time to make fresh choices, to re-examine what has and has not worked in our great state and nation. Let us make wise choices for all Americans, including men, women and children.

The old, disabled and differently abled. Black and white, rich and poor.

Let us pray for law enforcement, criminals and all involved with the Department of Corrections—for those employed and incarcerated to follow the golden rule.

Let us develop and sustain our economy to improve quality of life for all and workplace safety for employees.

Blessed as we are in Wyoming, in many areas, including Syria, Turkey and much of Europe, we only have to turn on the TV or radio to hear how hard it has been for refugees this past year. Let us pray for them and help in the spirit of Godliness however we are able.

Let those of us with drivers' licenses, steady employment, access to clean water, fresh vegetables, etc. make good choices. If we follow the golden rule of doing unto others as we would have them do unto us, others may be healthy and encouraged also.

That would set us on a path for an even brighter 2018!

For those in a position to help teachers and parents, please do so. All of our children need a supportive community in order to thrive. Biodiversity has been depleted already, so let us be careful and responsible with exploration and extraction.

Some valuable organic matter we may not be able to re-create, or recreate easily. Let us endeavor to heal friends who suffer, while commending those happy in goodness and practicing the word of God.

We always have choices. In 2017, let us choose well by choosing "Good." Life is humanity (and

animals, plants...) and liberty equals freedom. God help us, science protect us, as citizens of a great nation, as we approach the quarter mark of this new century, we have an imperative.

Engage in thoughts and actions that demonstrate God's love, purity of fact and tolerance.

God Bless America.

—Lea Mendinghall

Conflicts in Russia and at home as well

Dear Editor,

There, we have gone and done it! We put Putin's lap dog into our White House. I wonder what Senator Joe McCarthy would have thought about that?

Closer to home is the problem of conflict of interest! I believe that all of the previous Presidents divested themselves of any and all business interests. The Donald refuses, claiming that his sons can run his business without any help from Dad.

And, the moon is made of blue cheese. More to the point: The Donald seems to believe that he is above the law. Someone should mention to him that he is moving into the "Peoples House." The White House not just another bankruptcy court.

I doubt that the "Nasty, Nasty" woman would have made so obvious a mistake.

It is clear that our civil rights attorneys will have their work cut out for them. Racist appointee Jeff Sessions will keep them busy.

I just wonder, if the Donald deports everybody who doesn't belong here, will we all have to go back to the land of our ancestors?

And, give the country back to the native Indians?

—Jerry Baird



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A lot of bull



Rory Burleson, an electrical supervisor at Black Thunder Mine, bagged a mammoth of an elk this year after putting in a three week effort to find the perfect bull. Even with 15 years experience hunting elk, Burleson admits he's never seen one like it.

"He's a hell of a bull. I saw him once or twice, and I kinda knew he was the one I wanted. But I couldn't pass him up. I knew that for sure," Burleson commented.

It took Burleson multiple outings to bag the monster, which boasts a 363 7/8 growth and a 352 4/8 net. This was a memorable hunting season for the coal miner, even without taking home a well-endowed prize, as this was Burleson's first time taking down his elk with a bow.

"Bow hunting elk is definitely a lot more intense. Deer hunting isn't during the rut, so it is kinda happenstance when they run into you. But elk is during the rut, so they're out bugling and raising hell. It's scary and exciting at the same time. The only way to experience it is to go out and do it," confessed Burleson.

The bull was scored using the Pope and Young Club's official scoring system by local hunting enthusiast Brad Jones but they're waiting for the official results to come back. The prospect is just icing on the cake for Burleson, who also found success filling his antelope and deer tags this season.

"I got a freezer full of meat. It was a good year," Burleson concluded. (Submitted Photo)

Inquest

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must file two documents, a verdict and the docket, with District Court, and a week ago he told the News Letter Journal that one of those documents had been filed. He too acknowledged that a subsequent investigation would need to be done through the Weston County Sheriff's Department.

"In a normal case, the coroner's report will be looked at and investigation reports reviewed, but a decision to lodge a criminal charge and pursue them will have to be bottomed on evidence through the benediction of the criminal court process. Certain oars may have to be mined twice," Curley explained.

Crabtree agreed that more investigation must

take place, but said the inquest was successful in meeting its purpose.

"We started out strictly looking for manner and cause of death. Everything we gathered at that time was put into the inquest, and was information pertaining to why he was killed," revealed Crabtree.

Curley did indicate to the News Letter Journal that making the information about Campbell's death available to the public is another purpose a Coroner's Inquest can serve, regardless of whether or not criminal charges are ever brought as a result.

"One function is to alert the public to a danger," Curley suggested.

SCOTT PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

According to court documents, Caroline Scott entered a plea of not guilty to felony charges of witness intimidation, a violation of Wyoming Statute 6-5-305(a) in Sixth District Court on December 9. These charges stem from

reports that Scott intimidated witnesses in the Coroner's Inquest held in Weston County this fall to determine the manner and cause of death of 60-year old Richard Campbell in 2015. The Inquest, which began in September, was concluded last month. A jury trial is tentatively scheduled for April 17, and

March 30 has been set as the pretrial conference date. If convicted, Scott faces up to 10 years in prison and fines of up to \$5,000 or both, according to W.S. 6-5-305(a). The statute states it is a felony to, by force or threat, attempt to influence, intimidate or impede a juror, witness or officer in the discharge of his duty.

Speech team back on a roll

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

Competition was heated last weekend as the Newcastle speech team set off for Buffalo on a mission to maintain the momentum they've been building this season— despite being thwarted by the cancellation of half of their scheduled meets thus far because of winter weather.

"Last weekend was only our third meet of the year, and one of the takeaways that I have is just how much better we're doing already this year over last season," head coach Michael Alexander told the News Letter Journal. "Last year we did not take home one Sweepstakes Award, and this year we have our third consecutive with a third place finish in 3A last weekend."

Sweepstakes Awards are given to the top three teams in each classification and so far Newcastle is three-for-three.

As the squad kicked off the Buffalo meet, they were coming off of a great finish at Torrington just before the Christmas break. However, the hiatus between competitions meant that there was some catching up to do as the new year began.

"We had such an excellent Torrington tournament right before Christmas break. We had at least three instances where our kids swept their rounds, so that's really difficult to replicate," Alexander exclaimed. "But then we had the winter break to account for, so we had to

re-learn and re-memorize our stuff. In Madee Frazee's case, she had to deal with a whole new debate topic." While every other category allows competitors to hone and refine their pieces throughout the season, every two months the Lincoln/Douglas Debate topic is changed, so the case Frazee presented for the first couple of meets— which she knew inside and out— had to be changed.

"Madee having to change to a new topic for this first meet did work against us— that combined with the fact that there were more teams with stiffer competition. Suffice it to say we didn't do as well as we did at Torrington," Alexander admitted.

Approximately 15 teams were in attendance at the Buffalo meet from schools that ranged in class size, but despite the difference in size, Newcastle held their own throughout the competition.

Heather Michaelis placed second in Oratory, Colin Heaton and Kinlee Whitney finished third in Duo, and Emily Freytag and Hunter Vaughn nabbed sixth in Duo. Anna Gettinger and Markie Whitney broke into finals in Oratory and Student Congress respectively, but fell just short of placing.

"Heather placing second was awesome," Alexander grinned. "Both she and Anna were strong going into the final round and fortunately

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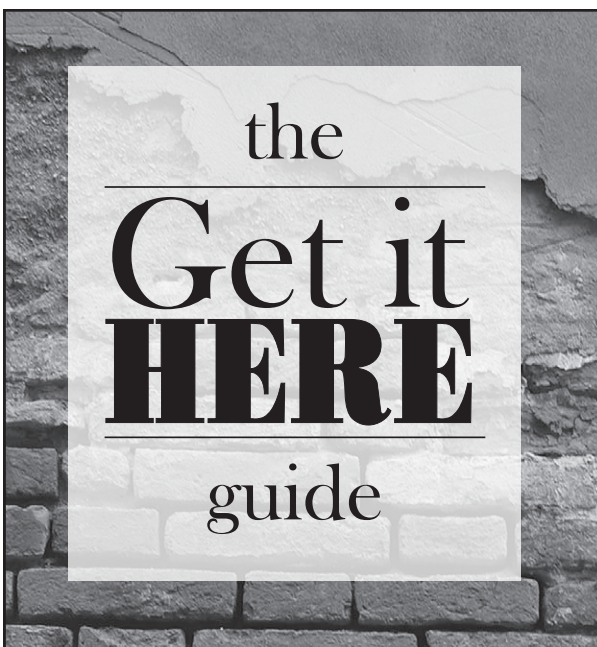


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Obituaries

Robert Van Every
Sept. 24, 1926-Jan 16, 2017
Services for Robert Van Every are pending. See next week's News Letter Journal for a full obituary.

Edwin Nugene Egge
Oct. 23, 1936-Jan. 11, 2017
Edwin Nugene Egge passed away peacefully on January 11, 2017 in Newcastle.

Gene, as he was known to his friends and family, was born October 23, 1936 to Melba (nee Madden) and Edwin Egge in Canton, S.D. It was here that he and his brothers developed a passion for sports, playing basketball and "Sandlot" style baseball every chance they got. When he was in Senior High school, his family moved to Rapid City, S.D. and from there graduated high school. He attended Black Hills State University where he earned his degree in education. It was there that he met and married Joan Bonsell. Together they proudly had 2 children, Robert "Bob" and Gary. He later married Jenny, his wife of 37 years, and became a step-father to

Dan, Dessa, Donnie and Melissa. Gene began his career teaching math and science in Newcastle. Developing a love for all things Wyoming, he earned his Master's in Administration from the University of Wyoming. He dedicated 30 years to the Newcastle school district where he also served as the Principal of the Elementary and Middle schools. Gene believed in the power of education and instilled that value in his students, children, and grandchildren.

After retiring in 1990, Gene spent 15 years as the grounds keeper at the Newcastle Country Club. He took every opportunity to golf as much as he could and taught his grandchildren the rules of the game. Hunting was one of Gene's greatest passions and enjoyed spending many years hunting in the Moskee area with his sons and good friends. It pleased him when

his grandchildren, Sara and Garrett Egge, began their love of hunting as well. In 2015, after 54 years of application, Gene finally drew a Moose tag in the Snowy Range Mountains of Wyoming. He enjoyed being able to hunt with his sons one more time.

Gene's 15 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren provided him with great joy. He loved watching their sporting events and hearing about their academic achievements. Providing them with a beautiful yard for them to play and have family picnics was one of his great pleasures.

Gene was an avid sports fan and happily attended Super Bowl XXVI, PGA Championship, PGA US Open and Daytona 500. Always a history buff, he had a great interest in the American Indian and Old West cultures. He collected many historical items related to the American Indian and the Black Hills area. He would talk tirelessly about any subject to anyone. His role of educator was never far away. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Terry and Sheridan "Pushy"; sister, Donna.

He is survived by his wife, Jenny; brother, Larry; sons, Robert and Gary (Ami); step-children, Dan (Juli) Patton, Dessa (Mike) West, Donnie (Elizabeth) Patton and Melissa (Troy) Cade; grandchildren, Sara and Garrett Egge, Adam, Jessica, Kiana, Katara, Nick, Elizabeth, Jennifer, Kendra, Tommy, Jordan, Garrett, Jolaney and Laramie; great-grandchildren, Annabelle and Dahlia.

At Gene's request cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Friends and family are invited to sign Gene's online register and leave written condolences at www.blackhillsfuneral-home.com.

Peter A. Kaiser
Oct. 25, 1937-Jan. 4, 2017

Peter A. Kaiser, 79, former Gillette area resident, joined the Lord on January 4, 2017 at St. Mark's Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. Pete was born in Erlangen, Germany where he met his bride Maria. At the age of 19 he moved to the United States where he took up residency in Wyoming. Pete started working in the oilfields on drilling rigs. He worked

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Small biz roundtable



Deb Carr from W.C. Sports and Western Wear and Ruthie Spence from A1 Agency take part in the Small Business Administration's quarterly workshop held at the library last Tuesday. (Pamela Penfield/NLJ)



Newcastle Lodge No. 13, A.F. & A.M.
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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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- 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.
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- VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH:** Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366.
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God is our protection and our strength. He always helps in times of trouble. -Psalms 46:12

Daily Devotional Reading

Jan 19 Matthew 17:1-23	Jan 20 Matthew 18:1-14	Jan 21 Matthew 19:13-30	Jan 22 John 17:1-26	Jan 23 Matthew 20:1-19	Jan 24 Matthew 20:20-34	Jan 25 Acts 9:1-25
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January 15, 1892

The night watchman at the B.&M. in Gillette fell into the well one night & drowned.

Conductor Bennefield brought 699 tons of coal from Cambria last evening. There were twenty-six cars & the caboose.

A confectionery & stationery store is to be started in Newcastle within two weeks by one of our most popular young men.

There is a strong probability that a South Dakota gentleman will open a large stock general merchandise in Newcastle in the not far distant future.

The jury called to investigate the sanity of Lehman, the Custer County Murderer, brought in a verdict to the effect that he was perfectly sane, & the execution was set for today. It is probable that the sentence has already been carried out.

The energy of Mrs. Walter, the estimable landlady of the Arlington Hotel, is shown in the thorough renovation that the house has lately received. The dining room is large & airy, & with the new papering is a more attractive place than ever.

January 18, 1917

Big Dance at the Armory, Saturday, January 20th.

Beaver Lodge, No. 52, I.O.O.F. will hold a regular meeting at the hall in Newcastle next Tuesday evening. Work in the second degree. Lunch

will be served after lodge. All members are requested to be present. Visitors are welcome.

Winnie Jones, of the Newcastle Mercantile Company, spent Sunday in Edgemont.

W.V. Dolezal went to Sundance last Tuesday morning, to be gone several days.

The AU7 freight teams were in Tuesday taking out a large stock of groceries & feed for

the stock.

Dr. D.C. Ross of Upton, has assumed charge of Dr. Horton's practice for a week or ten days, until the latter returns from Omaha. Dr. Ross is very proficient in both medical & surgical work, having come West about a year ago.

Mrs. Francis Budroe, of Howard, was visiting a few days at the home of her sister, Mrs. Axel Simonsen, of this city.

January 15, 1942

Newcastle will celebrate the president's birthday at a dance at the Armory, Saturday, January 31, with music by the Black Hills Swing Kings, it was announced by County Chairman Homer Reynolds. Admission will be one dollar.

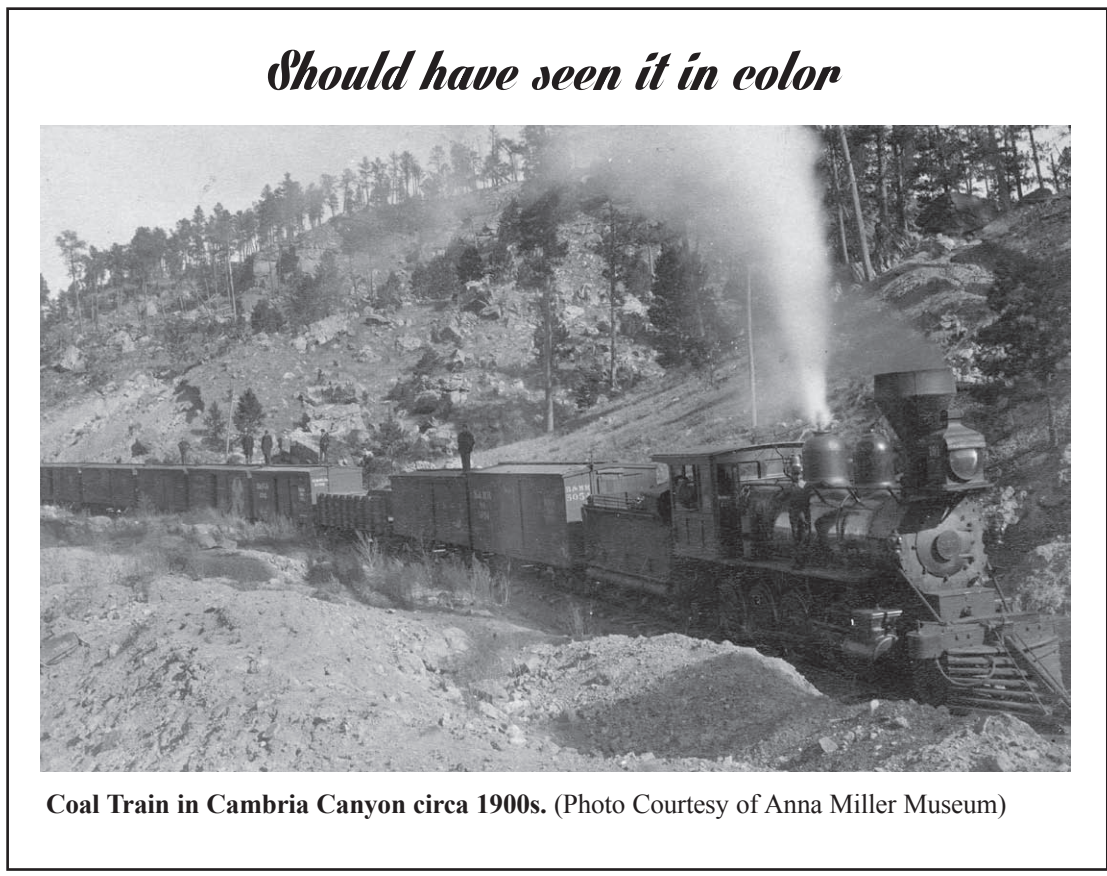
A regular monthly meeting of the Wyoming Club was held Wednesday evening at the

home economics room at the high school. Ten members were present. Plans were made to sponsor a trip to one of the basketball games in Laramie, preferably that of Colorado University.

Mrs. Anna C. Miller was given a surprise dinner the evening of Thursday, January 8th. Mrs. Miller who makes her home with her daughter & son in law, Mr. & Mrs. J.E. Oliver, was 74 years old that day. Those who attended the dinner at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Oliver were; Mr. & Mrs. P.S. Jackson, Mr. & Mrs. E.E. Wakeman, & Mrs. C.C. Kirkpatrick.

An abandoned mine located a mile West of Lusk will serve as a bomb shelter in case it is ever needed.

Two of the Ben Morris children have been ill with tonsillitis.



Coal Train in Cambria Canyon circa 1900s. (Photo Courtesy of Anna Miller Museum)

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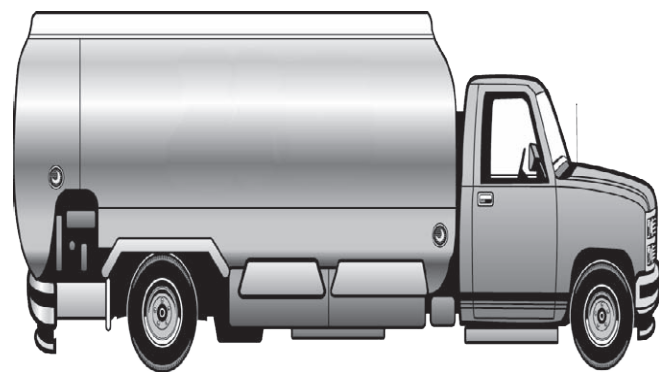
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Obituaries

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Peter Kaiser

long hours throughout the years and learned the business from the bottom up. During his career Pete and his partners successfully owned and operated several oil well drilling companies and eventu-

ally expanded in oil well production. Pete passed on his hard working ethics to his children. Pete's favorite saying was "there is no can't" and will be forever remembered by his children. They are very proud of their father and his accomplishments. Pete had four children, Angie, Sonya, Peter, Jr. and Whitney. He was very proud

of all of them. Pete is survived by his grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews and a brother. Pete was preceded in death by his parents, sister, two brothers, a grandson and a granddaughter. He will be sorrowfully missed by his family and friends. Worden Funeral Directors of Newcastle are in charge of arrangements.

WHAT'S UP January 2017

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thurs 19	6:00 p.m.	WCHS Board Meeting	Hospital Board Room
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
	7:30 p.m.	Masons	Masonic Lodge #13
Fri 20	7:00 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
Sat 21	7:00 p.m.	NA Meeting	Cambria Church Basement
	7:00 p.m.	Allen and Matt Carlson Concert	WC Senior Center
Sun 22	7:15 p.m.	Women Only Life Recovery Meeting	Cambria Church Basement
Mon 23	6:00 p.m.	AAU Volleyball Registration	High School Commons
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
Tues 24	12:00 p.m.	Alzheimers/Dementia Support Group	WC Senior Center
	6:00 p.m.	Hunter's Ed Class	Mormon Church
	6:30 p.m.	Eastern Star	Eastern Star #30
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Mondell Heights, Breakfast Room
Wed 25	6:00 p.m.	WCSD #1 Board Meeting	Administration Building
	7:00 p.m.	NA Meeting	Cambria Church Basement
Thurs 26	11:45 a.m.	WCHS Foundation Board Meeting	Hospital Board Room
	6:00 p.m.	Hunter's Ed Class	Mormon Church
	6:00 p.m.	AAU Volleyball Registration	High School Commons
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
Fri 27	11:30 a.m.	Library Board Meeting	WC Library
	6:30 p.m.	Family Fun Game Night	WC Library
	7:00 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Western Ramblers Dance	WC Senior Center

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

- January 19**
Aaron Gordon Tunnell ☼
- January 20**
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Kyle Kachelhoffer
- January 21**
Heather Stith ☼
Nikki Bloom
- January 22**
Kyle Allard
Ken Dutcher
- January 23**
Cassie Cassey
Justin Francis
- January 24**
Leonard Cash
- January 25**
Jared Sallee
Melissa Hieb
John Patik, Sr. ☼
- January 26**
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On behalf of Matthew Johnson and family, we would like to thank all of our friends & family for the thoughts, prayers and support during Matt's stay at the University of Salt Lake Burn Center. We would like to give a special thanks to Shel and Loretta Murphy as Shel unselfishly covered Dan's work shift so that he could stay with Matt and family in Salt Lake City. Thanks Shel, 6 straight weeks in North Dakota couldn't have been easy!
Matthew is doing well and is back to work. He has a long road to full recovery, but we can honestly say that we wouldn't have made it this far without all of the support from everyone, so from the bottom of our hearts, thank you.
Dan, Sheri, Amanda, Megan and Matthew Johnson of Sidney MT.



New Upton Police Chief Susan Bridge plans to make substance abuse and domestic violence awareness and education a cornerstone of her agenda as chief. She is excited to serve in this new capacity in a community she has long loved. (Andy McKay/NLJ)

Upton PD

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combat the cycles of abuse is through community outreach and education.

“In law enforcement, you work up to certain levels where you gain enough training where you can start teaching. You have to know what you’re doing before you teach somebody else. Since before I was able to teach, it’s been a passion to educate the general public as I dealt with them,” Bridge stated.

Though coming from the opposite corner of the state, the new chief stated that this almost seems like a homecoming, as she is very familiar with the area thanks to her frequent trips to the nearby Black Hills.

“I love riding my motorcycle. For years, I would—on my days off— get on my motorcycle with a backpack, and I would always end up in this part of the state,” the new chief said.

Bridge is no stranger to big moves. Her stepdad worked as a pipeline welder, so their hometown was wherever there was work. Bridge humorously described those early years as living like gypsies, a familiar sentiment to anyone whose livelihood made life a series of transitions from one place to another. It was a change of pace when her family eventually moved to Evanston and set down roots over 30 years ago.

Bridge said that her early life was a chief contributor to her decision to join the force.

“My mother had a very bad drinking problem and my stepdad was involved in a subculture that was kind of sketchy, and I always felt like I wanted to keep other kids from having that kind of childhood. So, as soon as I got out of school, I went right to college and got a job in law enforcement right away in 1986,” the police chief reported.

Bridge earned her degree at Fort Lewis in Durango, Colorado, but she quickly found herself back in Evanston, a place she would call home for the next three decades. She said that an officer’s education doesn’t stop in college, however, but persists as officers gain more experience and training in certain specialized areas, like tazing or DUI’s. This helps the department as a whole as those officers can then pass that knowledge on to the rest of the force.

“Those officers train the rest of the police department, so everyone is constantly updating their skills. I come from a department in Evanston where education is very important. We helped each other learn more about what our specialties were, and that’s what I want to carry on here,” Bridge said.

The concept of divide and conquer allowed her and her fellow officers to learn and grow more effectively and have experts on hand when needed, but that was only possible through the benefit of a large pool of officers. Coming from a department boasting 28 sworn officers, Bridge will have to change how she has approached officer education and improvement from the past, but she remains undaunted.

“This is a great community, and we have a fantastic sheriff’s department. Sheriff Colvard is great at working with other agencies. We help each other as far as training. I’ve met some of those individuals in charge of those departments, and I’m very excited to have their input and to work with them,” the chief stated.

The change in venue will also require a new outlook in how she approaches her day-to-day interactions with the public.

“It’s a challenge because it’s a different mindset in this smaller community. I love community-based policing. That’s getting out into the community and reaching people and finding out what their needs are,” Bridge explained.

The new chief added that bolstering the ranks in Upton would allow the department to better serve the town, but admitted such a move is pending an analysis of the budget.

“Hopefully we’ll have one more (officer) in the future. That has to be approved by City Council, but we’re hoping to one day have a full staff,” Bridge said.

The rapport she enjoyed with her community in Evanston was based on the trust that she would treat even those she arrested with courtesy and respect. Their safety and well-being are her top priority, a reassurance that often kept a bad experience from escalating into a nightmare.

“They knew that I would take care of them from the time that I picked them up until I dropped them off,” Bridge affirmed. “My goals are to be of service and to protect (residents) either from others or from themselves. That’s not just a spiel I give. I truly believe that because it affected my life as a child.”

The chief said that officers often see people at their worst, whether caught in a crime or at an accident, and she tries to remember that as she approaches every situation. For her, a person’s worth amounts to more than a situation.

“If you judge someone from that little snippet, then shame on you. I will take into consideration all the information I have in front of me,” Bridge

reported. She said that this does not keep her from fulfilling her duties as peace officer, and she does not hesitate to do what the situation requires.

Bridge’s compassion and respect for those she serves is reflected by the Evanston law enforcement body that has supported her through this transition.

“I loved the community I served, and my past chief has been a huge encouragement through this process,” Bridge said, noting that while there are things she will miss about her former home, she is just excited about her new surroundings. As mentioned earlier, Bridge has a passion for motorcycles. This pursuit has made the Black Hills area particularly attractive and made the police chief opening a chance of a lifetime to live and work in a place she loves.

“I’ve loved riding motorcycles my whole life. I started out with dirt bikes when I was really young,” Bridge said. She currently has two bikes, “a Yamaha 113 Raider and an Ultra-Classic Harley that I love to take on long trips.”

Bridge is also an enthusiast of frontier history. She has a love for the lore of mountain men and trappers who relied on their instincts and wit for survival. These intrepid explorers and entrepreneurs trailblazed the corridors which would eventually allow America to settle the West, but to do this they largely cut themselves off from the outside world. Their lone interaction with Western civilization usually came with the annual rendezvous to sell their furs and resupply before withdrawing to the mountains for another long sojourn.

“My very all-time favorite hobby besides riding my motorcycle is to build garments and tools from that era. I also do a lot of reenactments from the pre-1840’s,” the chief shared.

Bridge is the mother of six grown children who are now sprinkled across the west, and her husband owns a water purification company. She mentioned that he will remain in Evanston to run the business for the near future, but said the two have been looking to purchase property and moving to the area for over a year and a half, well before the job opening.

Being a police officer is the only career Bridge has ever wanted, and it is her passion and steadfast drive that makes her stand out.

“I love what I do. I always used to tell my children, ‘I get to go to work.’ Some days are better than others, but I still get to go to work and I’m truly blessed,” Bridge professed.

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Correction

In last week’s page one story, “Courthouse May Start Taking Credit Cards,” the name of the company that would handle credit card transactions was incorrect. The company is Secure Instant Payments, not Instapayments. We regret the error.

Generations

News Letter Journal

Slow down and make time

Supe urges community to embrace mentoring

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

January is National Mentoring Month, and Weston County School District #1 Superintendent Brad LaCroix hopes the designation will raise awareness of the need for mentors for today's youth, who he believes may require productive mentors more than any generation before them.

Due to the change in the lifestyle of Americans over the last 30 years, LaCroix suggested that the way children are mentored has changed as well. He asserted that the needs of each age group may vary, but feels mentoring at all ages is important to preserve the lifestyle in rural Wyoming.

"Mentoring starts early, when they are coming into school for daycare, and for parents we try to build that bridge right away," LaCroix explained, noting that early childhood is an important transition age. He said that school personnel try to provide children with a sense of belonging early on through peer tutoring and the Double Aces after school program, and indicated they use other avenues to engage children as well.

Middle school is another transition age for youth, and LaCroix said that children are first exposed to issues and challenges involving at-risk

behaviors encountered in the community, and he insisted that all forms of guided mentorship are important at this age. This type of mentorship is often provided by coaches and directors of other activities young teens are engaged in.

A few years later, students begin another transition when they enter high school, and mentors are needed to help students explore potential career paths.

"In high school it is almost a career-technical form of mentoring," reported LaCroix, who said the school uses internships to allow students to explore a more diverse range of opportunities.

The Superintendent hopes to attract what he calls "veterans" to the effort of mentoring local teens, and said that older individuals in the community who have expertise in specific hobbies or experience in certain ventures hold a vast amount of knowledge. According to LaCroix, residents like these can play a crucial role in raising the community's youth.

"That is where the saying 'it takes a village to raise children' came from," revealed LaCroix, who believes the slogan signifies that it takes a variety of people with different experiences to mentor youth appropriately. He fears that the focus on giving and receiving such mentorship has slipped away in today's fast-paced world because it was easier in the past for more people to be involved in the life of a child.

"When I was a kid, it was easier for a neighbor to get involved... Today, because of how things are, they are less

apt to get involved and to become that mentor," LaCroix commented, noting that one of the biggest advantages to living in small town America should be the wealth of experienced individuals who possess a certain skill— or even just a 'knack'— that they are eager to pass on to younger generations.

According to LaCroix, this doesn't happen as frequently as it should, and he encourages youth and potential mentors to reach out to each other

or two."

"We created a bond there. They had a game in common, but they shared so much more than that," LaCroix said wistfully.

He maintains that small town America, and Newcastle specifically, need to work harder to encourage such activities, and said the block schedule utilized at the high school has always been meant to allow students who had an outside passion, time to explore that interest. The

"We never unlocked that other piece," admitted LaCroix, who reasoned that late start Wednesdays also have the potential to spark education and provide a time for people to share the gifts they possess.

He is hopeful that the community will seize on these mentorship opportunities with greater frequency, and noted that children and teens are already exposed to mentoring in a number of different venues not associated with the school they attend or a team they play on. He applauded the fact that individuals are presently being mentored through clubs, churches and other activities, and said there are even instances where students are being mentored by their own peers, and said he hopes the community will continue to show a willingness to help others in such a fashion.

"We need to continue, no matter the challenges," remarked LaCroix, who pointed out that adults can serve as mentors by providing a good example through their actions, and not simply by what they say. He also commented that good mentors will make time for individuals, and be willing to let them struggle and grow while making sure they are there to pick a child back up when they fall.

LaCroix reminisced about time he shared with the late Gene Egge, a former teacher and member of the school board who acted as his mentor in a number of different ways. He said that both made a point out of making enough time to benefit from the mentoring relationship.

"We are way too quick to be busy," asserted LaCroix.

Mentoring Matters

According to statistics, one in three young people are growing up without a mentor, which means nine million kids in America don't have somebody available to them to offer real guidance. Having a mentor empowers young people to make smart choices that put them on a path to making better life decisions, and students who have mentors are more likely to stay in school.

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55% more likely to be enrolled in college.

46% less likely than their peers to start using drugs.

81% percent more likely to report participating regularly in sports or extracurricular activities.

78% more likely to volunteer regularly in their communities.

130% more likely to say that they held a leadership position in a club or sports team.

90% of respondents who had a mentor said they are now interested in becoming a mentor.

(Source: www.nationalmentoringmonth.org)

One in three young people are growing up without a mentor.



more readily so knowledge could be shared and spread more frequently. He recalled that a "seniors" pool tournament used to be held years ago that involved Newcastle High School students competing against senior citizens. He reported that the students inevitably went into the room thinking they were unbeatable, only to have the older gentlemen "show them a thing

enhancement time at the school also allows students to act as mentors themselves, by providing time for them to share knowledge and skills with others who may be interested.

While the district has created opportunities for mentorship to take place, the superintendent hopes to take greater advantage of them moving forward.



BHSU students named to Fall 2016 Dean's List

The Office of Academic Affairs at Black Hills State University in Spearfish, S.D. has released the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester, and Newcastle's Alyssa Dawson, Carissa Deming, Shenae LaCroix, Sierra LaCroix, Caleb Munger, Kennedy Ragland and Francesca Romano were all recognized.

They were among a total of 742 students at BHSU who maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher while taking at least 12 credit hours to qualify for the honor. Deming and Munger each logged a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the semester.

Makeup mayhem



Cody Stith takes delight in his own reflection at the Newcastle Elementary School's annual carnival last week. The event boasted near-record turnouts, as students and their parents flocked to the school to partake of the various booths and contests offered. (Alexis Barker/NLJ)



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1/21	Douglas Bearcats	V9	A	2:30 PM
1/23	Wright Panthers	9	H	5:30 PM

High School Girls Basketball

1/20	Glenrock Herders	V9	H	4 PM
1/21	Douglas Bearcats	V9	A	2:30 PM
1/23	Wright Panthers	9	H	4 PM

High School Wrestling

1/20-21	Chadron Invitational	VJ	A	TBA
1/26	Wright Panthers	VJ	H	6 PM

High School Boys Swimming

1/20	Buffalo Triangular	V9	A	4 PM
1/21	World Invitational	V9	A	TBA

Middle School Boys Basketball

1/19	Twin Spruce	A	4 PM
1/20	Lusk Tigers	H	4 PM
1/24	*B* team @ Gillette Rec		3:30 PM
1/24	*Hulett Red Devils	H	4 PM

Weston County wrestlers win Dogie Invite

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

The combined Newcastle/Upton Wrestling team hosted the annual Dogie Invitational last Friday, and the home team gave the fans a great show by taking top honors. They then followed it up with a strong performance at the Blazer Duals Tournament in Torrington on Saturday, and that had their coach grinning from ear to ear.

"It was a fantastic weekend," Lee McCoy beamed. "The Newcastle tournament went like we had planned because it was just tough enough, so we were able to incorporate some of the things that we've been working on and be successful with it as well."

The squad spent a great deal of practice time last week working on their take-down defense, as well as implementing some offensive strategies regarding set ups and attacks. The hard work appeared



Teigen Marchant (182) made quick work of his Rapid City Central opponent in the semi-final round of the Dogie Invite on Friday. Marchant would go on to finish out an undefeated day with a championship title. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)

Following Through

Voelker parlays state title into golf scholarship

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

He decided as a youngster that he wanted to golf in college and he'd like to get paid for it. With that in mind, Wyatt Voelker took up the sport and put his time, energy and resources into achieving that goal.

His plan appears to be on track, as he succeeded in earning himself a scholarship to Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, South Dakota.

In the fall of 2016, Voelker worked his way on to the Upton Bobcats golf team and segued the opportunity into a state championship. When he told his coach, Beau Garcia, that he was interested in playing at the collegiate level, Garcia provided him with the website that allowed him to make contact with the DWU golf coach and Voelker took it from there.

"Back in October, I told my coach that I was interested in playing in college, so he sent me the link to Dakota Wesleyan's website. I went on it and filled out the questionnaire and started talking to the coach," Voelker grinned.

In filling out the questionnaire, Voelker had provided Coach Christopher Gomez with his record from his high school golf tournaments and his USGA handicap, as well as his academic record. Given his impressive marks in each area, Gomez responded quickly to Voelker's inquiry.

"He asked me to come for a visit, so I did. We went to Mitchell and I talked to him person-to-person, and that's when we agreed I would play for them," Voelker smiled.

DWU is a private NIAA university and though Voelker admitted that it wasn't on his radar for post-secondary education, his visit changed his mind.

"You know, when Coach Garcia recommended it and I made the visit, I really liked the campus, the size of the school and the coach, so I thought it was really the right fit for me,"

— See **Golf**, Page 16

to pay off, given that eight of the 11 Dogies/Bobcats advanced to the championship round on Friday.

"Our take down stats were considerably better than they have been, so that was a great improvement and one we've been working really hard for," McCoy nodded. "We also were

very successful in controlling the matches, which was nice. By doing so we were able to put kids on the podium who don't normally get there, which was great for their confidence and will hopefully inspire them to work even harder from here."

Reid Holmes (106), Trayton Dawson (113), Alan Baker

(126), Zach Schuessler (138), Wyatt Corley (152), James Moberly (160), Teigen Marchant (182) and Bryce Womack (285) all earned their way to the championship round, and all but Holmes and Womack ended up claiming the title in their respective weight class.

Eight schools brought teams

to town to compete, and prevailing over squads like Lead, Gillette JV, Sheridan JV and Rapid City Central JV gave the Dogies/Bobcats valuable mat experience with their season nearing the half-way point.

"Though Gillette, Sheridan

— See **Wrestling**, Page 10



Triston Roberson rises up for a shot against the Wheatland Bulldogs on Saturday. Unfortunately, the Dogies struggled on the offensive end of the court, so couldn't get by their East Quadrant opponent. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)

Points please

Basketball team still trying to find offensive rhythm

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

It was a tale of two halves as the Dogies entered into their second week of conference play. On Friday, they travelled to Buffalo to take on the always tough Bison and then on Saturday the Wheatland Bulldogs came to the Dogie Dome. Knowing it was going to be a challenging two days, head coach Allen Von Eye and his crew were aware they would need to bring their 'A' game if they wanted to see success.

Unfortunately, though the Dogies looked good in the first two quarters of each contest, they couldn't seem to find a rhythm and maintain momentum in the second half of either.

Tipping off against their rival, the Bison, the team knew that not only is Buffalo a very talented opponent, but their venue is without a doubt a tough place to play.

Perhaps nerves and the atmosphere got the better of the Dogies as the first quarter got underway, with the Bison jumping on the Dogies with a quick 13-2 run.

"I thought we played well defensively, but we gave up some offensive rebounds, and they got put backs that hurt us," Von Eye analyzed. "Between that and us not being able to buy a bucket, it put us in a tough

position early."

An 11 point hole seemed to inspire the Dogies to fight back in the second quarter, and with an emphasis on boxing out and rebounding, the squad went on a run to tie the game at 18 going into the half.

"We held them to only five points in the quarter, and did a great job of boxing out and keeping them off the glass," Von Eye nodded. "We also did a much better job of attacking the rim and getting ourselves to the free throw line, or kicking it out and hitting some shots. So it was a great half once we got to playing."

In the second half, the Bison continued the pressure they applied in the first half of play, which consisted of a run and jump full court press that began to give the Dogies fits.

"We see this pressure every day in practice, but we went on about a three minute spell where we just did not execute," Von Eye sighed. "We didn't do what we were supposed to do, but did exactly what they wanted us to do."

Though the Dogies only turned over the ball a couple of times—which resulted in Bison buckets—according to Von Eye it appeared that his five on the floor became so flustered that even when they broke the press there was no rhyme or rhythm to what they were doing.

"Shots were off and shot selection was poor for us," he began. "We were forcing things while they were nice and patient on offense, working the ball until they found a break down in our defense."

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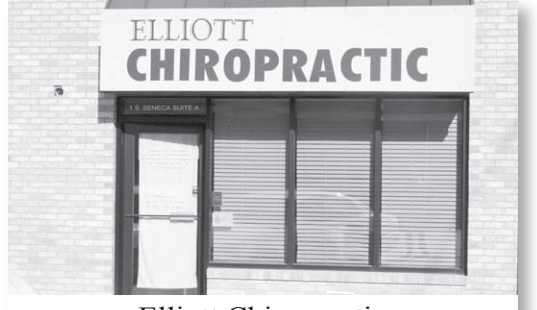
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WHEREAS, the Mortgage contains a power of sale which by reason of said default, the Mortgagee declares to have become operative, and no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof,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

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$180,546.97 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$175,317.77 plus Interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$3,853.66 plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of sale;

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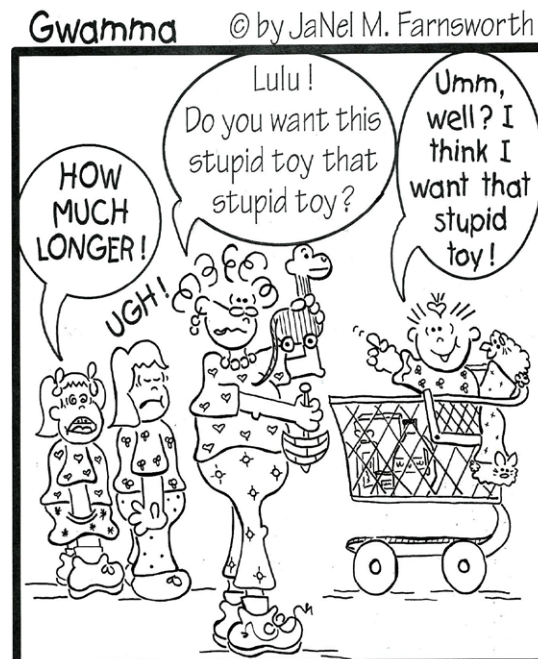
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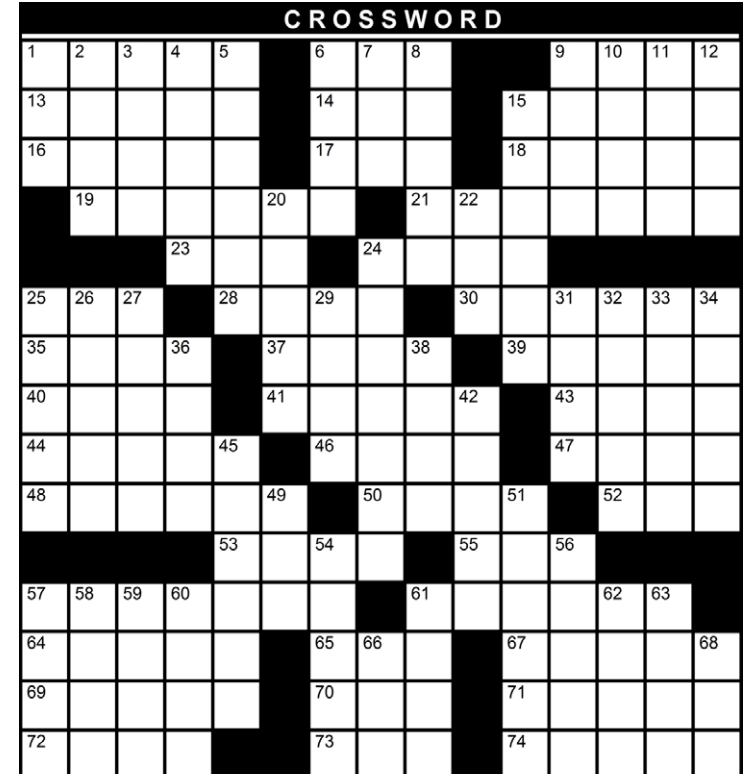


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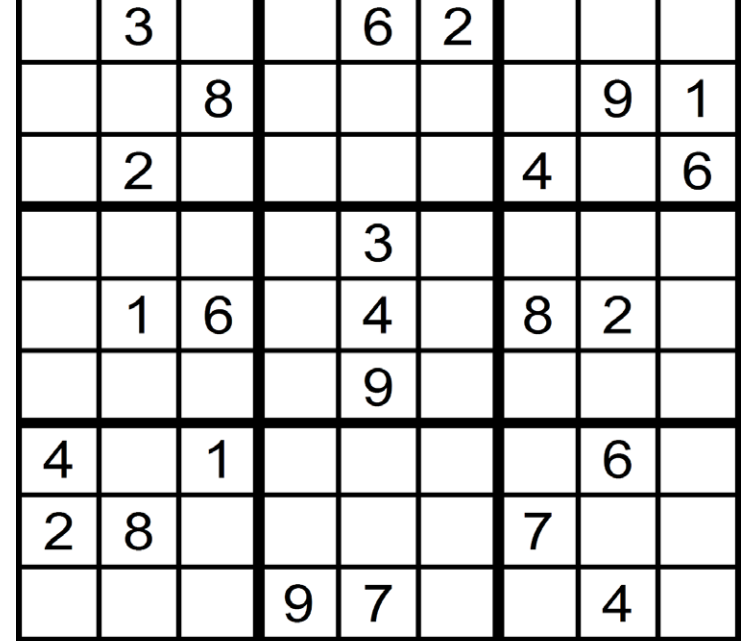
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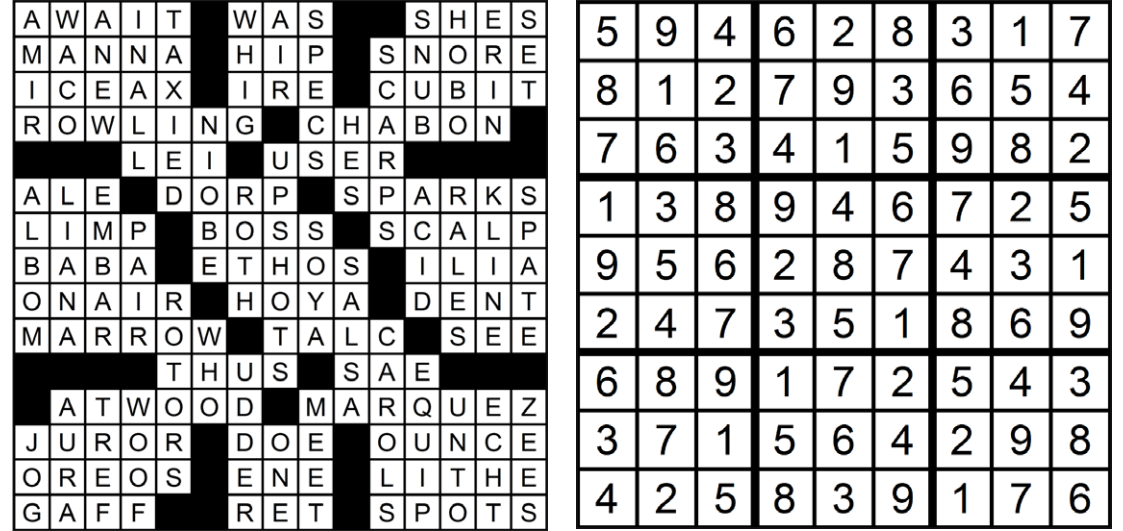
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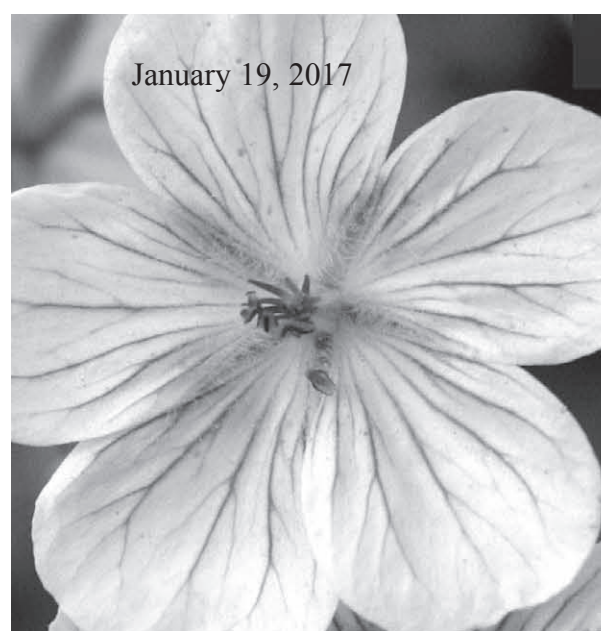
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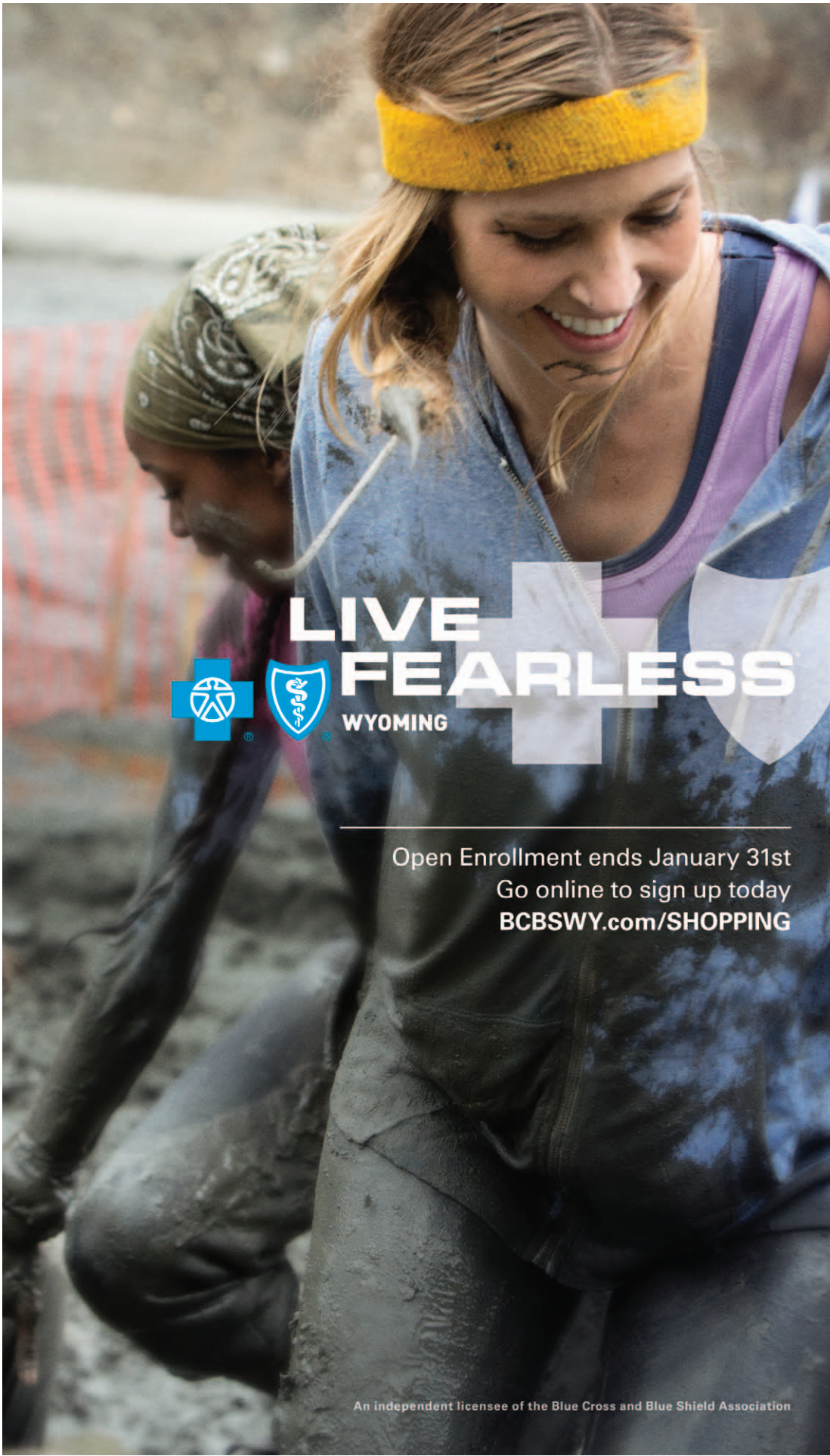
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Golf

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he nodded.

With a goal to study chiropractic medicine, the fact that DWU offers a respected nursing program will offer Voelker an opportunity to take undergraduate medical classes that will benefit him as he applies for post-graduate studies.

The official signing took place on Saturday, January 7, at Newcastle High School as Coach Gomez was in the area, and though it was short notice, Voelker was there with his family and his high school coach to commemorate the moment.

"I trust Coach Garcia and I believe in his word because he knows what it takes to be a collegiate athlete," Gomez nodded. "He supports Wyatt completely, and though I met this young man only one time, I could see honor in his body language and eyes. I trust his and his family's word about his work ethic. I have high expectations for all my athletes, and I recruit with my highest priority on attitude. I believe Wyatt Voelker will be great."

"I'm really excited about getting the opportunity to play at DWU. This is the end result of investing as much as I have in my golf game. I wanted to play collegiate golf and I wanted to get a scholarship out of the deal as well, so that's great," Voelker grinned. "I got a decent scholarship and they were really good to me, so I'm really happy."

Voelker will officially begin his collegiate career in August, but will be working hard in the interim to prepare for the next leg of his golf journey and the next goal on his list, but he is pleased with what his venture into golf has brought him already and notes that he was able to become skilled at a sport he enjoys, and as a



Wyatt Voelker formally accepts an offer to play golf from Coach Gomez. (Bob Bonnar/NLJ)

bonus it is one that he can share with his family and friends.

Dogies

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Though the Dogie defense was still strong, a combination of a scoring drought and a patient offensive strategy by the Bison meant the point deficit was extended in Buffalo's favor in the third quarter. Newcastle couldn't ever seem to find a rhythm, and that was combined with a challenging gym environment where the din of the crowd drowned out coaching instructions from the sidelines. The huddle conversations were even compromised, and the Dogies fell to the Bison, 29-59.

"You know, it's so hard on the road and especially there in that situation. The kids can't get instructions from the sidelines, and even in timeouts they can't hear me. I'm trying to yell over that dang band that is right across the gym from us, and then we've got a bunch of young guys. It's so hard to make adjustments because it's so hard to get the instructions," Von Eye ruminated.

"Unfortunately, this is something that we've been seeing the last couple of weeks. When we do get down at times, we tend to get away from the system and away from working together," Von Eye began. "It's not that we're selfish, it's that we're trying to do too much as individuals. At this level it's just difficult, and right now we don't have that kid who can just put us on his back and take it over. We are best when we're working together and we've got good movement and good spacing, and so unfortunately that's a break down that we're still working on. We're cognizant of it, but it's definitely something we need to change."

The loss on Friday was tough for the Dogies, but they quickly turned their eyes to the Bulldogs from the southeast quadrant for Saturday's competition.

"We knew we could probably have given a better showing in Buffalo, so the thing we were looking to fix on Saturday was to come back against the Bulldogs," Von Eye stated.

Unfortunately, things didn't turn out the way the coach had hoped.

"It was definitely our worst ballgame of the year, across the board in every facet of the game," Von Eye admitted.

There were no surprises thrown at Newcastle on Saturday night, and despite the fact that the Bulldogs applied the type of pressure the Dogies run themselves, the squad was unable to counter it. Fortunately, defense kept the home team in the game for the first two quarters.

"We did struggle again offensively where we couldn't buy buckets, but we played phenomenal defense and forced them into some tough shots on the outside and contested shots on the inside," Von Eye nodded. "They are not a great shooting team and even though they had the height advantage, we knew that as long as we walled up and played great defense they would struggle to score."

The Dogies were strong on the defensive boards, holding their opponent to only two offensive second chances in the first half, but were ice cold on the offensive side of the game. Players struggled with their "handles," giving Wheatland many more opportunities to put

the ball in the hole.

"There was not a quarter in the game where we did take care of the basketball. We ended up with 31 turnovers, and that is just atrocious for a team that averages only 16," Von Eye sighed. "You just can't have that. We'd go on spells where we'd have three, four, five turnovers in a row, and that's three, four, five possessions that we don't get a shot off and they have the opportunity to score."

Though the Dogies started the third quarter with a three-pointer followed by a two point bucket, things quickly went south and for the second night in a row the squad succumbed to their opponents after a late game surge, 30-49.

Von Eye is set to focus his team on preparing for two more tough matchups this weekend as they play two games on the road. First up is Glenrock on Friday, who just this year dropped to 2A, followed by a matchup against the Douglas Bearcats, who are a top-ranked 3A team.

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Newcastle v. Wheatland
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