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Snow much fun



Kali Martell slides through the fresh powder dumped by Tuesday's storm during recess. Her classmates joined in slipping and sliding down the hill, some with their favorite toy in hand. (Andy McKay/NLJ)

INTERNET SALES TAX PASSES HOUSE

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

When Governor Matt Mead announced earlier this month that Amazon, the largest online retailer in the United States, had voluntarily agreed to begin collecting sales tax on purchases made in Wyoming, he encouraged the Wyoming Legislature to pass a remote sales bill that would require the collection of taxes on all online purchases.

When House Bill 19 was passed

by the House of Representatives on third reading by a 45-14 vote on January 17, only one of the two Republican lawmakers who represent Weston County in the House of Representatives supported the measure.

"This will even the playing field," asserted Representative Hans Hunt (R, Newcastle) of House District 2, explaining that he agreed with Mead's claim that online retailers

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County Attorney hires new deputy

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

The Weston County Commissioners were informed by County Attorney William Curley on January 3 that a new attorney would be joining his team on January 23. Deputy County Attorney Linda Black resigned as of January 1, and Alex

Berger was chosen as her replacement. He will serve Weston County 30-40 hours a week while continuing a private practice that he said will not include criminal matters.

"I want to make it clear, crime won't be tolerated," Berger told the News Letter Journal, asserting that he hopes to provide

Weston County with effective criminal prosecution by conducting thorough investigations.

Berger said work on civil cases brought him to Weston County and provided him the opportunity to get to know Curley and work with him. When Black

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Two felony arrests made

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

Officers with the Newcastle Police Department made two felony arrests within a weeks time, both stemming from different incidents. Newcastle Police Chief Jim Owens first shared the arrests with the Newcastle City Council on January 17 before providing details to the News Letter

Journal.

On January 6, Sergeant Richard Hillhouse responded to a call regarding a domestic assault. The woman caller reported that she had herself locked in the bedroom of her home while her husband beat on the door with a gun in his hand.

When Hillhouse responded,

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Making it personal

Upton schools embrace 'personalized learning'

Andy McKay
NLJ Reporter

Weston County School District #7 in Upton began implementing a new learning strategy in the fall semester that is focused on individualized curriculum and designed to encourage students to pursue their passions. The new program also seeks to provide support where students need it most.

Coined personalized learning, the school district's administrators say the new system is intended to tailor education to individual students by engaging them with material they find meaningful and relevant. With the goal of preparing students for life after public school, be it college or work, the emphasis is to foster time management, organization, flexibility, and self-initiated drive to perform.

"Children today have grown up in a society where everything is personalized. Having this customization to meet their needs is the environment they have grown up in. By using personalized learning, we're trying to figure out how to best meet the needs of our students by providing them the ultimate learning experience," Upton High School principal Linda

Crawford related.

The new system is a complete switch from the industrialized method where students' learning is directed largely by the instructor, who teaches a subject at a set pace, and while that is a big difference for the more specialized courses at the high school, it has been a smooth transition for the elementary.

"In an elementary and middle school sense, we do a lot of individualization already, so it's a natural fit for what we do. The biggest change is learning how to effectively use technology to track and use resources for the students to move along at a pace that suits them well," Upton Elementary and Middle School principal Clark Coberly stated.

This process, called differentiation, allows students who are at different levels of education to be enrolled in the same course. The benefit from this is students can complete their coursework quicker than normal if they have a firm grasp on the subject, which frees them up to then focus on more advanced material or put in extra time in an area they are struggling.

"It's very rewarding when a student comes in and asks to start biology, even though

they're not required to take it until next year because, academically, they're prepared for that class and able to do that," Crawford disclosed.

The switch to personalized learning is grounded on offering students what interests them the most, and encouraging them to pursue those interests.

"Schools have known for a long time that students learn best when they have a choice and when they have a voice. The troublesome part with differentiation is it's very hard to manage as a classroom teacher," the superintendent said.

Left alone in such a system, teachers face difficulties in managing a classroom where they are teaching different material at the same time, but that's where the software comes in. By individualizing each student's course, teachers no longer have to focus on preparing what each student will be learning. Instead, they can provide the individual support each child needs.

"Because of how we're presenting material, our students can miss a half a day of school, and it's not going to impact them because they're working on their other classes whenever they need to," Crawford professed.

Students and teachers have

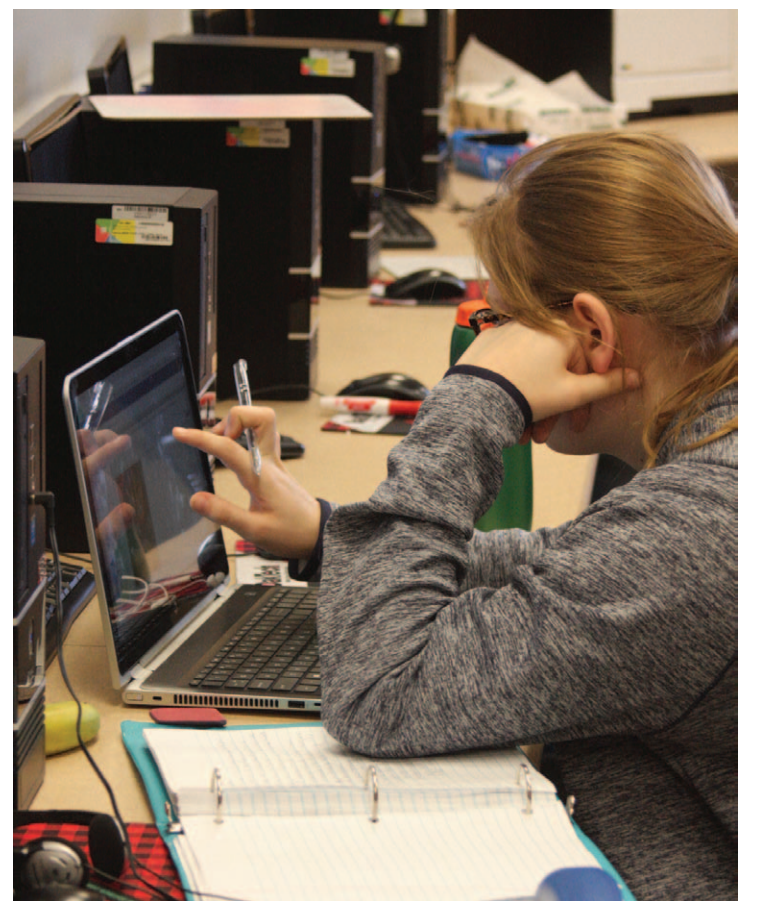
taken advantage of this by increasing how many field trips and job shadowings students are allowed to take during the regular school day. The belief is that this gives them a better grasp on the responsibilities and day-to-day life associated with their dream job.

"They're not missing out on any of the instruction that they would miss in a traditional classroom. Students have many more opportunities outside the regular school day," Crawford said.

Personalized learning focuses on students creating their own schedules by giving them the flexibility to do their work when they can instead of on a set timetable.

"You could identify really quickly the students who caught on to the idea of how to structure their time, and I want to give them the opportunity to have even more freedom. We did that with some seniors," Crawford shared.

Students set the pace, but that is not to say they operate with complete autonomy. Teachers still facilitate student interactions and make sure they stay on track. The difference is that, instead of planning each student's individualized lesson plan for the day, they can instead focus on classroom



Jade Davey of Upton High School works through her individualized math lesson. (Andy McKay/NLJ)

management and providing support as needed.

Feelings for the program within the school have been mixed so far, but the adminis-

trators say the general impression has been positive.

"We have had a surprising group of students who have struggled in the past who are

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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
Clear
Hi 22, Lo 11



Friday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 30, Lo 18



Saturday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 34, Lo 23



Sunday
Clear
Hi 39, Lo 25



Monday
Clear
Hi 35, Lo 14



Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 31, Lo 14

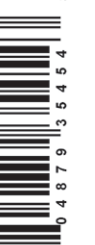


Wednesday
Clear
Hi 29, Lo 14



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Opinion

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Our View

We can't vouch for vouchers

The State of Wyoming and City of Newcastle have both issued proclamations in support of National School Choice Week, which began Monday.

We join them in celebrating the ability of parents in this state to choose from a variety of education options for their children, and applaud their efforts to raise awareness of those options— traditional public schools, public charter schools, magnet schools, online academies, private schools and home schooling.

We urge you to take advantage of the opportunity provided by National School Choice Week to research and evaluate kindergarten through 12th grade education options in Wyoming, and ask that you also give serious thought to the concept of expanding the federal school voucher program and the impact it would have on the cost and quality of education in this state.

It is important to increase your understanding of the program, which basically provides federal education funds to parents who choose an option besides public school to educate their children, because President Trump's nominee for Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos, is a long-time advocate of school vouchers.

While DeVos' nomination has proven controversial, there is little doubt that she will be confirmed by the Senate, and we hope she succeeds in reforming the U.S. Department of Education. That agency's performance over the past two decades has been woeful at best, and we wouldn't argue with anybody who suggests that it may be the foulest bog in "the swamp."

At the same time, we believe that school voucher programs— which could arguably have merit in urban areas— would be detrimental to both the cost and quality of education in Wyoming, and we urge our Congressional delegation to ensure that the decision to adopt such a program will be left up to the states and not dictated by the federal government.

While voucher programs are viewed by supporters as a tool to increase school accountability—and outcomes for students— by creating free market competition, the concept doesn't really hold up in states like Wyoming.

Most of the communities in this state aren't large enough to support more than one school financially, and if the schools in towns like Newcastle or Upton are forced to give up significant portions of their funding they will also be forced to cut classes like music, ag and art— and probably the vast majority of their activities programs as well.

At this time, parents in this community who choose home schooling or online academies for their children are able— even encouraged— to send their kids to school for part of the day to take advantage of specific course offerings or resources that wouldn't be available otherwise. Those students also participate on sports teams and are involved in other school activities and organizations.

When it comes to school choice in Wyoming, we think the approach already being taken by Weston County School District #1 produces the greatest benefit possible for taxpayers, while also ensuring that every child has equal access to the free public education provided by those taxpayers.

That's what the Constitution guarantees, and we fear vouchers take that guarantee much further than the Founders ever intended. In the history of our nation, such actions have rarely produced positive results, but have almost always generated expensive ones.

Deadline for Letters is noon on Friday

Letters to the Editor

Ban the exposure of children to tobacco smoke

Dear Editor,

"Only a fool would put his/her lips at the other end of a fire."

That quote, which I found on messages.com describes why I believe exposure to smoking should be prohibited for anyone under the age of 16.

To start with, health is a key factor involved with secondhand smoking. Secondhand smoking is when one is simply exposed to the smoke— often from a cigarette, cigar, etc.

Drastic changes in health are experienced when one's exposure to smoking is common. For example, a 2011 article, "Worldwide Burden of Disease From Exposure to Secondhand Smoke, Retrospective Analysis of Data From 192 Countries," explained the different types of problems that come with inhaling smoke indirectly. The data collected worldwide in 2004 showed that 379,000 deaths were caused from ischemic heart disease.

This was not the only common affect, as respiratory infections, asthma, and lung cancer were also found in second-hand smokers, and 61 percent of diseases worldwide that are caused by secondhand smoking were found in children.

Health is a huge concern for anyone, but by exposing children at a young age to smoke increases their chances at a shorter life.

Another reason why secondhand smoking should be prohibited for children under the age of 16 is because of the impact on their behavior.

Secondhand smoking leads to depression and the inability to adapt to different social environments.

An article titled, "Environmental Tobacco Smoke Linked to Behavior Problems in Children and Pre-teens" stated, "The greater the exposure to tobacco smoke, the greater the problems these children had, said Dr. Yolton. Behavior problems in children have increased from seven to 18 percent over the last 20 years for reasons poorly under-

stood. Exposure to environmental tobacco smoke is increasingly recognized as a risk factor for children's behavior problems."

One might argue that a child has control of their actions, but they may not understand the effect on a child physically. Most often, when a child is exposed to smoke for a long period of time, they begin to develop a scent that is unpleasant to a non-smoker or someone who was not exposed. This affects their social life, even though the child cannot control this factor.

Finally, the expense of cigarettes clearly has an effect because that money can be used for better purposes.

The expense of cigarettes is pricy depending on the brand and where they are purchased. An article titled, "The Price of Smoking," emphasizes the costs of cigarettes. In the United states, on average, a pack of cigarettes cost \$2.50. By smoking a pack per day, \$900 will be spent per year. In Canada, a pack is, on average, four dollars, and per year a pack a day is \$1,460.

This amount of money could be spent on a better purpose, and while adults deserve to spend money on themselves, there should be restraints on their bad habits.

Money that could be saved for college would help the child in the long run, as would purchasing food, clothing, books and school necessities. Keeping that extra money not spent will help the whole family in the long run.

In conclusion, parents should have an escape, but if that escape is at the expense of the family's health, behavior, and quality of life then it is not worth it.

Every time a cigarette is lit, it illustrates that life is worth living, and prohibiting the exposure to smoke under the age of 16 is an important topic that should be consider by all. The health and behavior of children and the expense of smoking are all good reasons to take action.

—Shelby Davis

(Ed. note: The preceding letter was written for an assignment in Debb Proctor's Freshmen English

Facts and fakes

As a journalist, I'm supposed to be offended by President Donald Trump's running gun battle with the press and concerned over the recent proliferation of "fake news" and "alternative facts."

I'll admit to being troubled over the latter, but I'm hardly surprised.

I have always believed that it is impossible for journalists— myself included— to be truly unbiased, but felt that we were motivated as professionals to seek truth and understanding for our readers regardless of that bias. Unfortunately, many of the "citizen journalists" and online news organizations scattered across the internet exist solely to provide a biased view in a format specifically disguised to appear unbiased, so I can certainly understand why folks are getting frisky over fakes and facts.

Technology has made it incredibly easy for just about anybody to produce their version of the news and distribute it to a worldwide audience, and trusting anything you see on a screen in this day and age is a sketchy proposition at best.

(Yes, that was a bit of shameless self-promotion for newspapers, but there's no way I was going to pass on the opportunity— and I meant everything I said about anonymous news sources and some of the garbage we're being fed by the 24/7 cable news cycle!)

That's exactly why I'm not as incensed as I probably should be over The Donald's war on the "mainstream media." Yeah, I know some of you think that I'm "mainstream media," but that term gets thrown around so much these days— by both sides— that I'm not even sure what it means anymore and decided that I really don't care.

Heck, when I first started in this business, I despised the "main-

stream media" too, and thought I was becoming a spy in their midst when I went to work at a newspaper. I was going to expose government dysfunction and find the truth behind the story, but I was going to focus on meaningful dysfunction and the truth would be based on fact!

It didn't take me long to find out that perspective— yes, bias— dictates what is "meaningful," and even influences what we perceive as "truth" or "fact," and I'm struck by the fact that I really wasn't aware of that when I was simply a reader. Unfortunately, I don't think I've done a very good job of helping my readers gain that understanding either, so I'm actually pretty excited about the amount of attention

that is being paid to the whole fake news debate. For one thing, I can hardly be bothered by Trump's shots at the press. As a proud member of the Fourth Estate, I feel it is my Constitutional duty to shine a light on government so the public can trust that their best interests are being served. I figure we have to expect that government

will shine a light on us every now and then too. At the end of the day, it will be the public that holds all of us accountable and that's okay with me.

There are those who are concerned over the president's continued use of Twitter to bypass media and present his message directly to the public, but plenty of local officials have used social media in the same way, so it is hardly a new phenomena.

As such, citizens will actually have to work a little harder to find the truth and ascertain the facts, but I don't think that's necessarily a bad thing. They say that you only get out of something what you put into it, and I'm sure that goes for self-government too.



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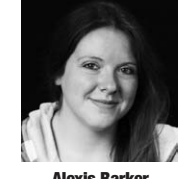
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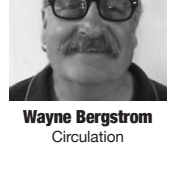
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Ready to hear how they will replace Obamacare

Dear Editor,

In a recent issue of the Casper Star Tribune, there were a couple of letters recommending an Article 5 "Convention of States" as the best means of repealing the Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare).



There was no discussion of how or with what to replace the ACA. It seems that the radical right-wing is anxious to turn the pharmaceutical and insurance industries and the American Medical Association loose on us.

Again!

By their relatively unregulated business practice, they all have managed to rack up enormous profits. But, among the advanced

countries of the western world, the USA is at the bottom of the list regarding the quality of care for all of its citizens.

It is difficult, if not impossible, to understand why this outcome is preferred.

Management is usually quick to repair critical machinery that breaks down. Not so much for the people who operate that machinery.

That "operator" is just the point of the spear. Besides his employer, that employee is supported by everybody else— from the grocery store clerk, to the policeman, the waitress at his coffee shop and everybody in our interconnected society.

Go figure!
Some skinflint plutocrats worry that being reasonable and decent might somehow diminish their exalted position in the hierarchy of really rich people.

We are all in this together. Act like it.

—Jerry Baird

Pop some tags

Andy McKay
NLJ Reporter

Tucked away on Seneca Avenue is an unassuming painted brick structure. The building once served as a church, but has been repurposed as a second-hand store, with densely packed racks and shelves. It sits quietly most of the week, but livens up on Tuesdays as cars line the streets and their drivers make a bee line for the front door. They have come to see what treasures are waiting within.

The building houses the Thrift Store, which offers breathtakingly low prices on clothing donated from around the community. The store's name remains ambiguous, however, as it seems to have as many guises as it does clothing.

"This is known as the Tuesday store, or the Old Lady's store, or the Church store, and a few people know it as Second Time Around," said Irene Hixson, who serves as director of the Thrift Store.

The store is part of the Seventh Day Adventist Church's international community outreach program 'Dorcas Society.' It's named after Dorcas, a woman in the New Testament who was known for her charity and making things, especially clothing, for the downtrodden in the ancient city of Joppa.

"It is an organization the church has to help people who are in need. Some run a food bank, and some do the clothing. It's kind of an outreach thing in our communities," explained Mary Davies, who serves on the board as treasurer for the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

While the store currently sells its merchandise, it began as a clothing bank where they would simply give clothing to those in need. They noticed, however, that most shied away from coming in, afraid they might be judged for needing help, and the church has since changed the business plan to make it more accommodating to all of the community.

"We sell things, and people who come in and buy things don't mind because they know they are paying something for them. There's dignity in paying for what you get," Hixson reasoned.

"People like to pay a little bit of something for it so it doesn't feel like a handout. They figured that the money spent here can be used in other areas in the community where people's needs aren't clothes," Davies added.

While they do charge for items, the emphasis of the store is to provide those who are without, with a way to find their feet again.

"It's not there to be a money

maker really. We've gotten thank you notes from people who come in and shop. One said, 'If it weren't for this store, we wouldn't have Christmas.' They can buy things that are in good shape, but they also have talents to remake things, to sew things, to make dolls or whatever they're doing with what they're buying, and make presents from them for their kids. There are just so many things that they do with the things at our store," Davies explained.

Some of those areas include helping the Senior Center with its new roof, donations to the Newcastle and Weston County Fire Departments, medical bills, and a vast number of other personal or organizational needs. The store also serves as an emergency warehouse for families who have recently suf-

fered a disaster—like a fire—that claimed most, if not all, of their possessions.

"Anybody can pick up dog blankets that are ripped or stained that I don't sell. I give out pillowcases sometimes for people who want something for their cats," Hixson reported, noting that the local animal shelter frequents the shop for that very reason.

"Some of the old blankets that aren't as good, the Humane Society comes and picks them up for beds for the animals. The Honor Camp does some stuff with crafts, so they will pick up some things from time to time to use up there," Davies added.

For as much as the store



Volunteer Karen Spears folds a pair of donated jeans as determined shoppers peruse second hand treasures, some with only \$20 in their pockets. (Andy McKay/NLJ)

gives away, even more goes up on the racks. The community has been consistently charitable to the point they don't have enough room to put everything that comes in. Hixson puts all the clothes in good enough shape to be sold on one of six different colored hangers.

"Irene has a color-coordinated system where she puts all the clothing from each week on a different color hanger. Once she's completed that [six week] cycle, we take all of the clothes off those hangers and get them bagged up. So

fered a disaster—like a fire—that claimed most, if not all, of their possessions. "There are times when there's a fire or something and people need lots of stuff. Then, we have them come in and pick out what there is that you can use and there's no charge," stated Davies. The store offers a myriad of opportunities, not only to the unfortunate but also for cases where buying brand new doesn't make sense. It is an outlet for a wide range of customers, like oilfield workers who need work jeans and those with busy hands looking

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Correction

In last week's page one story, "There's a new chief in town," we misspelled the name of the former Upton Police Chief. The recently retired chief's name is Lynn Hofland, not Holland. We regret the error.



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- Orthopedics:** Dr. McElaney for Dr. Eckrich..... None
To schedule appointments call 800-446-9556
- Echo:**..... February 1, 15
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Usually 1st & 3rd Wednesday of month
- Heart Doctors:** Dr. D'Urso None
Dr. Alex Schabauer None
To schedule appointments call 800-432-7822
- VA Mental Health:** (2nd Friday of Month) None
- VA Clinic:**..... February 6
- MRI:** (Every Tuesday, except holidays) February 7, 14, 21, 28
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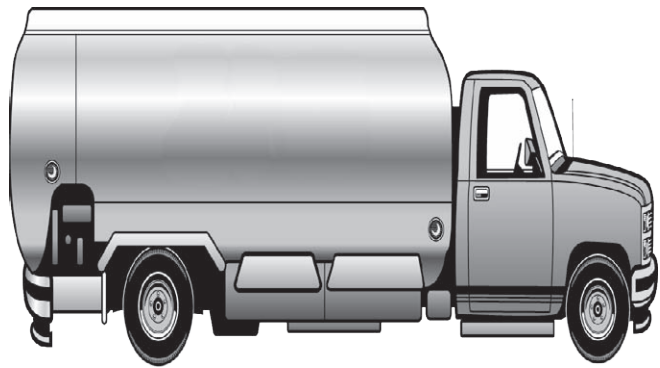
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Obituaries

Mary Lou Mather Larson Oct. 28, 1927-Jan. 12, 2017

Mary Lou Mather Larson, widow of John A. (Jack) Larson, passed away Thursday, January 12, 2017, in Thornton, Colorado at age 89. She was born in a sod house in the Morton Township of Wallace County on October 28, 1927, the daughter of Elden Mather and Grace Phillips.

Mary Lou Larson

She excelled in school and was Valedictorian of her class. After high school she worked as an abstracter in Sharon Springs before moving to Denver and working at Montgomery Wards and living with her future sister-in-law Ellen Larson Huffman.

She married John A. (Jack) Larson on June 26, 1947. Jack and Mary Lou spent the early part of their marriage in Newcastle, Wyoming, where his mother's and her half-sister's family lived. After a short time, they moved back to Wallace County, and worked hard building and managing a dairy farm. Mary Lou enjoyed milking the cows, gardening, canning, sewing, making candy, and cooking.

The highlight of her life was her two children, Larry and Mary. She made sure they had wonderful memories of childhood birthdays and holidays.

Jack and Mary Lou retired from dairy farming and moved back to Newcastle in 1987. While retired, she still enjoyed gardening, canning, sewing, cooking, and making candy. She began working at the Newcastle Public Library in 1990, and thoroughly enjoyed it until her retirement in 1995. She and Jack also enjoyed going up to Deadwood to gamble, pretty much every week, unless the weather was so bad they couldn't go. They also enjoyed having relatives come visit, and would spend hours and hours at the card table having fun playing cards and other games.

She is survived by son Larry Larson (Sherry Larson) of Oak Grove, Missouri, and daughter Mary Anne Larson (Chris Roger) of Arvada, Colorado. She was preceded in death by her husband, John A. (Jack) Larson, father Elden Mather, mother Grace Phillips Mather, sister Juanita Grace Mather Grund, and brothers Edgar Elden and John Phillips Mather.

Half siblings from Elden Mather's previous marriages that preceded her in death were Earl Mather (mother Jenny Roth), James Connolly, and Anna Gladys Mather Gibbs (mother Susan Pershing Connolly).

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. MT at the United Methodist Church in Sharon Springs with Pastor Duncan Ibuuri and Reverend Paul McNall officiating. Burial followed in the Sharon Springs Cemetery.

Visitation was held on Sunday, January 22, 2017 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. MT at the Koons-Russell Funeral Home in Sharon Springs.

Memorials may be designated to NWKS Hospice Services and may be left at the service or mailed to Koons-Russell Funeral Home, 211 N. Main St., Goodland, KS 67735.

Online condolences may be left at www.koonsrussellfuneralhome.com.

Funeral services were entrusted to Koons-Russell Funeral Home, Sharon Springs, KS.

Douglas Charles Schmitz Mar. 21, 1958-Jan. 17, 2017

Sadly our beloved son, brother, uncle, great uncle, nephew and friend, Douglas Charles Schmitz, had his hunting and fishing seasons cut tragically short on January 17, 2017. Doug was born March 21, 1958, to Dennis C. Schmitz and Regina D. Schmitz (Warnke) in Kirkland, WA.

He spent his early years growing up in Gregory, SD.

His family made the much loved move to Custer, in the beautiful Black Hills, in 1970. He attended school in Custer and graduated in 1976. After a short foray to the west coast, Doug began his life-long career with BNSF.

His co-workers were his second family. His love of everything outdoors is known far and wide. A was a big man with a bigger heart, never afraid of a challenge. Our hearts are broken, but are better for knowing him. He will be sorely missed, until we meet our eternal reward in heaven.

Douglas is survived by loving parents, Dennis and Regina Schmitz; sister, Nancy (Michael) Goodwin; two nieces, Jennifer Graf (Dustin) and Michelle

Fischer (Cory); great niece, Hailee Graf and great nephews, Logan and Lane Graf; Tyler and Jackson Trant and Lincoln Fischer; also many aunts, uncles, cousins, his work family and friends.

Doug is preceded in death by his grandparents and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Wake services were held 7:00 p.m., Sunday, January 22, 2017, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Custer.

Mass of Christian Burial was held 10:00 a.m., Monday, January 23, 2017, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Custer.

Arrangements have been placed in the care of Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home in Custer. Written condolences can be made at www.chamberlainmccolleys.com.

Charles Calvin Portwood Aug. 9, 1923-Jan. 5, 2017

Charles Calvin Portwood, 93, passed away January 5, 2017 in Longview. He was born in a cabin near Newcastle on August 9, 1923 to Edgar and Jennie (Eslick) Portwood. He followed family members to Longview in the late 1930s in search of work, staying in the garage of his Uncle Charlie's house near the Cowlitz River.

He served in WWII in the Navy in the South Pacific transporting troops to the war zones. He met his future wife, Carolyn, at a dance in Kelso. He married Carolyn Faulkner at First Christian Church in June of 1945. After the war, he remained in the Navy to decommission the ships in San Diego and Long Beach, Calif. where his first son, David, was born. While there he witnessed the Spruce Goose test flight on Long Beach Harbor in California. He was honorably discharged in 1949 and moved his young family back to Longview to work at Weyerhaeuser first on the section crew of the railroad. He retired from the pulp power house with a total of 32 years.

Charlie was a devout Christian and family man who enjoyed fishing, hunting, clamming and camping near Mt. Adams, Hood Canal and the Toutle River. In 1976, Charlie and Carolyn took a boat cruise from Seattle through the Panama Canal to the east coast of the U.S. Charlie and Carolyn were charter members of what would become Father's House.

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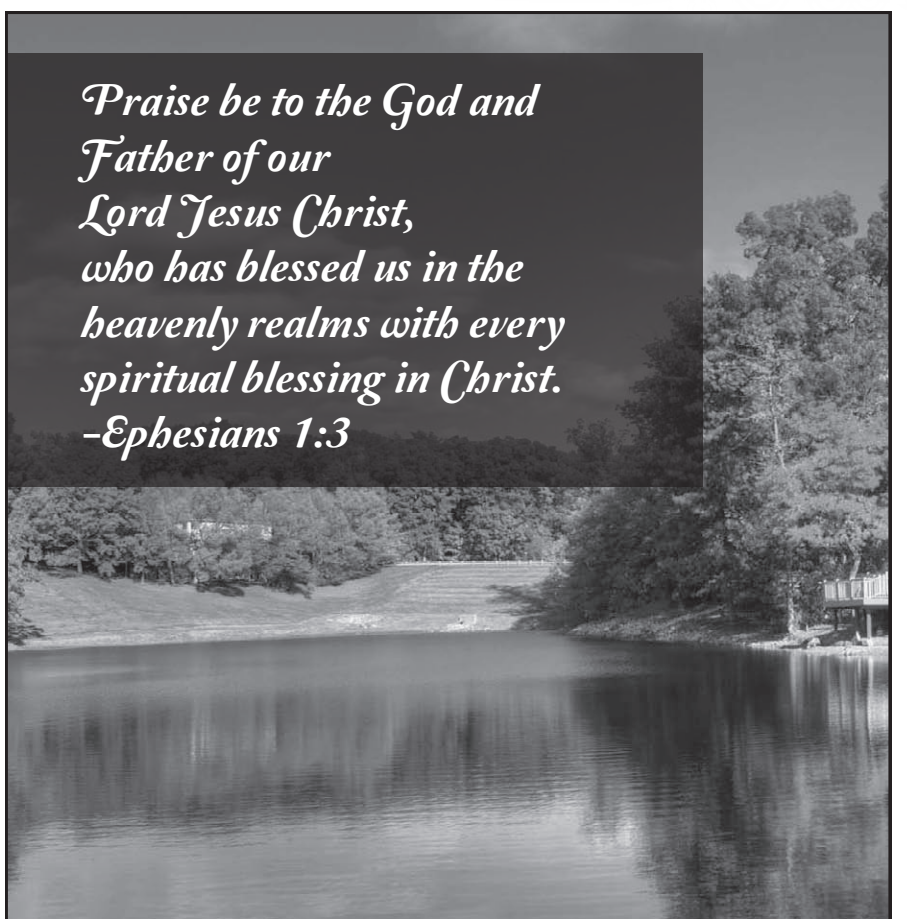


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- **CHURCH ON THE HILL:** Wayne Wilson, 301 Delaware, 746-5542. Sunday School 9:30 am; Prayer Service 10:15 am; Worship 10:45 am; Youth Group Wednesday 6:30 pm; Christian Academy preschool & K-12 746-9663.

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- **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.
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- **NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sun. Worship 10 am; Wed. Night Prayer.
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- **SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST:** Pastor Chuck Doadway 303-229-3103, 78 Old Hwy 85 and Pastoral Assistant Matt Dooley 949-0831. Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11:00 am.
- **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.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.
—Ephesians 1:3



Daily Devotional Reading

Jan 26	Jan 27	Jan 28	Jan 29	Jan 30	Jan 31	Feb 1
Acts 9:26-43	Acts 10:1-33	Acts 10:34-48	John 10:1-21	John 10:22-42	John 14:1-14	John 14:15-31

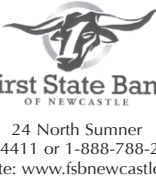
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January 22, 1892

F.A. Thole, of the Bank of Newcastle, left Saturday for Chicago. From there he will go to his old home at Dwight, Illinois, where he will probably make his permanent residence.

The new pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Cummings, was tendered a reception by the people of the city last Friday evening. A large number were present, & a pleasant time was enjoyed.

Work on the reading room in Cambria is delayed on account of the cold weather.

Antelope Mine Foreman Wm. Watts & family left for Elmwood, Illinois, January 18, where they will make their future home. Mr. Watts' family were well liked by all who knew them.

L.E. Woods, G. Buchanan, D.E. Pemberton, & Sim Geddes, attended a dance at L.B. Wilcox's, Newcastle, on the evening of the 15th.

January 25, 1917

Weston County seems to have several candidates for the appointment of Deputy Game Warden for this region. In the meantime, Bud Smith seems to have secured permission to act as a local officer on a per diem basis.

Pete Cristo, the Newcastle-Cambria baker, received this week a large baking oven from the Hubbard oven Co. of Chicago. Mr. Cristo will install the new oven just as soon as he can get the work done, & he will then conduct his baking business here instead of Cambria, as it will be more convenient. The new oven is one of the best on the market, & will be a splendid addition to his equipment.

Newcastle local musical talent, assisted by Madame Goldiska, are planning to give a musical program in the near future, the date of which will be announced later.

A.W. Walgren, of Green Mountain, was in the city yesterday, & today on business errands.

W.R. & L.R. Outhouse, of the Sheep Creek Country, accompanied by their mother, Mrs. G.P. Outhouse, returned Monday evening from a two months' visit in Soldier, Iowa. Mrs. W.R. & Mrs. L.R. Outhouse will join their husbands just as soon as the weather moderates.

Mr. & Mrs. L.J. Brumley, of Deep Creek, were Newcastle shoppers last Saturday.

Miss Helen Howell left Saturday evening for Denver, where she will again resume her training work in the St. Luke's Hospital.

January 22, 1942

Harold Matterson, formerly of Newcastle, who was under a year's contract for construction work on Midway Island, is reported to be safe at Pearl Harbor where he is again stationed on a similar contract. With him on the same contract are Ray Dale & Emory Toth, both of Newcastle, who have also reported safe arrival at Honolulu.

Dr. & Mrs. H.E. Foster arrived home from Wheatland Sunday. They expect to spend some time at their home here at Clifton.

A baby boy was born to Mr. & Mrs. Charles Harp, January 20th. He weighed 5 lbs. 6 oz.

Miss. Ariel Allen, Red Butte teacher, has been sick the past week. Her sister, Anna Marie

Allen, has been teaching in her place

The two little Ralston girls are about recovered from the freezing they experienced during the blizzard. As the storm got worse, the bus driver took the children home as he had done before & let the two girls out on the highway a mile from home. Someone had always met them there, but

not knowing they were excused two hours early, no one was there. They fought the blinding snow storm & waded in snow hip deep. They were in bad condition when they finally arrived at the house. Mr. Ralston went to town at once & brought out a doctor. Their hands were frozen & after the shock from the walking & biting wind it took them several days to recover.

Should have seen it in color



Red Butte School 1941-42 Ariel Allen Teacher. Back Row: Irene Perino, Darlene Watson, Dean Wright Middle Row: Avis Watson, Donnie Wright, Billy Miller. Front Row: Bernice McCoy, Donna Gail Watson, Dorlene Wright, Alberta McCoy. (Photo Courtesy of Anna Miller Museum)

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WHAT'S UP

January 2017

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
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
Sat 28	8:00 a.m.	Light Rifle Competition	WC Sportsman's Club
	7:00 p.m.	NA Meeting	Cambria Church Basement
Sun 29	7:15 p.m.	Women Only Life Recovery Meeting	Cambria Church Basement
Mon 30	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
Tues 31	6:00 p.m.	Hunter's Ed Class	Mormon Church
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Mondell Heights, Breakfast Room

February 2017

Wed 01	12:00 p.m.	Lions Club	WC Senior Center
	5:30 p.m.	WC Friends of the Fair	WC Fairgrounds
	7:00 p.m.	NA Meeting	Cambria Church Basement
Thurs 02	1:30 p.m.	VFW Auxiliary	WC Senior Center
	6:00 p.m.	Hunter's Ed Class	Mormon Church
	7:00 p.m.	WC Museum District	Anna Miller Museum
	7:00 p.m.	Salt Creek Water District	District Office
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
	7:30 p.m.	Masons	Masonic Lodge #13

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- January 26**
Tristin Wammen
- January 27**
Tom Sylte
- January 31**
Brendon Newman
Clay Sweet
- February 1**
Samantha Amdahl
Kevin Stanton
- February 2**
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Senior Happenings

WC Senior Services		Bingo	2:00 p.m.
January 26		Movie	6:00 p.m.
Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.	January 28	
Ceramics	1:00 p.m.	Name That Tune	11:00 a.m.
January 27		Happy Hour	3:00 p.m.
Rolls	9:00 a.m.	Movie	6:15 p.m.
Bridge Ladies	1:00 p.m.	January 29	
January 30		Laughter	11:00 a.m.
Senior Fitness	9:00 a.m.	Church	2:00 p.m.
January 31		January 30	
Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.	Wii	10:30 a.m.
Manor		Crazy Cart	3:00 p.m.
January 26		Bingo	6:00 p.m.
Chinese New Year Party	10:30 a.m.	January 31	
Manicures	2:00 p.m.	Ceramics	10:30 a.m.
January 27		Keepsake Krafters	2:00 p.m.
Greedy	10:30 a.m.	Stories	4:00 p.m.
		Cards	6:15 p.m.

Closer to raising the roof



The Weston County Senior Center is getting closer to their \$250,000.00 goal for phase one of their new roof. Thus far, \$180,827.82 has been raised. Director, Carolyn Shields remarked that in addition to the \$78,000.00 they received from the Daniels Fund, and large contributions from other area businesses, it's the small ones that have touched her heart. She related that many seniors who use the center and really don't have the means to contribute, are proud to offer what they can, even if it's just a dollar. Those dollars add up and are helping make the new roof a reality for the aging building. Any contribution, no matter how small earns the giver a block on their "raise the roof" grids posted in the dining room. Contact Carolyn Shields or stop down to the Senior Center if you would like to make a contribution to the campaign. (Andy McKay/NLJ)

Hot tea



Vicki Hayman
Extension Notes

There is nothing like curling up on a cold day with steaming cup of hot tea (and of course a great book)! With the weather as nasty as it has been lately, hot tea is the perfect way

to warm yourself body and mind. Tea has been around for thousands of years and is the drink of choice in much of the world outside the United States. Tea is considered the most consumed beverage in the world behind water; however, 78 percent of the tea consumed worldwide is black and only about 20 percent is green.

It is said that hot tea was discovered in 2737 BC when Chinese Emperor Shen Nung was boiling water in his garden and a leaf from a tea plant accidentally dropped in his hot water. The infused water made the emperor feel invigorated and refreshed so he continued experimenting with the leaves and found many medicinal properties. For centuries, tea was only used as a medicine, and it took almost 3000 years for it to become an everyday drink. However, each of the different Asian countries has their own story about how tea was first discovered. Tea really didn't make it to Europe as a tradable commodity until the 1600's when the Dutch East India Company started bringing shipments of it from China and Japan. It became a fad in all the major cities in Europe as it allowed the aristocrats to partake in a "mysterious Eastern custom." By the 1800's tea was a mainstay in England and eventually played a role in the fight for American freedom.

There are four types of tea: black tea, oolong tea, green tea, and white

tea. All these types of tea come from the Camellia sinensis tea bush, and the only difference are the way the leaves are processed. Black tea leaves are the most processed which results in them having the darkest color and the strongest flavor; while white tea leaves are only air or steam dried and have the lightest flavors. Teas made from herbs, flowers, roots, or other leaves are not true teas because they do not come from the leaves of the Camellia sinensis.

Whether true teas or herbal teas there are many health benefits to switching up your morning coffee for a hot tea. Herbal tea usually contains no caffeine at all, and traditional teas have half as much caffeine as a cup of coffee. Several studies have also suggested that regular tea drinking can reduce your risk of heart attacks, your chance of diabetes, arthritis, and obesity, improve your dental health, and slow osteoporosis. Furthermore, tea can be hydrating. While the FDA is still questioning the validity of many of these claims, The National Cancer Institute, the Journal of American Medical Association, and the Journal of the American Heart Association have all published studies touting the benefits of drinking tea, especially green tea.

For the secret to a great cup of tea, the British are supposedly the experts; however, there is a lot of disagreements about what makes a good cup of tea. One thing all tea has in common is you don't use boiling water to brew it: the actual temperature suggested for each type of tea is different. Green and white tea should be brewed in water that is 176-185°F, while black tea should be brewed at over 200°F and oolong between 185-200°F. Also the water should be fresh and cold when it goes in the kettle. If there is left over water sitting in your kettle, pour it out and get new.

While some of the small details are different depending on the culture and your personal taste, these steps will get you an excellent traditional cup of tea:

1. Bring freshly drawn, cold water to a boil in a kettle.
2. When water is at a gentle boil, remove it from the heat.
3. Pour hot water into teapot and teacups and then pour it off. By warming the cups in this way, the water temperature will be more consistent.
4. Add the proper amount of tea leaves per person to the pot.
5. Allow water to cool to the proper temperature, if necessary, and pour over the tea leaves.
6. Steep for the proper length of time.
7. Strain completely into another teapot or directly into the serving cups.

One important thing that all tea connoisseurs agree on is: Don't squeeze the bag!! When you squeeze your tea bag, you release the tannins in the tea leaves, making our tea really bitter. Another way to let the tannins in the tea leaves out is to let them steep for too long. Black and oolong tea should steep for 3-5 minutes. Green tea should steep for 2-4 minutes and white tea for around 2-3 minutes. If you like strong tea, add more tea leaves instead of steeping longer. For the average 8-ounce cup of tea, 1-2 teaspoons of loose leaves are enough.

Tea has almost become as chic as coffee these days. Companies are sprouting up all the time selling everything from teapots in a variety of colors, shapes, and sizes to tea infusers that look like sharks as loose leaf tea makes a resurgence. No matter which tea you like or how you like it, adding hot tea to your life will have many positive effects.

(Sources: today.com; express.co.uk; mightyleaf.com; medicalnewstoday.com)

Obituaries

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(Charles Calvin Portwood cont.) beloved Bronze Star roses. People throughout the community were often pleasantly surprised when he presented them with a brilliant rose bouquet. He boasted that his last summer was the best season of all as the roses bloomed on and on.

Charlie was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Carolyn; parents, Edgar and Jennie; sisters Mae and Goldie; and brothers Glenn and Ernie. He is survived by his sisters-in-law, Cora, Wilda, Alice and Esther; sons David (Linda), John (Janice), and Philip; grandchildren, great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at Father's House, 1315 Commerce Ave., Longview with Larry Russell officiating. Viewing will be on Friday, January 27, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Longview Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to the Gideons.



Robert Van Every

Robert G. "Bob" Van Every Sept. 24, 1926-Jan. 16, 2017

Robert G. "Bob" Van Every, 90, was born September 24, 1926 on the family homestead near Newcastle, Wyoming the son of Allen and Glenda (Hard) Van Every. He was a 1945 graduate of Newcastle High School and was a captain of his high school basketball team. Following graduation he enlisted in the U. S. Army on June 15, 1945, and was separated

from the service in 1946. He earned the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal and World War II Victory Medal. Bob was a semi professional boxer while in the service. He was known for his mild manner and friendly smile. Bob didn't know a stranger and was always willing to lend a hand. On May 27, 1961 he married Barbara Mahoney. He was employed by Butte Pipeline and Petro-Lewis. Later in life he was employed by the Weston County Sheriff's Office, the City of Newcastle and bartended at various local establishments. At family gatherings over the years, Bob could always be found in the middle of a cribbage game.

Bob was very proud of his service to our country while stationed in Alaska. He was a member of Veteran of Foreign Wars, Post #2516 of Newcastle and Christ The King Lutheran Church. Surviving him is his wife of Newcastle, daughter Susan Van Every; son Mike (Mert) Williams of Alaska; brother-in-law Allen (Janice) Mahoney and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his parents; daughter Donna Rae Williams and numerous brothers and sisters.

Memorial services were held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, January 21st at Worden Chapel with Pastor Tsena Dinssa of Christ The King Lutheran Church. Burial followed services with military graveside rites by V.F.W. Post #2516 at Greenwood Cemetery in Newcastle. Honorary bearers were Allen Mahoney, Lance Mahoney, Tim Ayres, Wayne Christensen, Bob Williams, Carl Jungck and Gene Baldwin. The family prefers memorial contributions to V.F.W. Post #2516 of Newcastle.

Edna M. Rothleutner -Jan. 14, 2017

Mass of Christian burial for Edna M. Rothleutner, 75, was held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Jason Marco officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery. Visitation was from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday Jan. 20, 2017, at Walker Funeral Home. Vigil followed at 7 p.m. She died Saturday, Jan. 14, 2017, at Wyoming Medical Center in Casper. Walker Funeral Home is assisting the family.

John J. Van Heule -Jan. 19, 2017

A Recitation of the Rosary was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, for John J. Van Heule, Sr., 86 of Casper, at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 1401 CY Avenue, Casper, Wyoming. A Memorial Mass was held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 25, 2017, at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church.

He passed away Thursday, January 19, 2017 at Shepherd of the Valley Care Center in Casper, Wyoming.

Memorials in his name may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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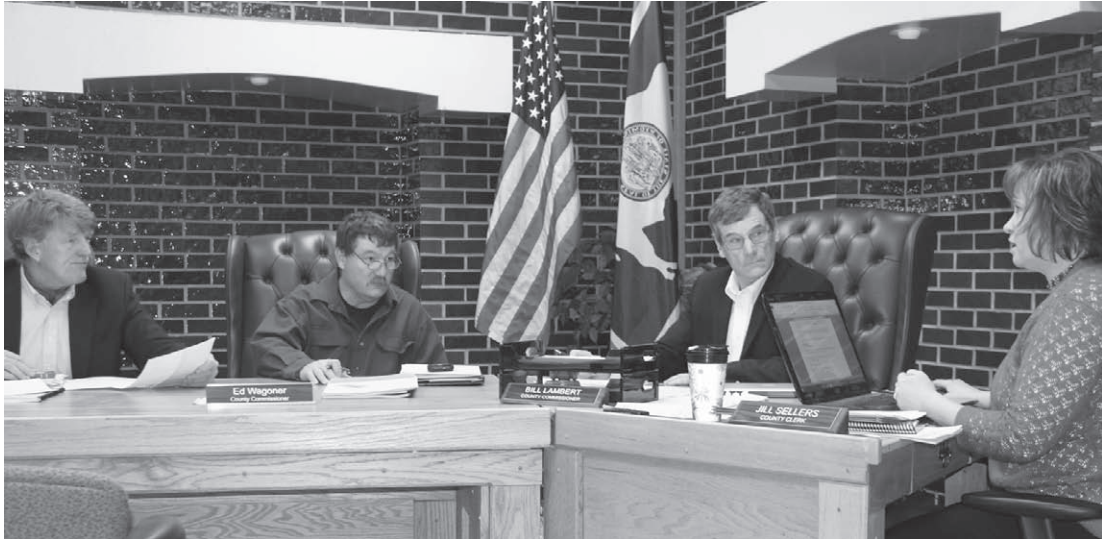
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Commissioner Tracy Hunt, Ed Wagoner and Chairman Bill Lambert listen intently to County Clerk Jill Seller's update (Alexis Barker/NLJ)

Deputy

left, Berger jumped at the opportunity to serve Weston County and participate in criminal prosecution, which he believes is very important.

Berger relocated to Wyoming from Iowa to act as a legal aid for his father, who did some oil and gas investing in the state. The new Deputy County Attorney said oil and gas law was his main area of focus early on, but he began branching out.

"He has spent two years with RT Cox, which is good for the county," Curley told the News Letter Journal. He noted that

RT Cox, a lawyer in Gillette, wrote a book on roads and easements, and the knowledge he has shared with Berger could help the county greatly in the future.

Curley also believes the county should benefit from the knowledge and experience Berger has gained in some of the areas of law he has been exposed to.

"Some people just want to do criminal law, and that's what he agreed to, and some civil law possibly. We left that door open," Curley reported.

Curley said he is also pleased to bring

another qualified and licensed attorney to the community.

"If you don't move here or don't work here, you have never heard of it. It's a good opportunity for the county to introduce itself to a good member of the State Bar," maintained Curley, adding that Berger is an intelligent young man who is easy to work with and well-rounded.

For his part, Berger admitted that he would not shy away from the opportunity to one day take on the position of Weston County Attorney, but made it clear that such a move

would be down the road, and that he does not want to "step on anyone's toes."

Berger graduated from Illinois State University with a degree in history and philosophy before following in his fathers, grandfathers and great-grandfathers footsteps by going to law school. He graduated from law school at Indiana University with high honors, where he focused on criminal law. After graduating in 2012, he moved to Iowa and worked as a public defender for a year before going into civil practice.

Commission Clips

Notes from the January 17 Weston County Commissioner's Meeting

- Weston County Commissioner Tony Barton volunteered to fill the vacancy on the Child Support Authority Board. The position was left vacant with the retirement of Commissioner Randy Rossman.
- The Weston County Courthouse will be conducting a survey on whether or not to utilize credit cards at the courthouse through the month of February. The survey will be available on their website and in offices throughout the courthouse.
- County Clerk Jill Sellers continues to work with County Attorney William Curley and County Administrator Dan Blakeman on the insurance claim for damages at the Weston County Courthouse that occurred as a result of a water line break last fall. She shared that they are in the process of getting bids for the repairs, and said once those are received they

- will be resubmitted to the insurance company for consideration.
- A lease for the University of Wyoming Extension Office at the Forest Service Building was approved by the commission, with Commission Tony Barton voting against the motion. The lease will be extended for February with hopes that the Weston County Courthouse Annex will be ready for the extension office to begin moving in at the end of that month.
- The Weston County Commissioners accepted the audit as presented by Vicki Nunn with Porter, Muirhead, Cornia, Howard CPA of Casper. Nunn noted during the presentation that this year's audit was one of the best in recent years for Weston County, and said she looks forward to working with County Clerk Sellers and the county moving forward.

Thrift

we have a rotation. There's no sense in having them take up space when there's more stuff coming in," Davies said.

A youth group also sponsored by the church, takes the items that didn't sell to Colorado as a fundraiser.

"There's a youth group, the Pathfinders, that takes the things we don't sell. The kids make a little bit from doing that. Everything gets used," Davies shared.

"What goes down to Fort Collins are the things that have been on my shelves for six weeks, or things I don't think I can use here. We don't send ripped or broken things. I don't want to send stuff out of town that isn't nice," Hixson stated.

It takes a swarm of volunteers throughout the week to make sure the store is fully stocked for regular store hours

"I spend 20 plus hours a

week sorting and stocking, and there's probably another 60 hours that others put in each week," Hixson reported.

"There are people who work behind the scenes that you may not see on Tuesdays when they're in there," Davies shared. "Most of our help comes from volunteers. Some work in the store on the day that it's open, some come in and sort when it's not open, and some just come in to empty the donation box."

Volunteers are especially appreciated during the summer months when it is garage sale season.

"When it's yard sale time, you see that there's a lot more items in the box that they want to get rid of. It's nice that items can be recycled and reused, because one person's trash might be someone else's treasure," Davies offered.

While it is run by the Seventh Day Adventist Church, the intention of the mission is to benefit the community and all proceeds return to help those in need in the area.

"It would really hurt the community if they didn't have a place to take their used stuff, and it would hurt the community a lot if they didn't have a place to come and get stuff. It's community helping community," Davies stated.

The store is jam-packed on Tuesdays, with hardly room to move without bumping into a fellow shopper. Clientele range from single workers, parents with young children in tow, retirees, and even bargain hunters. The doors are open between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. every Tuesday, with the first Tuesday of the month featuring special evening hours between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Correction

In the January 12th issue on page 4 in the photo "Braving the Cold" we incorrectly listed Aydenn Phillips as Autumn Phillips.

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Deckers Market
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Eye catching and appealing ad.
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Sonja Karp

Sports News Story
"Beat you by a whisker"
Nice "insider's view" of the sport.
Good quotes from the athletes as well as the coaches. Well written.



Voelkers Autobody and Glass

"It's time for new tires"
I really like how simple this ad is. Great use of the same color scheme - clean and easy to read.

Best Designed Ad

Deckers Market "Three-day meat sale."
First of all, I saw another ad for this market in the competition also, and I like the consistency of design and layout. This one really caught my attention for two main reasons: 1) The meat looks delicious and is well presented with the circular crop, and 2) the banner's arc shape and two contrasting fonts make it very effective and easily readable. I also appreciate the nice balance of color and white space! Well done.

Merchandise Ad

"Wayback Burger Breakfast"
This is another great example of a small ad that gets big results! The plate of food looks delicious, and the use of color is nice also! I want to know where to get a breakfast like that :)

House Ad

"Don't underestimate the power of your vote"
This was a fine ad to make our election part of our promotion. Good work for a good couple of causes!

Stephanie Bonnar

Information Graphic
"City projects"
The information is straightforward and easy to read, and the photo reinforces the idea of construction work. Very nice job.

Small Ad

"Stuff the bus"



Institutional Ad

Pinnacle Bank
"Some experiences ..."



Sports Column

Nice selection of topics. Good use of personal experience in the discussion.

Abby Gray

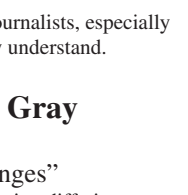
Sports Column
Very promising. Good writing skills.



Bob Bonnar, Sierra LaCroix, and Abby Gray -- NLJ/FBLA

Best Brand Promotion using Social Media

The News Letter Journal's news partnership with the Newcastle High School is a great idea, made even better by the fact that they are harnessing their print and digital platforms in this enterprising initiative! Using Facebook and YouTube extends the audience for this high school news and also reaches out to a digital audience that is likely demographically different than their print audience. Great to see the paper partnering with young journalists, especially in formats they are going to intuitively understand.



Todd Bennington, Abby Gray

In-Depth Reporting

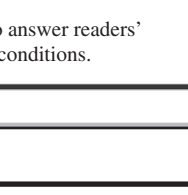
"Miners recollect industry changes"
Well done follow-through on a topic, using differing angles beyond a simple closure report. The story now has names and faces. I particularly liked the miners reminiscence.



Alexis Barker

Feature Story

"A mile in his shoes"
A complete feature, with info boxes to answer readers' questions about the subject's medical conditions.





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Tax

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enjoy an unfair advantage over Wyoming businesses that are required to collect sales tax.

“Wyoming businesses are at a disadvantage when internet businesses fail to collect tax,” Mead professed when announcing that Amazon would begin collecting tax on its sales to Wyoming consumers beginning March 1.

“This is an important step in the right direction,” he said before encouraging legislators to continue work on House Bill 19.

Hunt said he had listened to constituents on both sides of the issue, and chose to support the bill after determining that “mom and pop” establishments in Wyoming’s rural communities are truly pressured to compete with online retailers.

“I am generally not in favor of additional taxes, and beyond (this measure) I’m not,” Hunt told the News Letter Journal.

In addition to helping in-state businesses compete for Wyoming customers, proponents of the measure also argue that passage of the bill will provide much needed revenue to state coffers. According to the press release issued by Governor Mead’s office last week, a University of Tennessee study conducted in 2009 estimated the total loss of revenue from E-commerce transactions in Wyoming was \$28.6 million in sales taxes for 2012.



(Alexis Barker/NLJ)

Representative Tyler Lindholm (R, Sundance) cited Amazon’s willingness to voluntarily collect the tax without new legislation as one of the primary reasons for his “No” vote on House Bill 19. He also expressed concern over pending lawsuits that he said were brought on when similar measures were passed outside of Wyoming.

“Other states have passed similar legislation and some of these states have been sued by online retailers for their efforts... Not exactly an ideal

situation to jump into,” residents of that state from traveling to Crook and Weston County to make tobacco purchases.

The Crook County lawmaker also expressed concern over House Bill 151, which sought to increase the current tax rate on cigarettes sold in Wyoming.

“The bill would look to double our current tax rate on tobacco. While this seems bad from the face value, I can assure you it is much worse,” asserted Lindholm, who suggested the tax increase would put “our tobacco tax on equal footing with South Dakota,” and discourage

residents of that state from traveling to Crook and Weston County to make tobacco purchases.

“In times of economic hardship, we should not look to cripple small business by eliminating a foothold our business’ have over others,” maintained Lindholm.

Lindholm’s concerns are apparently shared by other lawmakers, as a proposal to increase tobacco taxes was overwhelmingly rejected by the Legislature’s Joint Revenue Committee at a meeting in Buffalo

in September. House Bill 151, which would increase the tax on a pack of cigarettes from 60 to 90 cents, did pass introduction in the House of Representatives last week, however, and was referred to that body’s Revenue Committee last week. It was scheduled to be debated by the committee on Wednesday morning. A pair of additional “sin tax” measures, HB 168 (tobacco tax) and HB 166 (Alcohol taxation- school funding), are also on the committee’s schedule for that day.

Arrests

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38-year-old Thomas Walton answered the door, set the gun down and stepped outside to speak to the officer. As Hillhouse attempted to put Walton into detention to talk to his wife to determine what was going on, Owens reported that Walton swung on the officer and revealed to the council that the “fight was on.”

According to Owens, Walton is being charged with one felony, aggravated assault, which he explained is due to the use of the gun during the incident. Walton will also face two misdemeanor charges of interference with a police officer and reckless endangerment.

The second of the felony arrests made by NPD took place on January 11 after reports were made of a suspicious vehicle outside of Loaf n’ Jug.

“We received a call that a vehicle with North Dakota plates was outside of Loaf n’ Jug and people inside the vehicle were acting weird. There was a customer complaint that they were trying to sell the heroin,” shared Owens.

He explained that Detective Brandon Vaughn, Officer Peg

Miles, and Weston County Sheriff’s Deputy Derek Thompson responded to the scene to investigate the report, and said that upon arrival the officers performed a search. Owens said they located a small quantity— one gram— of heroin on 30-year-old Tommy Gail Adams of North Dakota.

Once Adams was in booking, the chief said another 18 grams of heroin was found on him.

“This is the second arrest involving felony amounts of heroin in a short period of time. This is not routine around here,” asserted Owens, who noted that heroin is not a drug seen often in Newcastle or Weston County. He told the council that both incidents involved male subjects from other states who were simply passing through the area.

The other three individuals in the vehicle with Adams were not incarcerated. They received gas money from the Ministerial Association and reportedly returned to North Dakota after it was determined that the group was trying to sell the heroin to make the money they needed to get home.

City Beats

Notes from the January 17 Newcastle City Council Meeting

- Mayor Deb Piana invited Weston County Sportsman’s Club President Dan Keierleber and other members to attend a work session with the council to discuss their concerns over a proposed access road to the city’s orange water tank, located just south of Newcastle.
- Piana shared with the council that she had the opportunity to sit with dispatch for a few hours the day before the meeting, and expressed that she really enjoyed the experience and was very impressed with the dispatchers and the job they do for the community.

*It was declared through a Mayor’s Proclamation that Newcastle will recognize National School Choice Week. In her proclamation, Piana noted the importance of diverse options for education, and said that Newcastle is home to a multitude of education options for students.

- Police Chief Jim Owens revealed that the department had been involved in a short vehicle pursuit that started on Seneca St. in Newcastle. The chase ended west of Newcastle Elementary School after the vehicle involved in the pursuit rolled.

*Bills of interest that passed third and final reading in the Wyoming House and have moved to the Senate

- House Bill 4 - amends Wyoming’s agreement with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission concerning the disposal of nuclear waste
- House Bill 42- allows the president of the University of Wyoming to have someone sit on the Wyoming Board of Education as an official member
- House Bill 82- establishes additional authority for cities and counties to create additional sales and use taxes if they desire
- House Bill 20- allows state, county and local government buildings to fly

- the “Honor and Remember” flag if they choose
- House Bill 9- aims to keep students’ data private on their in-school networks
- House Bill 64- requires drivers to slow down and move over for county vehicles parked alongside a public road
- House Bill 51- allows the Wyoming Department of Transportation to borrow up to \$200 million in funds for projects
- House Joint Resolution 2- calls for a convention of the state to consider a balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution

- House Joint Resolution 3- restrains the convention to the subject of the balanced budget amendment only and prevents other constitutional provisions from being discussed at the convention
- House Bill 27- requires school districts to have insurance on all buildings
- House Bill 26- provides for \$500,000 in funding from the state’s Fire Suppression fund to be set aside to combat pine beetles
- House Bill 8- creates provisions for protecting the data privacy of students

*Source: Representative Hans Hunt

Upton Schools

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just flourishing in this new learning environment. They were the people who were very quiet and withdrawn, but now they’re in this environment where they’re not forced to stand out and they are doing phenomenal,” Crawford confirmed.

As well as it is doing, the new system still needs some work. Principal Coberly especially resonates with the quote, “Find perfection along the journey, don’t wait for perfection to start.”

“If we want our students to be problem solvers, we need to be problem solvers also. We know some problems are going to come up, and it’s just our opportunity operating as

a professional learning community to solve those problems together,” Coberly explained.

The administrators admitted there has been pushback from the community, but maintain that it stems from a misunderstanding of how the program works. Principal Crawford shared that parent’s fears were quickly allayed after watching the process in action.

She stated that one of the misconceptions surrounding the new model is the false impression that student’s learning is now automated through computer programs and simulations. While the school is employing far more use of technology, she said, the classroom remains an integral compo-

nent in her student’s education.

Only a small computer lab inside the library can be used to take tests, Crawford clarified. She continued that students can only take tests after their teacher has granted them permission by submitting a password. Students are only allowed to advance in the course after they have shown proficiency in what they are being tested on.

“They have to know the material before they can move on,” Principal Crawford explained. In the old model, students could fail to pass certain standards but still pass the course. That changes with personalized curriculum, which pinpoints specific areas the student is struggling and allows the

teacher to address those needs.

Tests are not limited to taking a test on a computer, but also include group projects, written assignments, oral presentations, and other means of assessment used in the normal education model.

“That’s been a big goal, to provide different ways for kids to show what they know and different ways of conveying that information. We’ve really hit a point where technology has come along to maximize that learning for kids. It’s really about using your interests and passions to help drive what we do for you, instead of using the old industrialization model,” WCSD #7 Superintendent Summer Stephens

elaborated.

The superintendent is particularly excited about the high school’s promising new “passion projects,” which were inspired by Google’s model of allotting work time to its employees to pursue what they thought would help the company the most. Famous results from this pioneering strategy include Google News and Gmail.

The passion projects are ideas formulated by the students themselves and rely on group collaboration to find success. Passion projects include work with the senior home, small engine construction, hunter education, suicide awareness, and a community garden, to name a few.

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High School Boys Basketball			
1/27	Wheatland Bulldogs	V9 A	2:30 PM
1/28	Buffalo Bison	V9 H	2:30 PM
2/2	Custer Wildcats	V9 H	4 PM
2/4	Rawlins Outlaws	V9 A	12 PM
High School Girls Basketball			
1/27	Wheatland Bulldogs	V9 A	2:30 PM
1/28	Buffalo Bison	V9 H	2:30 PM
1/31	Custer Wildcats	V9 H	4 PM
2/4	Rawlins Outlaws	V9 A	12 PM
High School Wrestling			
1/26	Wright Panthers	VJ H	6 PM
1/27-28	Buffalo Invitational	VJ A	TBA
2/2	Glenrock Herders	VJ A	5 PM
2/3-4/	Ron Thon Invitational	VJ A	TBA
High School Boys Swimming			
1/28	Lander Invitational	V9 A	10 AM
2/3	Divers @ Gillette	A	4 PM
Middle School Boys Basketball			
1/28	8th Grade 3A Shootout	H	9 AM
1/31	Sage Valley Eagles	A	4 PM
2/2	"B" Team vs Edgemont	H	4 PM
2/3	Custer Wildcats	A	4 PM

Scores

Middle School Boys Basketball			
1/19	7A @ Twin Spruce	W, 31-29	
	8A @ Twin Spruce	L, 41-21	
1/20	7A v Lusk	W, 30- 9	
	8A v Lusk	W, 48-31	

Commit or go home

I often hear that there is nothing for kids to do in Newcastle.

However, when you look around just a little bit, you will see that statement could not be farther from the truth. We have our summer rec program that offers kids activities throughout the majority of the summer for little to no cost, and during the school year— as well as the summer months— club sports abound.

Whether it's Knights football, fall soccer, indoor soccer in the winter, spring soccer, swimming, traveling basketball, t-ball and baseball or dance, the list of options is extensive.

So the declaration that there is nothing to do does not hold water.

However, a problem arises with all of these programs when it comes to involvement and commitment.

Kids usually sign up to participate, however because supervision and coaching roles for these activities or teams are strictly volunteer positions, it is sometimes a struggle to get adults to commit their time to the program.

Worse yet, some parents will sign their child up for a sports' team, and then rarely bring them to practice or even games. It's one thing if the sport your child is supposed to be competing in is an individual one, like swimming, but when you sign up to play a team sport and then your kid doesn't show up on game day, that hurts the entire team.

Then there's the issue of when you don't bring your child to practice and then expect them to get equal playing time

— See **Karp**, Page 16



Sonja Karp
Karp Dogie



Jacob Yeatman continues to lead the way for the Dogies after qualifying for State in both the 100 and 500 Freestyle last week. (Submitted Photo)

Swimmers shaving seconds in far-off pools

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

For the Newcastle Dogie swim team, last weekend was all about time.

They spent a lot of time on a bus to get to Worland and back, but even more importantly they dropped a lot of time in the pool over the course of two days of competition.

"The whole weekend was good all around," Coach Doug Scribner began. "Our relays did very well and we had some really great split times. In our individual events, everyone dropped time as well."

Friday opened up with a triangular pre-invitational meet pitting swimmers from Worland, Douglas and Newcastle against one another. With only three

teams participating, the meet was fast, but good, according to Scribner.

Then on Saturday, the Worland Invitational featured a pool filled with nine squads, including the Dogies. Scribner was pleased with the fact that between the two competitions, all of his swimmers achieved time drops in their events, with some being quite significant.

Sophomore Jacob Yeatman has been a force for the squad and last weekend was no exception as he added the 100 Free and 500 Free to his state qualification slate. By doing so, he has now qualified in every event he can, except the breaststroke. Scribner is not sure if he will enter Yeatman in that race as he does not like it, and Scribner would prefer to have him focus on the back

stroke.

In addition to adding new state events, Yeatman also cut time in races for which he already qualified. He won the 50 Free on Friday, shaving time off his previous mark and coming in at 24.47. On Saturday, he swam a 23 second split in the 200 Free relay.

"Jacob competed this weekend with a sore shoulder, but he raced really well," Scribner exclaimed. "He put up his fastest relay split in the 200 Free, so that is what I'm trying to get him to do in the open. He just needs to commit to practicing good technique and not slacking."

Flint Hossfeld also had a good weekend and came within half a second of qualifying for state in the 100 Breaststroke on Friday. The magic

number is 1:19.50, and Hossfeld just missed the mark, finishing with a 1:20 flat.

"For Flint, it's a timing thing," Scribner began. "He would have qualified on Friday except he took one last stroke right at the end of the race. He had his arms stretched out to touch the wall and at the last second, he brought them back in for another stroke and that was the difference. We talked about taking enough strokes to keep your speed up, but not too many to make you tired, so that will be his focus from here on out."

In the 100 Free, Hossfeld took an impressive five seconds off his time to put him within six seconds of

— See **Swim**, Page 10

Riding the hot hand

Ehlers explosion sparks Lady Dogie victory

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

Eight minutes of fast-paced, exciting basketball and a weekend of "Rachels" ramping things up on the court gave Lady Dogie fans and coaches alike some great entertainment in a weekend series against a pair of conference opponents from Converse County.

Friday and Saturday's games also offered a glimpse of the potential the squad has

to do good things as the season hits the halfway mark.

On Friday, the ladies welcomed the Glenrock Herders to the Dome, and though the first half of the contest was a struggle for the home team, the second half opened up with a whole lot of fun for the folks in the stands wearing orange and black.

"The third quarter was awesome," head coach Tyler

— See **Ladies**, Page 16

Rachel Ehlers is starting to hit her scoring stride, and that is good news for the Lady Dogies as they begin the second half of their conference season. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)



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Good Citizen Awards

January

Olivia Hintz - 3rd, Mrs. Liggett

Each month we gather together to discuss who our Good Citizens are. The messages that are written by the teachers are meant to inspire us to become better students, better friends, and better citizens. And, each month a very special third, fourth, and fifth grader is recognized for their achievements. Amongst you right now is a third grader that has spent her time showing our class what it means to be kind, generous, thoughtful, successful, and appreciative. As each of you know, third grade is the time when you are no longer considered a "little kid." School can be difficult, many things to learn and much is asked of you. This month's Good Citizen has met these challenges head on. She has stayed focused and dedicated to reaching her goals and learning something new each and every day. I have watched her work with everyone in our class, becoming a friend to all. Whether she is working with someone she normally plays with, or partnering up with someone new, she treats them with respect and kindness. Okay, finally, I have a couple of secrets for you—first, sometimes students give teachers a hard time. When the teacher asks students to do things, sometimes, the children will complain, avoid, or down right refuse to be Good Citizens. Not this third grader! No matter what the task is, she says, "okay!" and gets right to work. My second secret is going to give away this month's Good Citizen. I will tell you something about this person, you put the clues together, and the secret will be out.

- O is for Outstanding
 - L is for Lovely, Likable, Listener, and Learner
 - I is for Inspiring
 - V is for Vibrant
 - I is for Intelligent
 - A is for Amazing
- What did those clues spell out?
You're right—Congratulations Olivia Hintz!



Sara Barton - 4th, Mrs. Ragland

There's a poster outside our door that says, "ALWAYS BELIEVE SOMETHING WONDERFUL IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN". A message so simple yet so empowering. The student selected to receive the January Citizenship award truly lives each day with gratitude and optimism. Because of her outstanding positive outlook, she has many incredible lessons to share with those around her.

Lesson #1: Always be willing to take time for others. This student continually offers a helping hand, a tender word, or an infectious smile to those around her. Each day this young lady tries to support others in some way. She's committed to friendship. This may seem insignificant to her peers, but the generosity in her actions are profound.

Lesson #2: Take responsibilities seriously. This person possesses the drive and willingness to go the extra mile. Her work habits are scrupulous as she continually looks to improve herself and do the best she is capable. Never giving less than her best, she faces adversity as a challenge and works diligently until it is resolved.

Lesson #3: Always look on the bright side of things. When times are difficult, people often look at their circumstances and feel they have no power to change things. Usually they complain, do nothing, just give up. Our student of the month is an individual who chooses to do something—something positive. No excuses, no debate, no lengthy analysis, no worrying about what others might think. She is an instrument of change. She sees challenging situations as an opportunity to be faced with grace, courage, and most importantly humor.

Lesson #4: Make someone's day. Not a day passes that I don't receive a note, a word of gratitude, or a carefully drawn picture from this unbelievable thoughtful student. She does the same for others as well. Daily I witness a spirit of generosity and caring towards all, which few young people possess. Mrs. Pzinski can hardly contain herself when speaking of this student because of her genuine sincerity, "She just makes my day when I see her!" Never doubt your ability to touch someone's life—even with just a smile.

Thank you Sara Barton for sharing incredible lessons to live by and encouraging us to always believe something wonderful is about to happen. Congratulations for being selected as Good Citizen for January 2017.



Taylor Crinklaw - 5th, Mrs. McConkey

Over the course of the school year, I have been carefully observing the fifth grade students in my class. I have been watching and listening to students as they move throughout the day, noting how students interact with classmates, younger students, teachers, and other adults in our school. I have been searching for the perfect selection for the first fifth grade Good Citizen of the new year. After studying the students in my class, the choice for our Good Citizen became crystal clear. One student stood out from the rest, consistently making good choices, treating others with respect, and going above and beyond what was expected of her. She tries hard, works hard, and never gives less than one hundred percent. This fifth grader makes the right choices every day, in and out of the classroom. She does not allow herself to become distracted by the actions of others. In fact, I've heard her gently remind other students to get back on track. She chooses to do the right thing, even when making the wrong choice could be more convenient for her. This fifth grader is compassionate. She is kind, gentle, thoughtful, and respectful. She understands the importance of treating others the way she wants to be treated. Classmates and other adults here at Newcastle Elementary have noticed. Several teachers have shared how well she interacts with classmates, helping and guiding others who might be struggling with a difficult concept. This fifth grade student always goes above and beyond what is expected of her. She is a diligent student, taking the time to do her best on each assignment she completes. She is always willing to lend a hand, wherever help is needed. This Good Citizen is the first to volunteer to assist a classmate, help a teacher, or bring in an extra item to share with the class. This student is quite a stand-out in the classroom. She clearly exhibits the characteristics of a Good Citizen. It is a pleasure to work with the month's Good Citizen. Congratulations Taylor Crinklaw.



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Kickers are people too

An amazing, charismatic, athletic superstar from Newcastle once said, "Kicking isn't a joke."

Who said this, you may ask?

Well, only the greatest athlete to ever grace the courts and grasses of Newcastle High School athletics, Cameron Quigley—my holder and also the team's punter.

He is right, kicking is not a joke. Just ask the many people that play Fantasy Football. There is no question that there has been a week where their team was saved from defeat by their kicker, or they lost because their opponent's kicker went off and scored 20 points. I know I have lost that way.

Nevertheless, no matter how much a team may have won or lost by, the kicker would be forgotten within the next few days.

But I think kickers are people too, and deserve to be treated with the utmost respect.

(I have to admit that being a kicker does require the least amount of work compared to every other position in professional sports. A kicker's practice consists of him, his holder, and the long snapper standing around kicking the ball.)

But it is the most important job outside of the quarterback, so when it is game time all the pressure finally hits the kicker. Every time he goes up to kick an extra point or field goal it could be the difference in winning or losing.

Take Blair Walsh for example. He is the reason the Minnesota Vikings lost to the Seattle Seahawks in the Wild Card round of the 2015 playoffs—on a 27-yard field goal. Even I, a now ex-high school kicker, could have made that one!

Recently the Vikings let go of the Georgia State alumni due to his inconsistent kicking. If a kicker cannot make a field goal within 40 yards or make a PAT consistently, odds are that they will be kicked off the team. That has been made more clear this year than any in the past for NFL kickers.

It all has to do with the new rule that the NFL instated this year that the new extra point distance will be from the 15-yard line instead of the 2. This is why kickers are having a tough time. They got so used to kicking it from that



Colin Heaton
Hot Foot

safe and easy distance, the second things got changed they started missing. That is why Blair Walsh got the boot, and more recently why Mike Nugent of the Cincinnati Bengals was sent packing as well.

What most people do not understand is that kicking is hard. Despite being the easiest position in all of sports, it still comes with some amount of difficulty.

Take kickoffs for example.

I go out there expecting to kick and leave, but they make kickers run down the field after a kickoff and try to hit people! We kickers are not made for that. We are mostly made up of past soccer players because it is the one position a soccer player could be very good at. I remember when I first told Mr. Conzleman, the head football coach, that I wanted to play football, but only if I could be the kicker. He tried to convince me otherwise, but once practice started, he saw that I am not fast, cannot tackle, or even catch a ball. He quickly changed his mind.

One thing that I learned being a kicker is that one miss will follow you throughout the rest of the season. I missed a field goal in the first quarter of the Wheatland-Newcastle game that we eventually lost 27-28, and some people still come up to me saying that if I made that field goal we would have won the game.

However, no one ever comes to me with congratulations for having a perfect game against Mountain View in the first round of the playoffs, a game that went into double overtime that. We won 30-27, and my field goal put us in the lead. Yep, one mistake can follow a kicker forever, no matter how much good they have done for the team.

Although it may not seem like it, kickers are people too. Fragile people, but still people, and they should be treated as such. Without us, your fantasy team would seem empty, soccer players would be left bored in the fall, and your favorite team could end up losing by a point.

So rest in peace Blair Walsh and Mike Nugent. The world hates you, but you will always have the sympathy of fellow kickers. Stay strong. Who knows, you may be able to kick for the Canadian Football League.

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adding that event to his state qualification list. In addition to Hossfeld, Zach Benshoof dropped five seconds, while Kyle Allard shaved off one in this event.

"Everyone doing so well in the 100 Free, combined with the fact that we're starting to get faster in the 50 Free, bodes well for our two relays," Scribner smiled. "We had our best time in the 200 Free Relay by dropping 5 seconds, while in the 400 Free we dropped 14 seconds."

The proof is in the pudding, as evidenced by the WHSAA record board for relays. The Dogies made a significant move over the weekend to climb three places in both events, and Scribner admitted he is excited to see how fast his teams can get in those two relays.

"Our endurance is getting better and our technique is improving, so that will help as we head into the final stretch of the season," Scribner began. "However, we're right at mid-season and I don't want them to get too tired and get hurt. Right now we have three that are kind of sore."

While Scribner is attentive to the condition of his swimmers, he is determined to make sure they are making effective use of practice, not only for endurance purposes but also for perfecting technique.

"Austen Kenney is a freshman and his technique is improving daily, which is due in a large part to working hard enough in practice," he

noded. "However, the boys are notorious sand-baggers, which can cause issues when they compete. All of the guys are very competitive when it comes to the meet, but you can't slack all week in practice and show up at the competition expecting to be fast. You have to practice like you compete. One reason for some of the disqualifications we've had have come from the guys refusing to swim their events correctly in practice. When they're not

used to touching the wall, or not using proper technique on the start or during the stroke, that shows up in the meet."

Though originally scheduled to attend two meets this weekend, the Dogies find themselves with only one option on Saturday as the scheduled meet with Gillette will not take place. The squad will head to Lander on Saturday to compete in an invitational, where they may see two new teams in Lyman and Kemmerer.

Newcastle @ Worland Pre-Invite 1/20/17		Newcastle @ Worland Invitational 1/21/17	
1. Worland 83		1. Lander 287	6. Riverton 89
2. Douglas 61		2. Powell 227.5	7. Cody 64
3. Newcastle 26		3. Worland 202	8. Buffalo 56
200 Medley Relay 2:13.47		4. Rawlins 175.5	9. Newcastle 46
3 Dalton Parsons, Flint Hossfeld, Jacob Yeatman, Austen Kenney		5. Douglas 154	
200 Free 2:50.65		200 Medley Relay 2:37.90	
4 Flint Hossfeld	2:50.65	14 Dalton Parsons, Garrett Merchen, Zach Benshoof, Kaden Curren	
6 Garrett Merchen	2:51.96	200 Free 2:12.23	
50 Free 24.47 4AQ		9 Jacob Yeatman	2:12.23
1 Jacob Yeatman	24.47 4AQ	17 Kyle Allard	2:32.86
4 Zach Benshoof	29.59	21 Dalton Parsons	2:41.70
6 Kyle Allard	30.34	50 Free 29.50	
8 Dalton Parsons	32.71	19 Austen Kenney	29.50
DQ Austen Kenney		24 Garrett Merchen	31.80
100 Butterfly 1:37.78		31 Kaden Curren	38.87
6 Garrett Merchen	1:37.78	100 Butterfly 1:43.03	
7 Zach Benshoof	1:43.03	DQ Austen Kenney	
100 Free 55.92 4AQ		100 Free 1:04.68	
2 Jacob Yeatman	55.92 4AQ	13 Kyle Allard	1:04.68
5 Austen Kenney	1:08.35	16 Flint Hossfeld	1:06.03
7 Kaden Curren	1:24.81	17 Zach Benshoof	1:08.02
200 Free Relay 2:14.89		500 Free 6:20.28 3AQ	
3 Kyle Allard, Garrett Merchen, Flint Hossfeld, Kaden Curren		12 Dalton Parsons	7:23.01
100 Backstroke 1:20		200 Free Relay 1:53.08	
DQ Dalton Parsons		3 Austen Kenney, Kyle Allard, Flint Hossfeld, Jacob Yeatman	
DQ Kyle Allard		100 Backstroke 1:49.60	
100 Breaststroke 1:58.58		22 Kaden Curren	1:49.60
5 Kaden Curren	1:58.58	DQ Garrett Merchen	
400 Free Relay A: 4:40.36		100 Breaststroke 1:21.04	
3 Jacob Yeatman, Dalton Parsons, Austen Kenney, Flint Hossfeld		14 Flint Hossfeld	1:21.04
100 Backstroke B: 5:13.00		DQ Zach Benshoof	
4 Kyle Allard, Zach Benshoof, Garrett Merchen, Kaden Curren		400 Free Relay A: 4:35.39	
		9 Dalton Parsons, Austen Kenney, Jacob Yeatman, Flint Hossfeld	
		B: 5:11.35	
		12 Kyle Allard, Garrett Merchen, Zach Benshoof, Kaden Curren	

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on game day. If they have not put in the time and haven't picked up the skills and knowledge necessary to be a contributing member of the crew, that hurts the team in addition to causing hard feelings on the part of the other kids and their parents.

I'm not sure if it's the "participation trophy" mentality of entitlement that seems to pervade society, or somewhere else that the problem lies. However, I would venture to posit that if you don't show up to practice or to games, you shouldn't even get the participation trophy, since "participation" seems to be the only requirement.

I know that it takes a great deal of time and money to let your kids play club sports. I, and many others, have spent significant amounts of time on the road and sitting in hot gyms or pools to get our kids to AAU volleyball tournaments, soccer tournaments, basketball tournaments or swim meets every weekend.

We spent a lot of money on shoes or suits, gas, hotel rooms and food as well. We got up early on a Saturday to make sure we got to where we needed to be. We entertained younger siblings who were sick and tired of sitting around watching other kids play. We sacrificed our own plans to make sure that our kids made it to the

games.

Guess what, it didn't kill us and in fact, it gave us lasting memories to share with our children. As I watched my two little birdies leave the nest last fall, there was not a single moment that I wished I hadn't trekked all over this big, beautiful state to watch them in their sporting events in high school and middle school. I had no regrets over investing thousands of dollars over the past 10 years paying for club sports, buying equipment and covering travel expenses. Nor did I give a thought to the fact that I missed out on events of my own over the course of the last decade.

Not only did we form those lasting memories, my kids learned about commitment and dedication. They reaped the benefits of the work they put in as younger kids when they got to high school. They also learned how to compete, how to win and how to lose. They learned valuable lessons that will serve them well in the future.

It saddens me when kids miss out on these amazing experiences because they can't make it to practice or to the game. When looking at the big picture, the time we as parents get to spend with our children is only a blink of an eye. If you can't commit to the activity you sign your child up for, maybe you just shouldn't do it.

Dogies show growth on the road

When the Dogies stepped on the court in Douglas last Saturday, it was reminiscent of a David and Goliath scene, and while the Dogies didn't fare as well as David did in the 86-53 loss against the Bearcats, they certainly gave the giant every bit of fight they possessed.

"The game was awesome! Douglas is a great basketball team, but our guys didn't back down one inch," head coach Allen Von Eye exclaimed. "We missed some buckets early, but we just kept fighting, and kept throwing punches. Even though they were the giant in the gym and they tried to bully us around in the first quarter with their pressure, we didn't sit on our heels. We attacked them and got them out of their press because we handled it so well."

With a roster that boasts nine seniors and one junior who comes off the bench, the Bearcats not only outnumbered and outgunned the Dogies, they did so with a great deal more experience.

"It was evident from the onset that one team was definitely better than the other, and the lesser team had every reason throughout the whole contest to call it quits, but we never did," Von Eye smiled. "It was great to see our

kids battle and fight and every single guy who got on the floor did a great job. We were playing against the best team we've seen all year long, and our kids gave us the best minutes they have for the entire game."

Douglas started the game fast, taking a 9-0 lead against Newcastle, but the Dogies came charging back with a 14-8 run to pull within three.

That back-and-forth scenario played itself out as the first half continued, and the competitive nature of the Dogie squad showed itself throughout the entirety of the contest. Though they would drop the game, one area of the contest in which they beat the 'Cats was on the glass.

"We out-rebounded them for the game, even though they stand 6'5, 6'3, and 6'3 against our 6'0, 6'0, 5'9," Von Eye began. "Dylon Tidyman went in and had a great game with nine rebounds, six of them offensive. Lyle Whitney had one his best games of the season, pulling down three rebounds and scoring eight points over a 6'5 kid in the post. There's no reason why a 5'9 Lyle should do that, but it just shows his determination and his competitive drive."

Another player Von Eye recognized

for his performance in the game was Jake Lacey. He got his squad going early in the game by hitting two threes during the Dogies' 14-8 first quarter run, and maintained his composure and intensity throughout all four quarters of play, finishing with 16 points, six rebounds and three assists.

"Jake had a great game from start to finish," Von Eye nodded. "He just did a great job from the onset, and then late in the game he is the perfect example of the tendency of this whole team to maintain their composure. You will never see an emotional change in Jake, whether we're down or we're up. He is simply the kid who every single time we need something, will just grit his teeth and say 'I'm gonna go,' and he gets it done."

Fans caught a glimpse of the Dogie team that left everything on the court in Douglas during their game against Herders the night before in Glenrock. Though Newcastle struggled against their 2A opponent in the first three quarters, in the fourth the drive to win emerged.

"You know, that is my least favorite place to play because we just never seem to perform well there," Von Eye frowned. "They got up on us 0-9 early

and we went into the fourth quarter down 10, but then you could really see that determination and will come out, and it was just a physical desire to go get the game."

In the final frame, the Dogies outscored the Herders by 15 to claim a 45-40 victory, and they seemed to bring that fourth quarter mindset into their Saturday matchup as well.

After splitting the weekend on the road, the Dogies will kick off the second half of their season with chances to even the score in round two of conference matchups.

This Friday, they will travel to Wheatland for a rematch against the Bulldogs. When the two teams met a couple of weeks ago, Von Eye admitted his team did not play up to their potential, but after the way they performed against Douglas, he is hoping to see a different outcome this time around.

On Saturday, the Buffalo Bison come to town for another rematch. The Dogies suffered a loss in Johnson County, so are looking to even the score.

"These are two games that we feel pretty good about, and we all still have a pretty sour taste in our mouth about the Wheatland game," Von Eye

nodded. "Wheatland is a tough place to play, no doubt, but we've done pretty well there the last couple of years, even picking up a win last season."

"We played Buffalo great in the first half, going into the locker room tied, but their run and jump pressure got us in the second. However, Douglas runs a run and jump as well, and we didn't have any problems handling that. As long as we attack and shoot a little better than we did the last time we played in the Dome, I think good things will happen. It should be another competitive, good weekend for us."

Boys Basketball

Newcastle @ Glenrock	
1-20-17: 45-40	
Triston Roberson:	6 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals, 1 block
Cade Ostenson:	21 points, 8 rebounds, 1 assist
Lyle Whitney:	8 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals
Sawyer Roberson:	3 points, 1 rebound
Jake Lacey:	9 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals
Dylon Tidyman:	4 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals
Bryson Tidyman:	1 rebound
Newcastle @ Douglas	
1-21-17: 53-86	
Triston Roberson:	3 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists, 1 steal
Cade Ostenson:	17 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists
Lyle Whitney:	8 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals
Sawyer Roberson:	3 points, 3 rebounds
Jake Lacey:	16 points, 6 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal
Dylon Tidyman:	4 points, 9 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 block
Bryson Tidyman:	2 points

Speech team takes third in Gillette

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

The Sweepstakes winning streak ended for the Newcastle Speech team at their tournament in Gillette last Friday and Saturday. Despite performing well, a combination of factors kept the Dogies from picking up their fourth consecutive award.

"We were really excited about this meet because we did very well there last year," head coach Michael Alexander began. "Unfortunately – or fortunately – depending on perspective, it was much larger than we had anticipated, and they only awarded Sweepstakes to the top two teams rather than the top three as has been the case so far."

For Gillette, the 18 teams in attendance this weekend made it the biggest tournament they have hosted, and for the Dogies

it was the largest they have competed in thus far this season. Though they didn't take home a team trophy the squad came very close.

"We knew at one point we were in fourth place and we were pretty confident that we moved into third, though we never actually found out," Alexander admitted. "Unfortunately, we will never know since they only awarded the top two places."

Individually, senior Heather Michaelis enjoyed a successful weekend by placing second in Parliamentary Debates along with partner Madison Frazee, and finishing third on her own in Oratory.

According to Alexander, Frazee was very close to placing individually in Lincoln-Douglas (L-D) Debate as well.

"She won the first two rounds and one of the comments on her cards was 'Sorry

Jaquelyn (Frazee's opponent), but you faced the Grinder,' and she's had comments like that before," Alexander boasted. "Her third round was super close, and ended with a one-point difference between her and the other gal. It was a coach who judged that round, and he said he couldn't decide until he got really nit-picky after they had left the room. He had to think about it, and they both did a fantastic job."

Unfortunately, Frazee suffered a high-point loss in her fourth round, and that kept her out of finals and perplexed both she and Alexander.

"She was the better speaker, but because of some significant issue which wasn't made clear, the win went to her opponent," Alexander explained. "This was very frustrating to Madee, me and Lindsey [Burling], because the judge didn't clarify why she

lost even though she had higher points. Apparently, the other person had a more convincing argument while Madee was the better speaker."

Kinlee Whitney added points for her team by picking up a sixth place finish in Impromptu. According to Alexander, Gillette is the only tournament that offers this event. Both he and Whitney were hoping for better than sixth given she had consistently scored higher than that in previous rounds, but they admitted finals was a very tough round.

For the impromptu category, competitors are given a topic and they have to put together an argument and present.

"Knowing Kinlee, her bombastic personality lets her really excel at that kind of thing," Alexander laughed. "She's very clever, so she does well in this event."

Junior Makayla Hofner

earned her first award of the season with a third place in Informative, and Alexander was very pleased to see her finish so well.

"This is her first time competing in this event and she has worked really hard, so it's nice to see that is paying off," he nodded.

A down side to the tournament was that the duet teams really struggled, and Alexander admitted he didn't know exactly what to make of that.

"It was just really strange," he began. "One of our senior duo teams – Colin Heaton and Kinlee Whitney – did not compete and they have been really strong in that so far, so that makes a difference, but none of our other duos made it to finals either."

It is sometimes difficult for coaches and competitors to know why they earn the points

they do, as the teams are at the mercy of the judges, but Alexander noted there were some head scratchers as far as judge's comments.

"We started out strong and in the first round Lexi Krogman and Anna Gettinger got first, so we were really excited," he stated. "Unfortunately, they didn't do as well in the following rounds, so didn't break into finals."

This week the team heads to Natrona for a tournament and Alexander stated that his team is now entering into crunch time.

Speech

Gillette Speech Meet	
Parliamentary Debate:	
2	Heather Michaelis and Madison Frazee
Oratory:	
3	Heather Michaelis
Informative:	
3	Makayla Hofner
Impromptu:	
6	Kinlee Whitney

INSURANCE Retirement Checklist

Review your finances

Start saving now -- if you haven't already. Many workplaces offer a 401(k), 403(b), ESOP, or profit sharing plans. Employers may match contributions up to a certain amount. Consider contributing at least the minimum amount to earn your employer-provided and matching funds. Also consider contributions to an IRA or Roth IRA. If you're over 50, you may be able to make catch-up contributions to your retirement savings.

Evaluate how financially prepared you are. Track down and value your assets including cash, investments, your house, savings bonds, and even fine jewelry. Find the retirement accounts you have put money into throughout your career. Consider consolidating accounts so your money is easier to manage. Seek advice on how to roll-over accounts to avoid immediate taxation or other issues.

Review your specific needs for health insurance, long-term care insurance, and life insurance. Your coverage needs will change throughout your life. Insurance can help provide financial security if a catastrophe happens, including disruption of your ability to earn a living. Consider long-term disability insurance to cover the main breadwinner of the family.

Assess your life situation

Life insurance policies can provide benefits throughout life. Whole life policies can build cash value and may allow you to borrow from them, if needed. Research carefully if such a policy is right for you at your current life stage.

You may face the possibility of spending part of your retirement years without the support of your spouse. As a widower, you could face the loss or reduction of benefits. Plan for the possibility of

losing your spouse and focus on financial resources as a single person.

Consider the following:

- How financially comfortable would you be if your spouse passed away tomorrow?
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can be used to secure additional income throughout retirement. Research your options and consider the costs prior to deciding to purchase.

Annuities are regulated as insurance products and may be used in retirement strategies to provide retirement income. Discuss with your agent, broker, or financial planner as there are several types of annuities.

Grow your nest egg

Have a clear financial plan. A rule of thumb: replace 80% of your current annual income for your retirement years. Consider if you'll receive a pension and Social Security then subtract that amount from your annual income. Use that number to calculate a financial plan running out to age 100 for how much you'll need every year based on the year you retire. Talk to a certified financial planner to help you invest your money for the best rate of return.

Setting financial goals in five-year increments can help you gauge where you want your money. Monitor your annual returns to see if you're hitting your goals. Make adjustments as needed.

Health Care

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Newcastle City Council Minutes

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MINUTES TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017

Mayor Debra Piana called the regular meeting of the Newcastle City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were: Mayor Debra Piana; Council members Don Steveson, Michael Alexander, Steve Ladwig, Kara Sweet, and Todd Quigley. Councilman Roger Hespe was absent. Also present were Department Heads; City Police Chief Jim Owens, City Attorney Jim Peck, City Engineer Mike Moore, and City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Kara Sweet moved, seconded Todd Quigley to approve the agenda as amended, adding James Curren reference Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department elections under Citizen's Business Verbal and an electrical license approval under Citizen's Business in Writing. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Steve Ladwig moved, seconded Michael Alexander to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Tuesday, January 3, 2017 and the Executive Session minutes of Tuesday, January 3, 2017 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOMINATIONS FOR RECOGNITION: 1. Skull Creek Studio for their new business on Main Street and Madeline Kade Designs for their new business on Main Street.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION: Jessica Graham was present to receive a certificate for hosting the New Year's Eve lock-in activity for middle school age girls.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS IN WRITING: Kara Sweet moved, seconded Steve Ladwig, to approve an Electrical Contractor's License for Swiftco, Inc., Thad Stoddard Master Electrician. All fees have been paid and proof of insurance and bond have been provided. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS VERBAL:
• James Curren was present to discuss the board elections for the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department. Fire Chief for 2017 is Austin Baker, Assistant Chief James Curren, Secretary Meritt Pederson, and Mark Christiansen, Treasurer. Todd Quigley moved, seconded Michael Alexander to approve the officers for 2017.

MOTION CARRIED. Mr. Curren also requested a recognition for Donny Munger for his 12 years of service as Chief for the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department.

• Mr. Dan Keierleber from the Weston County Sportsman's Club was present. Mayor Piana invited him to suggest a few dates when they could meet with the Newcastle City Council to discuss matters of concern.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS:
• Mayor Piana read a proclamation declaring January 22-28, 2017 as School Choice Week in Newcastle, Wyoming. She also reported on her trip to the WAM Winter Workshop in Cheyenne and encouraged City involvement in the Northeast Wyoming Elected Officials group and the 2017 Congressional Fact Finding tour.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:
• City Police Chief Jim Owens presented a written report on calls for service in January and briefly reported on 3 items of major activity.
• City Attorney Jim Peck reported on the Planning and Zoning Board meeting reference landscaping and parking variances for the new motel.

• City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James requested a motion designating signers for the certificates of deposit at Pinnacle Bank be the Mayor Debra Piana, City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James, Senior Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Deb Mills, and Council President Todd Quigley. Kara Sweet moved, seconded Steve Ladwig to name these individuals as signers at Pinnacle Bank for the City's certificates of deposit. **MOTION CARRIED.** Weston County requested the City's agreement to move consensus grant money in the amount of \$77,124.47 and \$6,342.70 from previous approved County projects to Courthouse Improvements. Don Steveson moved, seconded Steve Ladwig to approve the request to move funds as requested by Weston County. **MOTION CARRIED.**

• City Engineer Mike Moore reported on the water improvement project's progress. He noted Water Well #5 was drilled to 1900' and they are ready to set the next 500' of casing. He briefly reported on the future need to evaluate and do maintenance work on our sewer lagoons. He also reported phase #1 of the hospital expansion is nearly complete.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: None
NEW BUSINESS: None
CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY: Don Steveson moved, seconded Steve Ladwig to pay claims

against the City dated January 17, 2017.

MOTION CARRIED.
ADJOURNMENT: Don Steveson moved, seconded Michael Alexander to adjourn this meeting of the Newcastle City Council at 7:40 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CLAIMS: Advanced Communications, computer cables, \$44.00; American Business Software, website hosting, \$354.00; Black Hills Energy, electric service, \$1539.41; Butler Machinery Co., parts, \$290.23; Culligan Water Conditioning, bottled water, \$39.00; Deckers Food Center, housekeeping supplies, \$112.52; Denette Price, cakes—Bob's retirement, \$90.00; Derek's Field Service, equipment repairs, \$5480.99; Double D Obsolete Parts, oil, \$1408.00; R. Douglas Dumbrell, Municipal court and mileage, \$1074.90; Eastern Wyoming Equipment Co., parts, \$662.74; Erin Smith, water deposit refund, \$100.00; Fair Manufacturing, Inc., parts, \$4103.62; Frontier Home Ranch and Hardware, supplies, \$394.62; Graphic designs, name tags, \$1719.00; Heartland Kubota, LLC, parts, \$1288.60; Hot Iron, Inc., 2016 water line pmnt. #2, \$85,479.21; Hotsy Equipment of Wyoming, Inc., repair pressure washer, \$296.00; Jacob McCoy, water deposit refund, \$152.92; John Singer, reimburse housekeeping supplies, \$21.96; Misty Harrington, electricity use—ground thawer, \$16.94; Municipal Emergency Services, ID tags, FD, \$236.50; Newcastle Hardware, materials, FD, \$20.75; Newcastle Motors, LTD., repairs and service, \$619.65; Newcastle Police Dept., reimburse petty cash-postage, \$61.43;

News Letter Journal, legals and office supplies, \$3207.87; North American Truck & Trailer, parts, \$1305.89; Northwest Pipe Fittings, Inc., curb box/saddles, \$1395.89; Office Shop Leasing, copier lease, \$106.81; Outlaw Motors, parts & service, \$470.80; Petty Cash, reimburse postage, \$26.58; Powder River Energy Corp., electric service, \$1485.02; Powerplan, equipment parts, \$102.99; Projex, IT work, \$600.00; Rapid Delivery, parts delivery, \$102.35; RT Communications, phone service, \$1686.27; Shopco Stores Operating Co., housekeeping supplies, \$215.35; Titan Machinery, parts, \$24.62; Valli Information Systems, web maintenance, \$150.00; Becky Vodopich, office cleaning, \$360.50; Voelker's Autobody/Glass, tire repair, 15.00; WCS Telecom, shop cell phones, \$150.73; WEBT, employee life ins., \$102.75; Wesco Gas, landfill propane, 760.46; Weston County Public Health, flu shot, 27.00; Weston County Road & Bridge, fuel purchase, \$7311.43; Weston County Treasurer, youth services/airport/handling charge, \$2679.22; Weston County Title, title work, well #5, \$300.00; Weston County Humane Society, dogs, food fee, \$6.00; Wireless Advanced, police equipment, \$162.50; Woody's Food Center, housekeeping supplies, \$115.60; WY Dept. of Ag/Technical Services, landfill scale certification, \$25.00; Wyoming Water Quality, membership, \$90.00.

Deb Piana, Mayor
ATTEST:
City Clerk/Treasurer, Gregory H James

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Blotter

January 15, 2017
No Trespass Order requested. Report of a dog at large, Impounded. Motorist assist. Funeral escort requested. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Civil standby requested. Civil standby requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

January 16
Natural death reported. Open door discovered. Found property reported. Barking dog complaint. Suspicious activity reported. Missing dogs reported.

January 17
Two VIN inspections requested. Welfare check requested. 911 misdial. Traffic stop, No action taken.

January 18
911 misdial. Traffic complaint. Commercial fire alarm reported. 911 misdial. Traffic stop, 2 Citations issued. Commercial alarm reported.

January 19
Open door discovered. No Trespass Notice requested. Report of a dog at large. Report of a dog at large. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued.

January 20
Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Suspicious activity reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Gas drive off reported. Welfare check requested. 911 misdial. Counterfeit bill reported. Dead deer reported. Assist other agency. Drunk driver reported. Report of an animal at large. Motorist assist. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic hazard reported. Traffic stop, 2

Citations issued.



January 21
Welfare check requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Funeral escort requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Medical assist. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order

issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Verbal Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, No action taken. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Bobcats reported. Traffic stop, 2 Citations issued. Open door discovered. Traffic hazard reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

Legal Notice

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, DIVISION OF AIR QUALITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 6, Section 2(m) of the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations, notice is hereby given that the State of Wyoming, Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality, proposes to approve a request by Evertson Operating Company, Inc. to conduct blowdown and venting activities in the Statewide, Upper Green River Basin and Jonah/Pinedale Anticline Development Areas in Wyoming. The proposed permit includes requirements to conduct well blowdown and venting activities using Best Management Practices (BMP) associated with manual and automated blowdown/venting episodes associated with liquids unloading, wellbore depressurization in preparation for maintenance or repair, hydrate clearing, emergency operations and equipment depressurization, and to monitor, maintain records, and report emissions from the well blowdown and venting activities.

For the duration of the public comment period, copies of the permit application, the agency's analysis, and the public notice are available for public inspection online at <http://deq.wyoming.gov/aqd/new-source-review/resources/applications-on-notice/> and at the Albany County Clerk's Office, Laramie, Wyoming; Big Horn County Clerk's Office, Basin, Wyoming; Campbell County Clerk's Office, Gillette, Wyoming; Carbon County Clerk's Office, Rawlins, Wyoming; Converse County Clerk's Office, Douglas, Wyoming; Crook County Clerk's Office, Sundance, Wyoming; Fremont County Clerk's Office, Lander, Wyoming; Goshen County Clerk's Office, Torrington, Wyoming; Hot Springs County Clerk's Office, Thermopolis, Wyoming; Johnson County Clerk's Office, Buffalo, Wyoming; Laramie County Clerk's Office, Cheyenne, Wyoming; Lincoln County Clerk's Office, Kemmerer, Wyoming; Natrona County Clerk's Office, Casper, Wyoming; Niobrara County Clerk's Office, Lusk, Wyoming; Park County Clerk's Office, Cody, Wyoming; Platte County Clerk's Office, Wheatland, Wyoming; Sheridan County Clerk's Office, Sheridan Wyoming; Sublette County Clerk's Office, Pinedale, Wyoming; Sweetwater County Clerk's Office, Green River, Wyoming; Teton County Clerk's Office, Jackson, Wyoming; Uinta County Clerk's Office, Evanston, Wyoming; Washakie County Clerk's Office, Worland, Wyoming; Weston County Clerk's Office, Newcastle, Wyoming. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, special assistance or alternate formats will be made available upon request for individuals with disabilities.

Written comments may be directed to Nancy Vehr, Administrator, Division of Air Quality, Department of Environmental Quality, 200 West 17th St., Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002 or by fax (307) 635-1784. Please reference A0003832, A0003875 in your comment. Comments submitted by email will not be included in the administrative record. All comments received by 5:00 p.m., Monday, February 27, 2017 will be considered in the final determination on this application. A public hearing will be conducted only if in the opinion of the administrator sufficient interest is generated or if an aggrieved party so requests.

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Probate Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF WESTON, STATE OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR DECREE ESTABLISHING RIGHT AND TITLE TO PROPERTY OF DONNA J. YEGEN DECEASED
PROBATE NO. PR-8081
PURSUANT TO WYO. STAT. ANN. § 2-1-205

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DECREE TO THE PUBLIC AND ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID PROPERTY:

You are hereby notified that on January 10, 2017, an Application for Decree Establishing Right and Title to Property Pursuant to Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 2-1-205, for the personal and real property described below, was filed in the Sixth Judicial District Court for Weston County, Wyoming:

Personal Property:
Brock Sod LLC, a Wyoming Limited Liability Company, Donna J. Yegen, sole member
Wells Fargo Business Choice Checking Account #XXXXXX6889 in the name of DJYT LLC, which LLC has been dissolved
Vacation ownership interest in the Scottsdale Pinnacle Owners Association, Account #XXX489
Real Property:
Township 46 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M., Weston County, WY
Ackerman Ware #24
Section 7: SE/4SE/4
Ackerman Ware #P-2
Section 7: SE/4SE/4
Ackerman Ware #P-3
Section 7: SE/4SE/4

Any action to dispute the facts contained in said Application shall be filed in said Court within thirty (30) days of the first date of publication of this Notice.
DATED this 16th day of January, 2017.

ESTATE OF DONNA J. YEGEN
By: CARISSA D. MOBLEY
(Wyo. State Bar #7-4681)
Schwartz, Bon, Walker & Studer, LLC
141 South Center St., Suite 500
Casper, WY 82601
(307) 235-6681

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Probate Notice

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SYLVIA L. WATSON, DECEASED.
PROBATE NO. PR-8062

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that on the 18th day of October, 2016, the Last Will and Testament of SYLVIA L. WATSON was admitted to probate by the above-named Court, and that CATHERINE ZARO was appointed Personal Representative thereof. Any action to set aside said Will must be filed in said Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to said Decedent or to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the attorney for the Estate at 159 North Wolcott, Suite 400, Casper, Wyoming 82601.

Creditors having claims against said Decedent or the Estate are required to file them with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of said Court, on or before three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, and if such claims are not so filed, unless otherwise allowed or paid, they will be forever barred.

DATED this 3 day of January, 2017.

Ryan Schwartz
Attorney for the Estate/Personal Representative
WILLIAMS, PORTER, DAY & NEVILLE, P.C.
P.O. Box 10700
159 No. Wolcott, Suite 400
Casper, Wyoming 82602
(307)-265-0700
ATTORNEYS FOR THE ESTATE
OF SYLVIA L. WATSON

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that on January 4, 2017 an application for the Transfer of Name Change for a Retail Liquor License was made at the City of Newcastle. The application is for the transfer of Retail Liquor License #5, Heidi Cleveland Antler's Lounge. To HRS Antlers, LLC (dba) Antler's Lounge, 205 West Main Street, Newcastle, Wyoming. Protest against this transfer if there be any, will be heard at 7:30 p.m. Monday, February 6, 2017 in the Newcastle City Council Chambers at City Hall, 10 W. Warwick, Newcastle, Wyoming.

Dated: 4th Day of January 2017

Gregory H. James, Clerk/Treasurer
City of Newcastle

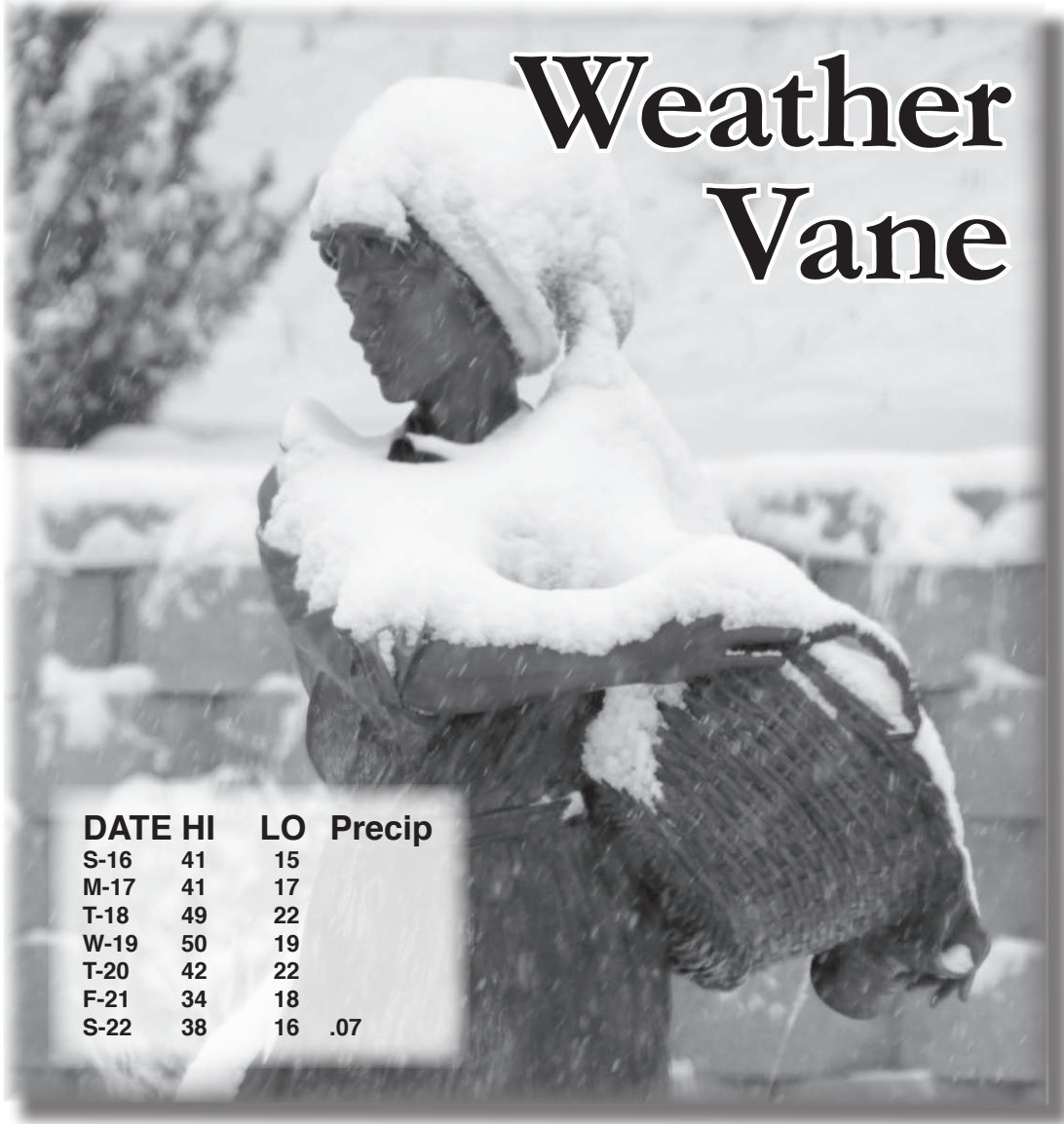
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Foreclosure Notice

FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note (the "Note") dated 3/26/2012 executed and delivered by Clint J. Louderback, ("Mortgagor") to Wells Fargo Bank, NA and a real estate mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by said Mortgagors, to Wells Fargo Bank, NA, and which Mortgage was recorded on 04/09/2012, as Reception No. 734479, Book 336 Page 0272 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 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;

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 Wells Fargo Bank, NA, 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 AM o'clock in the forenoon on 02/21/2017 at 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:

Lot 5A, Replat of Lots 1 and 2, Ogden's Reservation, Upton, Weston County, Wyoming according to the plat thereof recorded July 22, 1982 as instrument number 477449.

With an address of: 1110 Kellog St. Upton, WY 82730.

Together with all improvements thereon situated and all fixtures and appurtenances thereto. Dated: December 27, 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 December 17, 2010 executed and delivered by Jesse W. Stockler, as Mortgagor, in favor of Premier Home Mortgage, Inc., recorded December 20, 2010 as Rec. No. 724162, Book 325, Page 790, in the public records in the office of the county clerk of Weston County, Wyoming; as assigned to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), recorded December 20, 2010 as Rec. No. 724163, Book 325, Page 803, in the public records in the office of the county clerk of Weston County, Wyoming; as assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, recorded June 7, 2012 as Rec. No. 736003, Book 337, Page 443, in the public records in the office of the county clerk of Weston County, Wyoming. The premises that are described in the Mortgage are as follows:

Lot Three (3) and the West forty five feet (W 45') of Lot Four (4), Block Seventeen (17), 1st Enlargement to Neiman Addition, Upton, Weston County, Wyoming according to the recorded plat thereof, together with improvements and appurtenances;

with an address of 1106 4th Avenue, Upton, WY 82730.

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 \$114,165.74 which includes the unpaid principal and accrued but unpaid interest. Interest continues to accrue on the unpaid balance at the rate of \$13.74 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 21st day of February, 2017, on the courthouse steps of Weston County. DATED this 30th day of December, 2016.

BY: Bruce S. Asay
Associated Legal Group, LLC
1812 Pebrican Avenue
Cheyenne, WY 82001
(307) 632-2888
Attorney for JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

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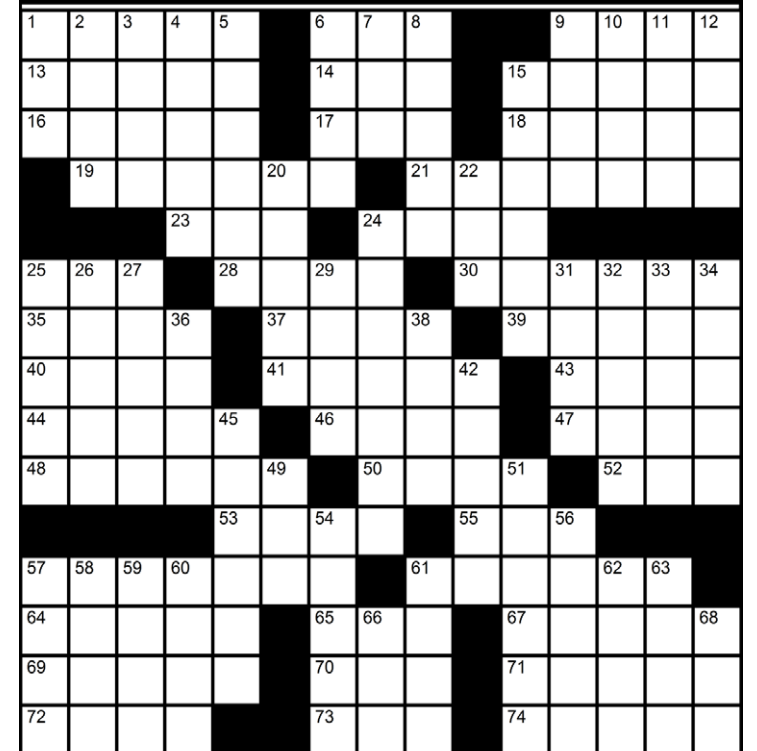
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- Bars on guitars
- Olden-day aerosol can propellant
- Invitation request
- Chinese fruit
- "Say what?"
- Kind of space
- *8-time Grammy winner and "Climax" (2012) performer
- Victorian time, e.g.
- Mickey Mouse's pet
- *2017 Grammy host
- *Beyoncé's nominated rap song
- Listening device
- British comedy's Mr. _____
- Baryshnikov's step
- Red gemstone
- Good guy
- Amy Winehouse's voice, e.g.
- Same as pleaded
- Chinese silk plant
- Film _____
- Rode in a tube
- Insolence
- Dished out
- Observer
- Seed cover
- Like flotsam
- Red-encased cheese
- Chinese "way"
- *Prince's 1986 Grammy winner
- Spanish sea
- *Justin Bieber's Grammy nominated album
- *Best Rap Song nominee (2017)
- Apathetic
- Ante up
- Reflective thinker
- Ringworm
- Rub the wrong way
- Open-mouthed
- Perching place
- *1995 Grammy nominee, _____ of Base
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- Work stopper?
- Reduced Instruction Set Computer
- Amazon's smart speaker
- Not here
- India VIP
- _____ Zhen, played by Bruce Lee and Jet Li
- Hudson's Bay Company's original ware
- Irritate by rubbing
- *4-time Grammy nominated Ja _____
- Part of house frame
- U.S. President's special power
- "Pretty in Pink" formal
- "Once upon a time..." e.g.
- Do like a volcano
- Popular pickup
- Sayonaras
- *Designer's nominated hit
- Cool & distant
- Motionless
- *"_____ Aint Your Color"
- Hindu serpent deity
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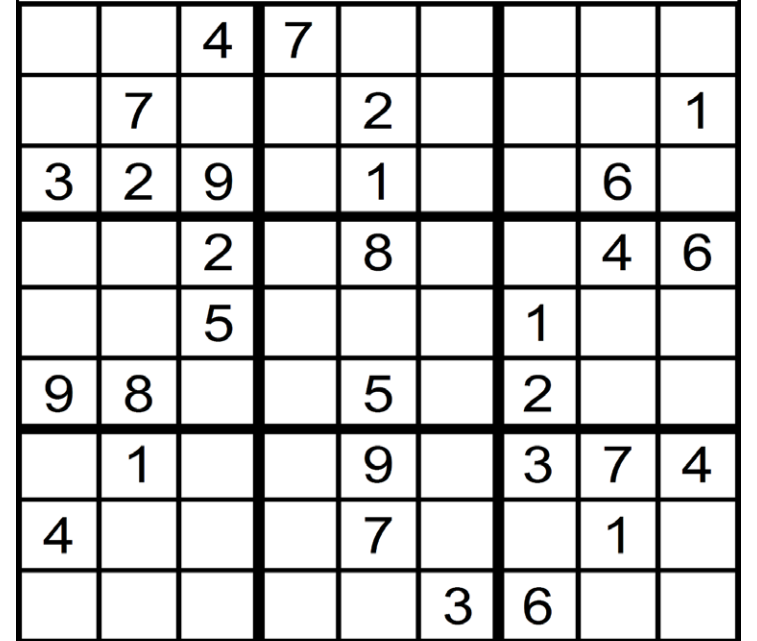
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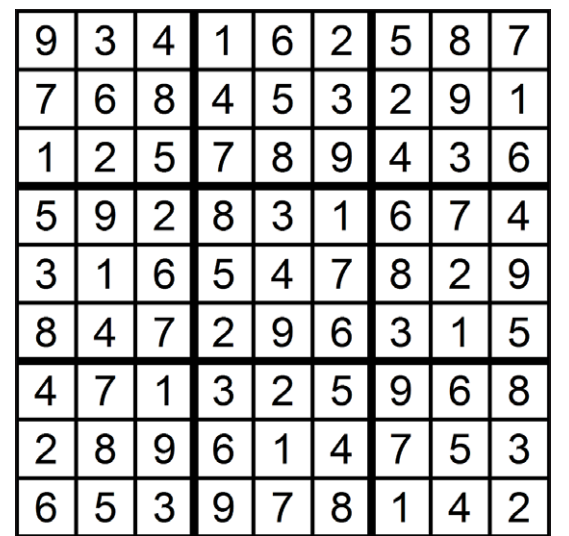
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Eight is enough

Small squad makes big waves in Chadron

Sonja Karp
 NLJ Sports Reporter

When the combined Newcastle/Upton wrestlers showed up to compete at the Chadron Invitational last Saturday, they showed how much damage a little fish can do in a big pond.

Only eight grapplers faced off against the likes of Gillette, Natrona and Kelly Walsh from Wyoming, Valentine, Alliance, Chadron and Gering from Nebraska, and Spearfish, South Dakota. Despite being outsized, the squad finished eighth out of 22 teams, and had three individuals advance to the championship round.

Even more impressively, one of those Dogies brought home a title when Bryce

Womack (285) put in a perfect day despite being pitted against some quality opponents.

"One of the real highlights of the tournament was Bryce beating the Alliance kid, who is a tough, tough athlete," head coach Lee McCoy nodded. "He went up against him in the quarter finals, and beat him by one. We had seen the kid before in Douglas and he is really quite impressive, so that Bryce was able to defeat him was great."

McCoy went on to emphasize that Womack is wrestling really well right now and beginning to compete like a true heavyweight.

"He's just working his matches very smart and where he's comfortable. He's making the other kids wrestle his match, and he's getting harder and harder to beat," McCoy smiled. "I attribute that to having Sean Crabtree, Scott Garhart, Emmett Daunt, and Matt Gregory coming in to work with him. To have that support, and to have big guys that he has to wrestle the right way, has been really good for him and it's starting to show."

Juniors Teigen Marchant (182) and Wyatt Corley (152) battled through each round to earn the right to compete for first, but unfortunately both faced off against fierce opponents in the deciding match and fell just short of the titles they coveted.

"Teigen's finals match was probably the best I've ever seen him wrestle," McCoy stated. "The kid was from Bridgeport, undefeated and ranked number

one in Nebraska, but Teigen hustled and wrestled hard. He needs to improve on a few things on his feet, but as far as effort and everything that went into the match, he wrestled really well."

Corley was pitted against the returning Wyoming state champion from Natrona in his deciding match of the day. Given this was not the first time these two had met, Corley knew what he was up against.

"Wyatt wrestled and lost to this kid in Torrington, so he made some adjustments and improvements on Saturday," McCoy explained. "He looked a lot better on his feet, and better from the bottom for the most part, but he just came up short. The kid has a move that Wyatt kind of plays right into, and he caught him with it again. However, it was a lot better match, and he was right in it up until he got pinned. It was a pretty hotly contested battle until that moment."

The other Dogie to make it into the placing rounds was Trayton Dawson (113). A Spearfish grappler the best of him in the semi-final round before he faced some unexpected adversity in the consolation semi-finals.

"I don't like to blame officiating for losses, but Trayton got some questionable calls in the consolation semi round so that put him in the fifth and sixth place match," McCoy frowned. "There he wrestled an Alliance kid he had run into earlier in the day, and he really took it to him to take fifth."

Besides being pleased with

how his team finished up the tournament, McCoy was very happy with the improvement he has seen his squad make in aspects of the sport that have been historically weak.

"The thing that's hardest to do in wrestling is to improve week after week because it's a grind. However, when you're up against good competition like we were in Chadron, we can really start to see it happening," McCoy grinned. "I look at the stats and let that guide what we do in practice, and they are showing that our takedowns are getting much more competitive. In fact, this was the first tournament in three years where we got more takedowns than our opponents. That's a huge improvement over a couple of weeks ago, where we were giving up three takedowns to every one we were getting."

This week, the Dogies/Bobcats will dual Wright on Thursday at 6 p.m. in Newcastle, and will go to Buffalo on Saturday for a quad-rangular, where they will dual Buffalo, Cody and Douglas.

Wrestling

Chadron Invitational @ Chadron, NE 1/21/17		
Newcastle Team Place 8th		
106 Reid Holms		DNP 1-2
113 Trayton Dawson	5th Place	3-2
126 Alan Baker		DNP 3-2
138 Zach Schuessler		DNP 0-2
152 Wyatt Corley	2nd Place	4-1
160 James Moberly		DNP 0-2
182 Teigen Marchant	2nd Place	3-1
285 Bryce Womack	1st Place	4-0
Moorcroft Mixer @ Moorcroft 1/21/17		
120 Aaron Fullerton		DNP 1-2
132 Gavin Durfee		DNP 1-2
152 Conagher Testerman		DNP 0-2

Ladies

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Bartlett grinned. "We were only up by one at half, but then we came out in the third quarter and outscored them 19-2! Rachel Ehlers got in the zone, and when she's in that zone she's going to make some shots."

Ehlers got things started by draining a three, and followed that up with a quick layup. Bartlett called a time out to draw up a play for her, and when play resumed Ehlers executed perfectly to pick up another trey from beyond the arc. Ehlers revved the engine, the crowd responded and her team jumped on board to make a run that blew the contest open for the Lady Dogies.

"The energy in the Dome was good, even with the boys being gone and the crowd not what it usually is," Bartlett nodded. "When you see a kid do something special, where the basket is starting to get bigger and she's in rhythm, you can just feel the momentum change. We got a lot of steals with Lexus Voelker and Sarah Henkle each picking their opponent's pockets to go on break-away layups to score, and it's just the stuff that we have been wanting to see all year long. We were creating turnovers, and getting out and running. The crowd was behind us, and it was just a lot of fun."

As the final frame came to a close, the Lady Dogies held a dominant 53-39 lead over Glenrock. Ehlers scoring rampage in the third quarter helped her to a 14 point total, while Rachel Henkle had her best offensive effort of the season, and led her team with 18 tallies.

"The Rachels are starting to click, and after the weekend played out it's now three games in a row where they were both in double figures. I thought those two were definitely the highlight of the weekend," Bartlett began. "Henkle is beginning to score on the opportunities she creates, and when Ehlers slows down, relaxes and trusts that she's practiced a lot of shooting over the past four years, she does a great job."

With a win under their belts, the squad headed to Douglas on Saturday for a game they knew would be much more challenging than the one the night before, given the Lady Bearcats hold the number one

rank in 3A and boast an undefeated season.

Douglas quickly proved they deserved their top-ranked status as play got underway, and the Lady Dogies appeared to cave under the pressure the Bearcats brought to the court.

The Lady Cats got on the board first with a quick layup after the tip. Then it was Newcastle's turn on offense, and though they maintained possession of the basketball for a full minute of play, Bartlett's crew was unable to break the seal on the basket.

"After they scored initially, we went down and had a great possession," Bartlett declared. "We had multiple shots because we were getting offensive rebounds, and we got to the free throw line as well. We took four shots and two free throws and got zero points, and then they went down the floor and made another layup."

The first quarter ultimately ended in disaster for Newcastle as Douglas went on a 25-6 run before the second frame began. The Lady Dogies gained some composure later in the contest, but the 30-point hole they dug for themselves in the first half was far too deep to overcome, especially against a team the caliber of the Lady Bearcats.

"Right away against a team as good as they are, you shouldn't have pressure on you. You should be carefree and loose because no one expects you to win," Bartlett stated. "But then all of a sudden, you can't seem to make a shot and they're making layups, so that pressure does start to sink in and we start thinking we have to make shots and stop them now."

"Every time that doesn't happen, the pressure mounts and we were playing really tight. We had kids trying for force things, and trying to do things they don't necessarily need to do. We just need to take the easy play, rather than the great play. Sometimes we just need to pass to another teammate. It may not get us a shot, but it keeps the ball moving," he finished.

A positive Bartlett gleaned from the 38-68 loss is that his squad played their opponent pretty evenly in the second half, which led him to draw some conclusions.

"They are number one, they are undefeated, and they are

good. But, they aren't 30 points better than us on a given night," he concluded. "If we play bad, they will kick our butts as we saw. But if we play good, and they miss some shots, we have a chance. I think we're a pretty good basketball team. We just don't play like it very much, so we are what we look like right now. We need to show that we are more capable than we've been showing, and we have to start putting that product on the floor."

The Lady Dogies will have the opportunity to try to do just that as they head to Wheatland on Friday and host Buffalo on Saturday. The first time these teams met, the Lady Dogies fell to both, but coaches and players feel confident they can turn the tables.

"We're looking forward to this weekend because those are two games that we were pretty disappointed with the last time we played," Bartlett admitted. "In the Wheatland game last time, I thought as a coaching staff we didn't do a good enough job of putting our kids in positions to stop Shelby Connelly. That kid is incredibly talented and we thought we had a plan that would work, but it didn't. So that's on me. One thing that's encouraging is that our kids played pretty good that game, and if I do a better job of putting the girls in a better place defensively, maybe that will be the difference we need on Friday."

Girls Basketball

Newcastle v. Glenrock 1-20-17: 53-39	
Rachel Henkle: 18 points, 8 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 block	
Rachel Ehlers: 14 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 4 steals	
Alyssa Umphlett: 4 points, 5 rebounds, 5 assists, 4 steals	
Taylor Spain: 9 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal	
Kaprina Jones: 4 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals	
Sarah Henkle: 2 points, 2 steals	
Lexus Voelker: 2 points, 1 rebound, 3 steals	
Lauren Lacey: 5 rebounds, 1 steal	
Grace Coy: 2 rebounds	
Madi Pearson: 1 rebound, 2 steals	
Newcastle @ Douglas 1-21-17: 38-68	
Rachel Henkle: 10 points, 11 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals	
Rachel Ehlers: 16 points, 1 rebound, 2 assists	
Alyssa Umphlett: 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal	
Taylor Spain: 4 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal	
Kaprina Jones: 1 rebound	
Sarah Henkle: 6 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals	
Lexus Voelker: 4 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals	
Lauren Lacey: 2 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal	
Grace Coy: 2 points, 1 rebound, 1 steal	

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