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Prairie dog group meets here

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

Tensions over prairie dogs on the Thunder Basin National Grassland continue to mount, and another effort to help the various entities involved in the ongoing dispute settle their differences was launched in Newcastle last week.

On April 13, the Ruckelshaus

Institute hosted a Thunder Basin National Grassland (TBNG) Collaborative Learning Workshop at the Weston County Senior Center with the stated intent to determine the values, information, needs and desired conditions surrounding the issue of prairie dogs on the TBNG.

During the workshop, those in attendance— representing at least three different counties— were

divided into workgroups to discuss four different questions developed by the Institute. Those questions included whether or not issues and concerns identified a year earlier had been addressed, additional issues or concerns that should be brought to the attention of the cooperative working group and the US Forest Service, and possible solutions to these issues.

As a general consensus, the

groups— and the individuals within them— felt that in some way their issues and concerns had been addressed, but in other instances they believed they had not. The groups seemed to lean towards declaring disfavor over the way previous concerns had been addressed, but admitted some satisfaction over a couple of responses from the Forest Service, including a recent lifting of the prairie

dog shooting ban and utilization of some lethal forms of population control.

One group argued, however, that despite those lethal forms of prairie dog control, a marked increase in prairie dog expansion can still be seen across the grasslands, which led them to believe that not enough control

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Some college classes switch to online

Andy McKay
NLJ Reporter

Since 2013, Eastern Wyoming College (EWC) Outreach has offered concurrent enrollment courses for high school students that allow them to graduate with an Associate of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies as they're also completing their high school diploma, and this year is their largest graduating class with six students.

Unlike the courses available to the general public, concurrent classes are taught by high school teachers who have received accreditation through EWC, but that will soon be changing.

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Rooting for repeal

Local hospital official makes pitch in DC

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

Weston County Health Services Quality Care Director JoAnn Farnsworth had a front-row seat for the drama that unfolded when President Donald Trump and Republicans in Congress tried to repeal and replace some parts of the Affordable Care Act last month. While the plan failed to win support in the U.S. House of Representatives, Farnsworth expressed faith in Wyoming's congressional delegation and hope that a replacement for Obamacare could be produced that would be more favorable for Wyoming.

"We were there Thursday (March 23) and left Friday (March 24). It was postponed at the time, and never came to pass on Friday," declared Farnsworth. "That was a lot of the reason I was there."

Farnsworth had traveled to Washington D.C. to discuss her concerns with the federal delegation, and she was accompanied by Eric Boley, who serves on the Wyoming Hospital Association and is also the Leading Age Director of Wyoming.

The duo was fortunate enough to meet with Senator John Barrasso and Representative Liz Cheney, but Senator Mike Enzi was in a vote at the time of their scheduled meeting and a representative from his office met with Farnsworth in his place. Farnsworth said

the primary purpose of their trip was a desire to advocate for an Obamacare replacement that would address long-term care and senior care, which includes the manor at WCHS.

Farnsworth admitted disappointment that the vote on a repeal bill was cancelled on March 24, and acknowledged that her concern is driven by the fact that a significant portion of nursing home care revenue comes through Medicaid. A number of home health services and in-home services are also tied to Medicaid funding, and Farnsworth thinks a replacement bill would have favored Wyoming because this state chose not to expand Medicaid when Obamacare became law.

"Funding is important, and the ACA is important. Because Wyoming has chosen to not expand Medicaid under Obamacare, a lot of federal dollars we could have gotten we are not getting. If the bill had passed, the plan— although it was not definite— was to do state run programs," professed Farnsworth, who reported that there were two separate plans being bandied about, and it was not clear at the time which route Congress would choose to take.

"I think the House was leaning towards block grants...Each state would get a block grant to run their Medicaid program how they best see fit for their individual state," reported Farnsworth, who said all three of Wyoming's representatives believed the state would be better off under the new plan and likely receive more

— See **Healthcare Reform**, Page 6

Eye on the prize



Talon Aguilar races to get his share of the easter eggs during the 12th annual First Baptist Church easter egg hunt at Centennial Park last Saturday. (Pamela Penfield/NLJ)

Pine for them no more

Efforts to beat back beetle seem to have worked

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

Crews in Weston County and throughout the Black Hills will continue their crusade against the mountain pine beetle this year, but foresters and conservationists may be shifting to 'mop up' work as it appears that recent efforts may have succeeded in getting ahead of the beetle spread.

"We still have the pine beetle battle, but we won the war on that one," Weston County Natural Resource District (WCNRD) Director

Lacey Sloan told the News Letter Journal.

Areas throughout the Black Hills National Forest have been under attack by mountain pine beetles for several years, and the destruction caused by the insects is distinctly recognizable by the patches of dark dead trees that speckle hillsides across the region.

Fortunately, it would appear that the beetles are losing ground and residents are likely to see the number of new areas assaulted by the bugs decreased considerably.

"In regards to spread— even last year going into this year— we didn't see the huge spread. We are back to endemic numbers, or back to its native numbers, so to speak. There has not been any exponential growth. They are not trekking across the forest like they have been," Sloan explained.

She reported that a lot of work was done on the ground in Weston County, and said that in addition to working with private landowners

to beat back the bugs, the Weston County Conservation District were part of a collaborative effort between multiple government agencies as well. She explained that this "all land approach" is also being utilized in Crook County, where the impact was perhaps even more severe, and where they are still battling hot spots in certain areas and continue treatments to repel the invasive beetle.

"We want our private landowners here in Weston County to know how much we appreciate their efforts and cooperation throughout this fight. As the majority of Weston County is privately owned, this could not have been as successful without them," proclaimed Sloan.

While the war on the mountain pine beetle is effectively over for the time being, the WCNRD has shifted their focus to other potential dangers.

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Be STD aware: Wyoming rates are rising

Bob Bonnar
NLJ Associate Publisher

Although the reported occurrence of sexually transmitted diseases in Weston County is historically low, gonorrhea and other STD's are a growing burden in Wyoming and across the nation, particularly among younger individuals, according to a press release from the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH), which said the rate of gonorrhea infections has increased six fold from 2012 to 2016 in the Cowboy State.

"This kind of growth is not something unique to our state," said

Courtney Smith, Communicable Disease Surveillance Program manager with WDH. "Nearly 20 million new sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) occur in the United States every year."

"People need to be informed. They need to know it can happen to anyone who is sexually active," Weston County Public Health Nurse Lori Bickford said.

She urged residents who believe they may have been exposed to an STD to call her office and make an appointment for testing and counseling, but said the reported incidents of STD's in Weston County do stay consistently low.

"We are not experiencing outbreak concerns in our county," she assured.

At the same time, state and local officials warn that teens and young adults are especially at risk for picking up an STD.

"The numbers tell us youth and young adults bear a substantial percentage of these infections," Smith said. "In fact, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates half of all new STDs occur among young men and women aged 15-24."

"The age group that is affected the most with STD's are those from 18-25," Bickford agreed.

She did, however, point out that

a wide range of people can find themselves in a position where the possibility of contracting an STD may be greater than they think.

"Older people who are experiencing life changes such as separation, divorce or death of a spouse can find themselves dating again. They need to realize they are at risk for STD's also," Bickford cautioned.

Abstaining from sex, reducing the number of sexual partners, and consistently and correctly using condoms are all effective prevention strategies according to the Department of Health. The

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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
Clear
Hi 59, Lo 39



Friday
Chance of Rain
Hi 51, Lo 36



Saturday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 56, Lo 37



Sunday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 67, Lo 42



Monday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 60, Lo 38



Tuesday
Chance of Rain
Hi 58, Lo 40



Wednesday
Chance of Rain
Hi 50, Lo 35



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Opinion

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Our View

Ensuring a degree equals debt

We applaud the local school district's efforts to continue making college credit courses available to high school students as described in our page one story, "Some college classes switch to online," but have to wonder what motivated colleges and the organization that governs them to dictate a change that will force students in small towns like ours to receive instruction via computer terminal instead of from an actual teacher. Unfortunately, as is all too often the case in education these days, we're pretty sure institutional greed and bureaucratic instinct influenced the decision far more than a desire to serve the best interests of students.

The cost of higher education has risen at an escalating rate over the past couple of decades, which has led to a crippling amount of student loan debt that has proven to be a growing burden on taxpayers. To make matters worse, an alarming number of college grads are having trouble finding employment in their field, and that makes it even less likely that they will be able to pay off the tremendous debt they accumulate while earning their degree.

Politicians and education officials have shown no ability whatsoever to rein in those costs over the past several years, but concurrent enrollment programs like the one in place at Newcastle High School have provided families some hope of financial relief because they allow students to complete college and enter the workforce a year or two earlier than they would have been able to otherwise.

It appears students at NHS will still have that opportunity, but we fear that the quality of learning will decrease substantially when the material is all delivered online, as opposed to being presented by teachers who have Master's degrees in education and an expertise in specific areas of study honed by practicing the teaching craft in front of students for years.

We're sure there are a slew of high-dollar education consultants out there who will tell you that the only way to demonstrate a level of expertise suitable to delivering instruction in college courses is to possess a Master's degree in that particular discipline, and we're not surprised to hear that colleges will hurry to comply with the mandate because they won't risk losing their precious "accreditation" by questioning the policy now or opposing it when it was proposed.

But at the end of the day, we aren't buying any of it.

When last year's high school graduates return for the summer, nearly every one of them will have a story to tell about a graduate assistant who 'taught' at least one of their freshmen or sophomore level courses. Of course, a professor signed off on grades—thus preserving precious "accreditation" by filing the proper bureaucratic paperwork—but for all intents and purposes the class was taught by another student and not the professor.

Of course, having that student teach the class provides the professor with time to do research and publish works, which brings money and fame to universities, and at the end of the day we're pretty sure that this is all about, and that's why you shouldn't count on colleges to help lower the cost of higher education.

The rising cost of education is our problem. Not theirs.

Get out of the kitchen

I am woman, hear me roar. Back in the 50s all we saw were women in the kitchen. Now we are in the 21st century, and we still see women in the kitchen.

They complain and make excuses, but no one wants to get up and take action. If you don't want to be stuck in the kitchen, get out.

In the past, it was important for women to fight for their rights: the right to be equal, the right to vote, and the right to matter. However, in present day, many women want to argue about their rights, instead of proving their worth.

It's about time we stop talking and take action. I myself know that I will not grow up to be a professional sandwich-maker, so why are women settling for the same fate? There are plenty of opportunities for women to pursue careers for themselves, and if they want to relieve themselves from the stigma that they are continually trapped in, they may benefit from taking off the slippers and putting on a pair of boots.

Women are also quick to complain about preconceived gender roles when they are enforced by men, but the actions they take to break away from these roles is nothing compared to the trailblazing of previous generations.

I'm sure that Susan B. Anthony was never concerned with men thinking less of her, she was too concerned with fighting for women's right to vote. As a woman, I believe we all need to look up to women like Susan B. Anthony for motivation. It was much harder in the 1920s to speak out as a woman, so it should be easier nowadays to speak our mind, and put some effort into the things we want. Trivial issues do not compare to past pursuits, and women are not making much of an effort in changing their fate.

Women, get off the picket line and put

in the work. Quit asking for change, take control, and change things yourselves.

If your company is not paying you a wage comparable to your male counterparts, but the company down the street will, stop complaining and go there!

It is also important to understand that equal wages are not just handed to you. In order to be paid the same as your fellow employees, you have to produce the same quality of work. Oftentimes, the issue with wage equality is not concerning gender exclusively, but instead the difference in work ethic between the two genders.

Though women are not doing as much they can to create a better future for themselves, men could take more initiative in assimilating to women's needs and values also.

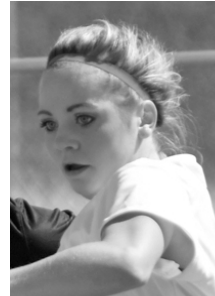
This is a very important concept to understand. Men who are still in the 1900s mindset, and view women as property or expect women to serve their needs, could do a better job of reconsidering the worth of women.

Women have the capability to perform at the same level as men, and they should be treated as such.

Men could also make an effort to fight for women themselves. Because the issue of women's rights is heavily debated among women, a male perspective might be what it takes to shed light on the situations worth changing.

Of course there are still arguments to be had about women's rights and why they are still being denied. However, maybe we are still having to make those arguments because too many women aren't willing to fight for the changes that are needed. So women, take off the slippers, take off the boots, and get out of the kitchen.

We're not the only ones to blame for our lack of rights, but we should still do a better job of striving for change.



Alyssa Umphlett
Stand Out

Deadline for Letters is noon on Friday

Letters to the Editor

Students should be free to practice religion

Dear Editor,

Should anybody be required to hide their thoughts on religion during school? No, within schools, student and teachers should be able to practice their religion freely. Expressing religion and joining youth groups are examples of the freedom of religion all should be able to take part in openly.

Expressing religion openly without fear should be expected. Nobody should be scared to express their religion freely. It is a way of communication, and essentially creates another topic to talk about.

If students are curious about another religious belief, they should be able to ask another person for their reasoning or their beliefs on a certain subject where both religions differ.

In 2013, Claudia Gartner and Judith Konemann in an article titled, "Religion and All-day schools: Impact of All-Day schools on the systems of school and Religion" stated that, "This has consequences for students' leisure activities, and in the last instance also for Christian parishes."

A person practicing their religion should not have to face consequences for anything they feel they should express. We should be able to practice our religion at any time we want, as long as it does not hinder our school work. Practicing our religion could consist of openly praying or reading any religious literature. Someone could claim that it is disturbing their work, but while openly praying a person usually just folds their hands and generally thinks spiritually. Free reading time could be used to read religious literature as well, and free reading time is meant to be quiet.

Expressing religion simply should be done without fear.

Joining youth groups can be very helpful for someone's interaction as well. Youth groups can be held during school in addition to Sunday school and Wednesday nights at church. The school board should think about creating church youth groups for our schools here.

A pastor can be asked to help organize a youth group as well. All religions would be welcome to join. Meetings can be held during any extra time given throughout the school day—before or after school, or during Wisener time on Wednesday mornings.

A 2009 article named, "What difference does youth groups make?" states, "While some students continue to grow in their religiosity later in life, others struggle and experience a decline from their religion."

With youth groups, students won't be able to go through that decline. While working with other stu-

dents, faith is generally easier to gain. Also, church youth groups have been proven to help improve test scores and grades. The improvement varies from student to student, but on average students have had a 23 percent increase in grades and test scores.

Freedom of religion should also be taken more into consideration. The First Amendment says that we the people are able to have the freedom of religion, but people who want to express themselves through their religion are often too scared to show it due to the attitude of those who don't want to know about it. People are too scared of the consequences that may take place.

In 2014, Paul Tiedemann in an article titled, "Is there a Human Right to Freedom of Religion?" stated that, "A human right to freedom of religion is not equivalent to a right to tolerance."

This statement says that the right to tolerance is greater than the freedom of religion. If one tells a person who practices religion to stop practicing and the person practicing listens, then the opposing person has more of a right than the one practicing their religion.

Everyone is entitled to equal rights, and the freedom of speech should also be taken into consideration. Being able to voice our opinion on religion should also be allowed.

Someone may argue that conflict could happen, but if we establish freedom of religion more in school, the students will need to develop true tolerance.

Tolerance will be necessary to understand others that don't have the same beliefs, but tolerance will also allow us to talk about someone's religion.

Is religion shut out too much during school? Yes, it is, and any person inside of school should be able to practice their religion. Religion needs to be more established within schools because practicing religion in cultural ways, joining youth groups and practicing freedom of religion in school will help student's spirituality.

—Ty Weeg

The feds need to stay out of school lunches

Dear Editor,

The government assists us in many things, but school lunches should not be one of them.

The government should not have a say in school lunches, because it inhibits freedom, creates expense, and a lot of food gets wasted.

Freedom is a major reason for the government to stay out of school lunches. Doesn't the government have better things to do than control what

Americans eat?

Americans should be able to choose what they eat, and controlling what the children of America eat is not the government's responsibility.

"Regulating School Lunches" by Brain Vanyo states, "He therefore advised the American people to watch out for the government's minute advancements against our liberty, for they will become intolerable when compounded."

This entire issue is really about the correct role of the federal government in our schools. Americans can eat responsibly if they choose, or they can choose not to eat healthily. It is their choice, and Americans should be able to choose their own diets.

The expense of obeying the government's regulations on school lunches is just another reason for governments to stay out of school lunchrooms.

In the article "It is not the government's job to fight child obesity," Daren Bakst said, "school boards cannot ignore the higher costs and operational issues created by the rigid mandates of the Healthy, Hungry-free kids act."

The cost of new school lunches is taking a toll on school budgets. Some schools have had to take money out of their teaching budgets to accommodate for governments regulations.

There's massive plate waste, food storage and equipment cost. Another major reason for the spike is the limitation on what companies schools are allowed to buy from. All in all, government regulations have bloated the price of school lunches.

The final reason that the government should not interfere with school lunches is the amount of food wasted. "Are healthy school lunches working," stated that, "Over 60 percent of vegetables and over 40 percent of fruits put on children's plates is wasted."

This, of course, could be avoided if students were given more appetizing options. Nobody wants soggy vegetables or mushy fruits. Reports show that some schools have had to drop the program because they lost so much money to food waste. Obviously food waste is a problem that should not be ignored.

The government should not have a say in school lunches.

"Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food" ~Hippocrates

—Gunnar Wainscott

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A number of individuals representing various entities from at least three different counties attended a Thunder Basin National Grassland Collaborative Learning Workshop hosted by the Ruckelshaus Institute. Those in attendance not only worked in groups to answer a number of questions, but were also given the opportunity to share their opinions and offered a platform from which their concerns could be heard. (Alexis Barker/NLJ)

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has been implemented to keep the prairie dog population manageable.

A representative from another group added that while the shooting ban has been lifted, it is still too early to determine the impact of that decision, and yet another group noted that “no shooting” signs are still present on the grasslands, which they claim is creating confusion.

“Go ahead and remove the signs. Save the hardware, and either get them to the range manager or forest service office,” declared Thunder Basin National Grassland District Ranger Shane Walker after he was asked if the signs would be removed.

The decision to grant other people permission to remove the “no shooting” signs instead of waiting for individuals within Walker’s office to have time to complete the task may expedite the process and clear up some confusion in the field, but the District Ranger suggested it may have also been motivated by a concern over the safety of Forest Service employees.

Tensions regarding the long-running prairie dog issue have run high on the TBNG, and Walker presented that some employees within his office have expressed concern for their own safety while working in specific areas of the Grassland. He specifically mentioned one report of an individual who possessed a firearm with a silencer, and indicated that sign removal may not be the only task the Forest Service wasn’t going to undertake in the Grassland this summer.

“I am considering canceling some field work. I would appreciate it if you spread the word,” Walker announced, indicating a hope that residents would spread the word of the potential for work to be cancelled because of safety concerns, and that it would keep questionable actions to a minimum. He also said he hoped to have the help of the local Sheriff’s Office in keeping conflict to minimum, depending on the area.

While trust between the Forest Service and landowners has obviously become an issue, the relationship between the agency and some public officials and elected officials is strained as well as a result of the ongoing dispute over prairie dogs on the TBNG. Some in attendance felt that trust could potentially be growing as communication opened up, but others expressed

that they weren’t ready to believe that they were receiving incomplete information from the agency yet.

One of the groups reached a consensus that the relationship is improving between the various stakeholder groups involved in the debate, but insisted that conditions “on the ground” have become alarming and some expressed that they feel like they are “behind the “8-ball,” and unable to proceed with any steps that will improve their situation.

That prompted some to question the manner in which the Forest Service would exert its authority over the situation moving forward, and one of the groups expressed this felt like a “parent/child” approach to the situation.

Landowners concerned over erosion and loss of vegetation as a result of the prairie dogs hope that approach will change. It will take time to repair those areas, and ranchers reported that they have to buy hay or sell cattle in the interim. Jean Harshbarger of the 4W ranch asked if there was a quicker way to get approval for planting new vegetation in some of these areas, and told the Forest Service that timing is critical.

Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest Supervisor Dennis Jaeger, who is stationed in Laramie, revealed support for the plan to bring vegetation back to these areas through the planting of both native grasses and other types of plants, but said that the agency will need time to accomplish those things.

“We are moving forward to do this in the fall,” professed Jaeger, who said that if a long-term plan for revegetation is developed, all involved could get ahead of the game moving forward.

Other possible solutions to the loss of grazing land included incentive payments and complete colony control, while others suggested a new forest plan or even doing away with all government oversight over the issue. There was also some support expressed for an idea to coordinate funds across agencies, which would pool the money available to address the prairie dog issue, and those fighting the battle could get a “bigger bang for our buck.”

The next Thunder Basin Collaborative Learning Workshop is scheduled for June.

The Forest Service and Thunder Basin National Grassland

Thunder Basin National Grassland District Ranger Shane Walker explained to those who attended last week’s workshop that the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest, under which the Thunder Basin National Grassland is managed, is located in 16 counties and two states.

He said the primary workload of the rangers in each district within the TBNG is energy development and production,

which is their primary focus. “Mineral development is our priority,” revealed Walker. He explained that much of this is dictated by Congress at a federal level, which creates a timeline for permits that they must keep.

Their next area of focus is grazing, followed by sensitive, threatened and endangered species and finally wildland fires.

“Grazing is a lot of work as well. We have all year-round

grazing on the grassland, and in Wyoming grazing supports the local economy,” Walker said, noting that it is important to manage grazing allotments in a timely fashion.

According to Walker, wildlife is the next largest workload and is extremely difficult “in and of itself.” He shared that a number of conflicts exist within this area, and that some of the most sensitive species occur where oil and gas production takes place.

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“What we are seeing in the forest now, as far as red trees, is the ‘Ips,’ and that is a different type of beetle,” professed Sloan, who indicated the new menace has been aided in its depredations by recent drought.

In other words, when one beetle leaves, another moves in to take its place, and Sloan’s agency is continuing to encourage landowners to manage their piece of the forest in preparation of any other challenges that might be coming in the future.

“We are trying to prep our forest, in the sense of preparing for anything else. We are going through and offering grant programs to landowners for thinning. Thinning helps to reduce the number of trees, so they won’t be as stressed. The result is they won’t be as susceptible to infestation and are less susceptible to fires,” explained Sloan.

Anyone interested in filling out an application, at no cost to the landowner, is encouraged to contact Sloan at the WCNRD. They have \$129,000 available to put towards thinning projects that will put the forest in a healthier state in the years to come.

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- Private Landowners
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Jul. 17, 1947-Apr. 11, 2017
Orville Lee Daniels, 69, of Newcastle passed April 11, 2017 at Weston County Health Services.
Orville was born July 17, 1947 in Paintsville, Ky. to Orville Daniels and Mollie Mae (Grimm) Daniels. When he was young his family moved to Galion, Ohio. He served in the Navy from March 1968 to December 1971. He was introduced to the love of his life Shirley (Murphy) Daniels by his brother-in-law David Murphy in 1972. They married July 27, 1973 and had 5

children together. He retired from Seaboard farms in June 2009 and moved to Wyoming to be close to his kids and grandchildren.
Orville was preceded in death by his parents Orville and Mollie Daniels, and sister-in-law Linda Collopy.
He is survived by his wife Shirley Daniels, brother John B. Daniels, sister Jestina Jefferies, brother-in-law David (Sue) Murphy, and Martha (Dan) Reed.
Children, Mark (Niki) Daniels, Ross (Ashley) Daniels, Orville Daniels, Mary (Mike) Heberling, and John (Alisha) Daniels. Grandchildren: Seth, Stephan, Christian,

Fabian, Kyle, Hali, Dominic, Gavin, Skylar, Joey, Nolen, Alyssa, and Felicity.
Honorary adopted children: Misty Cornelius, Willy (Laurel) Winters, Jennifer (Sterling) Murphy, Jessica (Jim) Frye, and Meri (Kevin) Belich.
Honorary adopted grandchildren: Lacy, Thomas, Kye, Ethan, Kalie, and Cash, as well as several nephews and nieces.



Orville Daniels

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Clara Lipp gets a boost from Grandma Kim Praeuner as she surveys the competition at the Lions Club Easter egg hunt at Dow Park on Saturday. (Pamela Penfield/NLJ)

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1 Corinthians 15:33
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Daily Devotional Reading

Apr 20 Hebrews 4:1-13	Apr 21 Hebrews 4:14-5:10	Apr 22 Hebrews 5:11-6:12	Apr 23 Romans 1:1-17	Apr 24 Romans 2:1-16	Apr 25 Romans 3:19-31	Apr 26 Romans 4:1-12
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April 22, 1892

J.A. Jones left for Powder River yesterday where he will open a saloon.

Several large cattle outfits bought supplies for the Spring & Summer in Newcastle this week.

A bill collector and his intended victim indulged in a somewhat sanguinary scrap Wednesday. The only fatality was to a pane of glass.

Gallagher & Skinner, the prisoners who escaped from the jail two weeks ago have successfully eluded the officers. It is not expected that they will be apprehended.

An effort is being made by

local horsemen to have a race track constructed, in order that two or three days of racing may be held at some time during the fall. A number of merchants have signified their willingness to contribute, and the matter will be vigorously pushed.

April 26, 1917

Pete Christensen of Horton was in town yesterday.

Mr. & Mrs. Omar Glover were in from Hampshire Monday.

Mrs. R.T. Spurgeon spent yesterday in Newcastle the guest of Mrs. A.J. Kirkwood.

Henry Huber was in from his ranch in the vicinity of Elk

Mountain and spent the day, Thursday, shopping with town merchants.

A telegram received from Adjutant General Rasmus Anderson informed the many friends of the Anderson family that a baby girl was born to them in Cheyenne yesterday.

The new Wallis-Cub Tractor purchased of the Wyoming Transfer Co., by W.D. McKeon of the Cheyenne River, pulled out of town Monday trailing two wagons loaded with supplies & a road grader, which in itself is a very heavy load. Mr. McKeon will do considerable freighting with the machine.

Ex-Governor Carey has offered 10,000 acres of land for cultivation by various farmers free of charge providing they will put the ground in crop and help overcome the prevailing high prices of food.

April 23, 1942

Seven-year-old local business to close soon. With a sale starting Friday, April 24, the Black Hills Tire Company is closing out its entire stock pro-

vius to going out of business here about the first of May.

Mr. & Mrs. Winfield Cullum were guests of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Morgan over the weekend.

The Red Owl Meat Market has just completed installation of a new type of below freezing fish cooler.

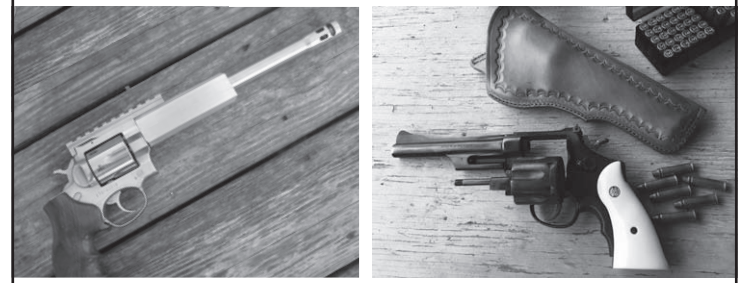
LAK Ranch heir evacuated from Pearl Harbor. Mrs. James R. Nuzum Jr., of Weirton, Ohio, wife of the commander of the 18th Air Base Squadron, was evacuated from the Pacific outpost Christmas Day. Mrs. Nuzum is the granddaughter of the late C. Ferguson one-time owner of the LAK Ranch, and she is one of the numerous heirs to the well-known Ohio Company managed here by H.A. Gudger.

June Sheehan & Grace Thorson made a trip to Cheyenne with Mr. & Mrs. Carl Kugland Friday.

Mr. & Mrs. M.C. Henderson & daughters visited his parents Mr. & Mrs. J.C. Henderson in Moorcroft Sunday.



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Ras. Andersen and a group of unidentified people. Ras was once mayor of Newcastle. He was elected May 13, 1930 and served two terms. He was also Captain in the National Guard and over saw the building of the National Guard Calvary Barn in Newcastle, now the Anna Miller Museum. (Photo Courtesy of Anna Miller Museum)

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April 2017

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thurs 20	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting Masons	WC Senior Center Masonic Lodge #13
Fri 21	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Cinnamon Roll Friday Bingo	WC Senior Center VFW Hall
Sat 22	8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Light Rifle Competition Friends of the Fair Yard Sale Earth Day Adopt a Highway Horse Health Fair NA Meeting	WC Sportsman's Club WC Fairgrounds Event Center WY/SD State Line WC Fairgrounds Cambria Church Basement
Sun 23	7:15 p.m.	Women Only Life Recovery Meeting	Cambria Church Basement
Mon 24	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting City Council Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room City Council Chambers
Tues 25	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	County Commissioners Alzheimers/Dementia Support Group 3-5 Elementary Concert Eastern Star AA Meeting	Courthouse Annex WC Senior Center Crouch Auditorium Eastern Star #30 Mondell Heights, Breakfast Room
Wed 26	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	WCSD #1 Board Meeting NA Meeting	Admin Building Cambria Church Basement
Thurs 27	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	K-2 Elementary Concert AA Meeting	Crouch Auditorium WC Senior Center, Family Room
Fri 28	9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Cinnamon Roll Friday WC Library Board Meeting Bingo Western Ramblers Dance	WC Senior Center WC Library VFW Hall WC Senior Center
Sat 29	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Meadowlark Dance Recital NA Meeting	Crouch Auditorium Cambria Church Basement

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 20
Louise Stith
April 22
Marilyn Hansen
Lacey Bradford
Janice Dummer
Halle McCoy
April 23
KC Ertman
April 24
Rayah Merdink
April 25
Spencer Virchow
April 26
Brice & Angie Stanton
Tracey Tupa
April 28
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April 29
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April 30
Hazel Michael
Don Thorson
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Seeing (leafy) green



Vicki Hayman
Extension Notes

Greens are an excellent food you can eat regularly to help improve your health. Leafy green vegetables are low in calories and packed with fiber along with vitamins and minerals. Fiber is an important component of our diet, but most people eat too little.

This is, in part, due to higher consumption of convenience and refined foods in our food supply, which are most often low in fiber. Additionally, Americans are not eating as many vegetables per day as dietary experts recommend.

Try greens, you just might like them! To encourage you or your family to eat more green leafy vegetables, learn more about and choose from the variety of greens listed here:

Kale: This dark leafy green is an excellent source of vitamins A, C, and K, has a good amount of calcium for a vegetable, and also supplies folate and potassium. Kale's ruffle-edged leaves may range in color from cream, to purple, to black depending upon the variety.

Collards: Used in Southern-style cooking, collard greens are similar in nutrition to kale. They have a heartier, chewier texture and a stronger cabbage-like taste. Try wrapping your sandwich in greens instead of using bread!

Turnip Greens: If you buy turnips with the tops on, you get two vegetables in one. Turnip leaves are another Southern favorite. More tender than other greens and needing less cooking, this sharp-flavored leaf is low in calories yet loaded with vitamins A, C, and K, as well as calcium.

Swiss Chard: With red stems, stalks, and veins on its leaves, Swiss chard has a beet-like taste and soft texture that is

perfect for sautéing. Chard contains 15 calories in ½ cup and is a good source of vitamins A and C, potassium, and iron.

Spinach: This wonderful leafy vegetable is widely used and provides a great source of niacin, zinc, and iron. Get your daily greens with tasty spinach by incorporating it into a salad, omelet, or fresh smoothie.

Mustard Greens: Another Southern green with a similar nutrition profile to turnip leaves and collards, mustard greens have scalloped edges and come in red and green varieties. They have a peppery taste and give off a mustardy smell during cooking. Their spiciness can be toned down by adding an acid, such as vinegar or lemon juice at the end of cooking.

Red and Green Leaf and Romaine Lettuce: A familiar sight in salad bowls; these lettuces are high in vitamin A and offer some folate. Leaf lettuces have a softer texture than romaine. If you substitute red leaf, green leaf, or even Romaine lettuce for iceberg lettuces you can significantly increase your nutrient intake.

Cabbage: Although paler in color than other leafy greens, this vegetable is a great source of cancer-fighting compounds and vitamin C. Available in red and green varieties, cabbage can be cooked, added raw to salads or stir-fries, shredded into a slaw, or made into sauerkraut.

The challenge for many of us, is not knowing how to prepare dark leafy greens. Many greens taste bitter when they are improperly prepared, and others become mushy when they are overcooked. Leafy greens can be delicious, but if you are just learning how to cook with them, there are a few helpful tricks that you should know.

Tips for Cooking with Dark Leafy Greens

Experiment with different types. Take a chance, buy a bunch of whatever greens look good and experiment with new ways to prepare them. You don't need to know the difference between Dinosaur and curly

kale to enjoy greens – they can be interchangeable in most recipes.

Prepare the leaves. The tough leaves of most greens can hold a lot of sand and grit. Grip the base of the stem and rub each leaf under running water to wash away the dirt. Strip the leaves off of the stems.

Cook the bitter flavors away. You can remove the bitter taste by briefly blanching the greens. Bring a large pot of water to a boil, and then drop the leaves in the hot water for 1-2 minutes. The leaves will soften and become bright green, afterwards dunk them in a bowl of ice water (or cool them off under cold running water) to stop the cooking process.

Add some flavor to your greens. Flavorful ingredients like vinegar, onion, and garlic make great additions to cooked greens. A shake of Worcestershire sauce, a pinch of red pepper flakes, or a sprinkle of grated ginger can give your greens a completely new taste.

Put them everywhere. Braise the greens with a little onion and olive oil, and then use them as a bed for your meat, poultry, or fish entrée. Add chopped greens to soup during the last part of cooking. Insert a layer of steamed greens into the lasagna, add it to casseroles, or use it as a pizza topping. There is no end to the places your greens can go!

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's MyPlate.gov, 2 cups of raw leafy green vegetables count as one vegetable serving for adult men and women. One serving of cooked dark green leafy vegetables is a half cup. This is because the volume of these vegetables decreases when you cook them.

It's time to start discovering the amazing potential of leafy greens in your diet. Eventually, you will discover your favorite greens and begin to eat them more often.

(Sources: USDA, MyPlate.gov, www.webmd.com)

Healthcare Reform from page 1



U.S. Senator John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) recently met with JoAnn Farnsworth of Newcastle in his Washington, D.C. office. JoAnn was in the nation's capitol to talk about the challenges facing long-term care facilities in Wyoming. (Submitted Photo/NLJ)

federal money in light of the fact that Wyoming chose not to accept federal dollars for expansion of Medicaid under ACA.

Farnsworth was also supportive of the idea that states would have more control over how money could be spent under a new plan.

"We get to make our decisions on how that money is used, and the criteria of who qualifies and who doesn't," explained Farnsworth. She said there are a number of guidelines associated with federal dollars, and she feels that a number of states, including Wyoming, would be free to do a number of things differently in the health-

care realm.

Farnsworth said she and Boley specifically urged the Wyoming delegation to safeguard kid care and aging services when cuts to Medicaid are eventually made.

"I know nationally Republicans are looking at cutting entitlements to those who are physically able to work. We kind of pushed that. Go ahead and do that, but leave kid care and aging services out of it," asserted Farnsworth, who said they also requested that therapy caps, observation stay requirements and a number of regulatory requirements involving surveys and ratings

be addressed in a repeal and replacement of the ACA.

Although the effort to replace Obamacare fizzled, Farnsworth predicted that something will eventually have to be done to address the law because she doesn't believe it can continue on the route it is going. Farnsworth asserted that in the short time since its inception, the nation has already seen premiums climb tremendously and a number of states, including Wyoming, only have one company willing to provide insurance under the ACA.

"It is going to be in a spiral of premiums going up and less people being covered until it

explodes, or maybe they will come together in the House and put a better plan together that works. They really just delayed the vote. I don't know if they will wait for the explosion," Farnsworth revealed. "As citizens we all need to encourage them to make something work. We realize everyone is going to have to give and take. There is no money tree. There is no magic answer."

Farnsworth maintained that lawmakers at both the national and state level need to hear more from their constituents. She urged individuals to share their personal struggles, and help elected representatives understand how everything they do affects citizens' everyday life. It's a message she feels they are eager to receive.

"They want to understand how it affects the individual citizen. I think they are very receptive to hearing the front line experience," Farnsworth said, noting that the attitude of Wyoming's congressional delegation clearly demonstrated to her a desire to serve the wishes of the people who put them in office.

"I walked out of each of those meetings feeling optimistic. We definitely have people that have Wyoming as their priority in D.C. They know more about our issues than I thought they would, and were very supportive. They have all really done their homework on the healthcare act," commented Farnsworth.

Health insurance for county employees unchanged

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

With the future of healthcare in America uncertain and revenue worries throughout Wyoming continuing into 2017, the Weston County Commissioners discussed the future of county employee insurance moving into the next fiscal year at their April 4 meeting.

Deputy County Clerk Shawnda Morrison reported that the county will save some money this year if they opt to not make any changes because premiums from Blue Cross Blue Shield decreased for the county. She explained that a single premium will drop from \$738 to \$709, and said that amounts to roughly \$22,000 in savings for the county.

Currently, and throughout the next fiscal year, the county covers 94 percent of an employee's insurance premium, with that specific percentage varying by the number of persons covered. This means, according to Commissioner Tony Barton, that employee insurance is prob-

ably the largest expense for Weston County with the cost this year totaling \$568,000.

That prompted a discussion and vote on whether or not employees should be required to pay a higher percentage of that premium.

"I'm not sure the public knows it's 94 percent for single. That's pretty incredible," asserted Commissioner Marty Ertman. It was explained that if the employee contribution was increased from six to eight percent, it would only cost that individual an extra \$14 a month—or a family approximately \$39. It was argued that such a step would cost employees less than an increase in the deductible offered, which is the other step the county may be forced to take.

With two options available for the county to decrease its own financial obligation for employee insurance, Commissioner Barton expressed a desire to talk to employees to get their input, but Commissioner Tracy Hunt urged the group to move forward without polling

employees.

"I am in favor of keeping deductibles the same, and increasing the employee contributions. The employees would have to live in a total vacuum to not realize what's going on. It is good to get input, but we don't have that kind of time frame," maintained Hunt. Morrison confirmed that the commission had to make a decision before the end of April.

Barton reasoned that it would be hard to tell the employees that their financial obligation was going to increase even though the premiums went down overall, and he questioned when the employees were last given raises, which was reported as having been three years. Wagoner and Ertman, however, argued that the cost of insurance is almost certain to increase again, and urged the group to take a small step this year to address a future shortfall, but Chairman Bill Lambert joined Barton and Hunt in casting a vote to maintain the present employee obligation for the coming year.

Getting it all on tape



Alyssa Houser films the NLJ's weekly news meeting last Wednesday morning as part of a promotional video being shot and produced by Newcastle High School FBLA members and students in the school's new video media course. The video is planned for release later this spring. (Andy McKay/NLJ)

College Online from page 1.....

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) passed a revision to its policies regarding teacher qualifications in June of 2015 and will begin to enforce that policy on September 1. Before, HLC had recommended professors of undergraduate classes have at least a Masters in the specific field they are teaching, but now that suggestion has become mandatory.

"This upcoming year, we are in a transition through HLC. They have requirements for teachers to maintain concurrent teaching eligibility, so some classes that used to be concurrent level will no longer be offered at concurrent level, they will be offered as dual enrollment," said Newcastle Outreach Coordinator EWC Kim Conzelman.

The change means students who want to secure some of the courses needed to earn an Associate's Degree while they are still in high school will be forced to take them online instead of having the material delivered to them by a teacher at NHS. Conzelman lamented that English 1010 and 2020, as well as American and Wyoming Government, will not be offered for concurrent enrollment this upcoming academic year, but students will be able to earn the credits online.

"Those classes will now have to be taken as dual credit, so students will take the course online instead of in a high school classroom. Those same opportunities are still there, it will just be a unique learning experience," she explained.

The coordinator indicated that some colleges in the area are fighting against these new policy changes, but EWC is not among their number, and she agrees with the college's stance because she knows the consequences of losing accreditation.

"They don't want to lose accreditation, and they want to be more transparent and be black-and-white with their rules. I don't blame them," Conzelman agreed, noting that HLC provides accreditation for EWC and all other colleges and universities in the 19 states that comprise the North Central region.

Without HLC's approval, EWC could no longer offer classes for college credit, including the courses offered at the high school, but since this is the first year this policy will be implemented, HLC has laid groundwork to provide

a means for instructors at NHS to continue teaching concurrent courses for the time-being. Teachers who are currently teaching concurrent courses, but who don't have a Masters in the specific field they are instructing, have an avenue to continue teaching while earning the additional degree. Most teachers who fall into that category in Newcastle have already earned their first Master's, and the requirement to get their second is 18 graduate credit hours in the area of study.

"We have a lot that have existing Master's, just not in the subject areas. Some are already on that pathway of picking up additional credit to get fully approved in the future," Conzelman confirmed, noting that high school instructors are allowed to continue teaching the course for college credit as long as they take at least three graduate level credit hours per semester. Most full-time graduate students take six credit hours a semester, so this requires teachers to be half-time graduate students while teaching high school and college level classes.

"I commend the teachers who are putting in the extra time for this. These classes really benefit the students by giving them more opportunities. Our teachers know that, and they've committed to providing that for us," Conzelman announced.

The school district is offering a pool of \$11,000 for teachers to continue their education for this purpose. EWC is also offering stipends, and the state is accepting applications for a loan program to pay for the graduate work.

Classes in vocational areas will be left largely untouched by the new policy, as most of those courses require different qualifications, like background or certification in the trade, rather than a Master's degree.

While many students take concurrent enrollment courses to better prepare themselves for college, Conzelman stated that these courses can be equally advantageous for students who have no plans of attending college, as many electives include such trades as welding or woodworking.

"They pick and choose those elective credits that will help them out in the future for a vocational program for the direction they choose to go. Those elective credits can still benefit a student who transfers into that particular field," Conzelman reasoned.

STD Rates from page 1.....

WDH Communicable Disease Unit has programs such as its condom dispenser effort and a condom mailer option to help make condoms available for those who can't afford them or can't get to places where condoms are typically offered.

"STD screening, early diagnosis and timely treatment are essential in preventing STD transmission and long-term health problems," Smith stated, noting that many people infected with an STD do not have any symptoms, which means testing is even more important.

Bickford also offered reassurance to those who are concerned with a possible stigma associated with being tested for

an STD.

"The public needs to know that we are a testing and 'counseling' site. We don't just obtain specimens and send to the state lab for results. We sit down with the client and discuss risk factors and ways to reduce those risks. We do not judge people for their circumstances or lifestyle," she told the News Letter Journal. "We are concerned about two things— getting people tested and treated for positive results and establishing healthy lifestyle habits."

Bickford also said that it is wrong to assume that the services at Public Health are only available to citizens who are poverty stricken.

"We see people from all economic and social backgrounds. Our services are for all residents of Weston County," she asserted.

To learn more about STDs, as well as prevention and testing, Bickford and the Department of Health suggest residents visit www.knowyo.org or contact a medical professional. The www.knowyo.org site also provides a voucher code for confidential free or low-cost syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, HIV and hepatitis testing that can be used in many locations across Wyoming.

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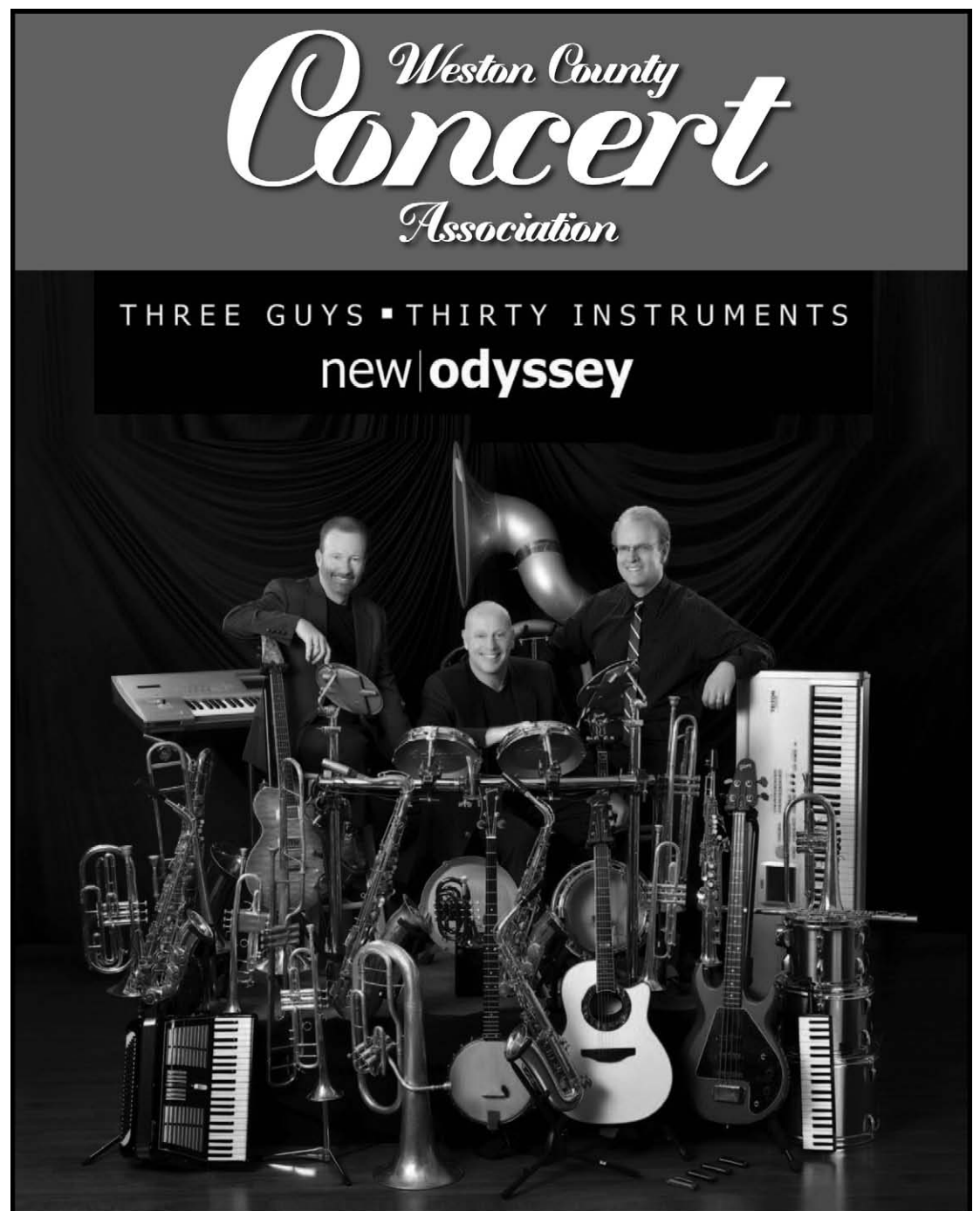
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Clockwise from top right: Rylee Penfield gets ready to hop into the egg hunt sponsored by the Lions Club at Dow Park; Brylee Caster keeps a wary eye on a couple of challengers; Bristol Sweet explains her hunting strategy to her friends at the Baptist Church hunt in Red, White and Blue Park; Natalie Schoemaker pets a real live Easter Bunny at the Weston County Children's Center; Callan Smith coaxes an egg from the dye and gets it ready to dry and hide. (Alexis Barker & Pam Penfield/NLJ and courtesy Paige Penfield)

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High School Boys Soccer		
4/22 Douglas Bearcats	H	12/2PM
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Middle School Girls Soccer		
4/21 Douglas Middle School	H	4 PM
4/22 Buffalo Bison	H	9 AM
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4/21 Douglas Middle School	H	5 PM
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"If young women today take for granted the fact that they can compete like men in the sport of running, that's fantastic. That's what we wanted when we began working for acceptance." -Katherine Switzer.

Fifty years ago, Switzer broke through a gender barrier in running when she became the first female to register for, compete in, and finish the Boston Marathon. In 1967, at 20 years old, she registered as K. V. Switzer in order to slip under the radar in what was a male-only event.

Two miles into the race, an official spotted her and attempted to physically remove her.

"He grabbed me...threw me back and as he was trying to pull my bib off he said, 'Get the hell out of my race and give me those numbers'", Switzer recalled.

The official may have succeeded in removing her, however he was thwarted by Switzer's coach and boyfriend. She went on to finish the race in 4:20, earning herself a place in history.

Unfortunately, Switzer ultimately was disqualified from the race, was expelled from the Athletic Federation, and was no longer allowed to compete. She didn't let that stand in her way, however, as she went on to start her own successful running club in Canada and eventually an organization called 261 Fearless (in honor of her bib number).

Her actions on that day 50 years ago led to the acceptance of women as entrants into the Boston Marathon in 1972, and she was also a leading member in the push to include a women's marathon in the Olympic Games. She saw that dream come to fruition in the Los Angeles Summer Games in 1984.

The work of Switzer and those like her led to the enactment Title IX of the Education Amendments being passed in 1972, which prohibits sex discrimination in any educational program or activity receiving any type of federal financial

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Taylor Ford blows by a defender in a run for the goal last Tuesday as the Lady Dogies hosted the Gering Lady Bulldogs. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)

Sidelined by Sickness

Illness leaves Lady Dogies short-handed

By Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

The Lady Dogies were struggling against a nasty bug when they took to the pitch last week, and that left them a bit short-handed. When they faced off against Gering, Nebraska last Tuesday it was without their front line, and they took on the Lady Bearcats of Douglas on Thursday without some key defensive players.

Though they dropped both contests, head coach Bryce Hoffman saw many positives as his team fought through the adversity.

"Gering is a school that usually jumps on us early, even when we have a full roster, so to hold them scoreless for a half says a lot about our defensive effort," he nodded. "Against Douglas, the defense allowed only eight shots on goal, and most of those were contested and non-threatening, so it was positive that we made it difficult for them to score as well."

As the contest kicked off against the Lady Bulldogs, Newcastle was without Alyssa Umphlett and Grace Peterson, who are the starting strikers for the squad, as well as Heather Michaelis, the starting goal keeper, because all were down with the flu. As such, Hoffman had concerns on both the offensive and defensive ends of the field.

"Losing Alyssa and Grace takes a lot out of our attacking potential, and then to also lose Heather in the goal was rough," he sighed.

As back-up goalie, sophomore Bianca Torres stepped up to fill Michaelis' shoes.

"As a young and inexperienced goal keeper, I wasn't sure how she would do, but she responded very well," Hoffman nodded. "She played very well in the first half and had five or six saves against some pretty good shots that she was able to knock down and retain possession. I thought she handled the situation very well."

The defensive efficacy of the first half involved the Lady Dogies' entire defensive line, but Hoffman noted that Emily Rushton played a particularly large role in holding Gering scoreless.

"We had Emily mark up their best player, who has scored on us the last couple of years," he began. "We decided to focus on shutting her down, so we man-marked her, just like in basketball when you face-guard their best player.

She was really frustrated in the first half because she wasn't getting the space that she's used to, and Emily just did a heck of a job covering her."

While Rushton was busy focusing on the Lady Bulldog's biggest offensive threat, her teammates had to take on the extra burden of covering the rest.

"Team-wise, when one person is committed to one player, the others have to step up and do a little bit more," Hoffman stated. "Kassidee Jeppesen, Daytona Bennett, Emily Pearson and Shelby Davis all did a great job of covering for her. This was a game where we figured it out on defense. Gering is a really good offensive team that is used to scoring goals, so to hold them scoreless in the first half was really important because it proved to us that we can do it."

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Learning to kick it into high gear



Zach Schuessler races his opponent for the ball in Tuesday's contest against Gering. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)

By Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

When Dogie track coach CThe Dogie Soccer team has been consistent with getting off to a fast start in their contests this season, but this week the first half was a struggle for the squad as they hosted the Bulldogs of Gering, Nebraska on Tuesday and travelled to Douglas to take on the Bearcats in a quadrant matchup on Thursday.

"We just really didn't put much together in the first ten minutes against Gering, which is very uncharacteristic of our team," sighed head coach Josh Peterson. "We started slow against Douglas as well, and found ourselves down 0-2 at the end of the half."

Gering took advantage of the sluggish Dogie squad and scored early and often in the beginning of the Tuesday game, with their first goal coming within the first minute of play. The Bulldogs segued that momentum into two more with 30 minutes still to play in the first half before Newcastle seemed to shake off whatever monkey had crawled on their backs.

"After we were down 0-3, I thought we played them even or even outplayed them from there on out," Peterson claimed. "We had some really good looks on goal that we just couldn't finish, but that first 10 minutes killed us. I'd really like to have those back, but it's definitely a learning experience."

Though Newcastle ended

the game under a 4-0 deficit, their offensive effort did show up on the stat sheet, with five players taking shots on goal, including eight attempts by the squad's leading scorer Colin Heaton. Unfortunately, none of those were able to find the back of the net.

The first half doldrums continued to plague the Dogies in Douglas on Thursday, but things took a turn for the better as the second half played out.

Though the squad went into the half down 0-2, Heaton scored two goals off assists by Uzi Holguin in the first ten minutes of second half action. Heaton added another one from an assist by Brandon Benson about midway through

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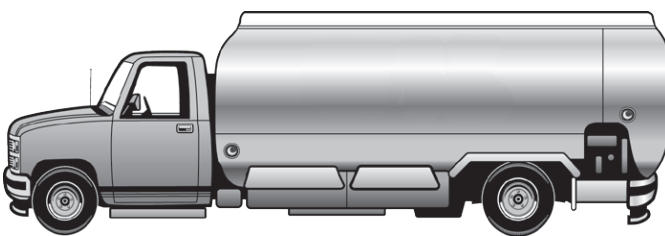
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Fighting through the wind

Tracksters overcome rough conditions in Belle Fourche last week

By Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

Fighting the flu and the wind, the Newcastle Dogies travelled to Belle Fourche for a meet last Thursday, and despite the challenges the ladies finished sixth out of 15 teams, while the men came in eighth.

"Granted, it was windy for everyone, but the conditions really did have an impact on our times and our performances on the day," head coach Chad Ostenson sighed. "And then two or three kids called about 5:30 that morning saying they wouldn't be joining us, but the kids who were there competed and did really pretty well."

In both the 100 meter and 200 meter races, the Lady Dogies went one and two, and the 4x100 meter relay team claimed yet another first place title.

Lexus Voelker (13.46) was first in the 100 meter, and was followed by Sarah Henkle (13.87). Grace Coy (28.71) took top honors in the 200 meter, and once again

Henkle was second, but only .01 of a second separated the two.

The original 4x100 team of Voelker, Coy, Rachel Henkle and Sarah Henkle was finally reunited, and Ostenson's prediction that they would be faster than the first weekend proved to be true. In spite of the windy conditions, the crew shaved a full second off of the time posted by last week's team, and over half a second off their own best time.

Coy continued to perform well in the high jump, leaping a personal best height of 4'8" and though she scratched in all three of her long jump attempts, Ostenson was pleased that she jumped well over 15 feet on a couple of them.

"Grace is really coming along in both the high and long jump," Ostenson nodded. "The wind made for really poor jumping conditions, so she did really well."

Other top finishers for the ladies included Rachel Henkle, who picked up two fifth place finishes in the shot and the discus. Catherine Orban finished fourth in the mile run.

The men were a little short-handed on the day as top performers Jacob Esposito and Preston Rushton were suffering from

injury or illness.

Esposito attended the meet. However, the shin splints he has been suffering kept him out of the 110 meter hurdles— his signature race— and the 300M hurdles. It also limited his triple jump to only two attempts before he had to pull out of the competition, but despite the injury, he still managed to pick up a third place finish in the triple jump.

Cade Ostenson performed well on the day, finishing first in the long jump, third in the triple jump and third in the 110 meter hurdles.

PJ Martin and Dylan Talley also added to their team's score by finishing well in the 1600 meter and 3200 meter races. Martin finished fifth in the mile run with a personal best time of 5:08.61, while Talley picked up third in the two mile.

"PJ did really well in the mile and is running pretty well overall right now," Ostenson stated. "Dylan is really coming along, especially after missing about two weeks of school due to the flu."

The Dogies have had a change to their schedule this week, and will go to Custer on Thursday instead of Friday due to the weather forecast.



Table with Newcastle Dogie Track Results: Women's Team Results, Men's Team Results, Women's Results, Men's Results, Shot Put, Discus, High Jump, Long Jump, Pole Vault, 4x100M Relay, 3200M, and 110M Hurdles.

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to take a 3-2 lead. "All three of Colin's goals looked really similar," Peterson began. "Both Uzi and Brandon were able to get the ball through defense, and Colin was in the position to segue their passes into the back of the net."

The Bearcats answered back by scoring with about 10 minutes remaining, and the teams remained deadlocked at 3-3 when time ticked off the clock, forcing the contest into overtime.

Overtime in soccer consists of two 10-minute periods, and in the first half of extended play, Douglas scored the go-ahead goal and looked to have stolen a victory.

But with only seconds remaining, Marshall Rhoades — who was playing defense — ran the ball all the way down the field, made a move in the box and got tripped. That earned the Dogies a penalty kick, and Heaton got the nod. He was able to put it away with no time remaining,

thus ending the game with a 4-4 tie.

"It was a crazy, exciting game," Peterson exclaimed. "And at the end it got really intense because the officials apparently didn't understand that the game was supposed to end in a tie at that point, so they had us do a shootout."

Though the points scored during the shootout didn't count, each team was given five shots on goal and Douglas outscored Newcastle 4-3.

The Dogies will play Douglas once again this Saturday, with kickoff scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. The rematch will be very fresh in the minds of both teams, and Peterson stated that his squad will be focused on figuring out how to slow the Bearcats down up front. He is guessing the opponent will be trying to figure out ways to stop Heaton.

"It's a quick turnaround, but it should be fun," he smiled. "We should be able to beat them. It's just a matter of executing and getting off to a little faster start."



Table with Newcastle v. Gering 4-11-17: 0-4 and Newcastle @ Douglas 4-13-17: 4-4 statistics including SOG, Assists, and Saves.

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aid. I was born the same year that Switzer made history, and my generation was the first to take for granted our ability to compete in sports. Though Title IX was not easily accepted by society and had to withstand several attacks dating into the 1990s, I was able to participate in any sport I desired throughout high school and into adulthood.

My daughter started competing in sports in elementary school, continued into middle and high school and college,

and she never once had to wonder if she would be accepted.

Over the years, I've watched my female high school students not only compete, but excel in sports—many earning scholarships to compete in college. It's hard to imagine a world where they would not have had those opportunities simply because of their gender, but that world existed a mere 50 years ago.

Switzer returned to Boston on Monday to run in the Marathon at the age of 70. She

wore bib number 261 once again, and when she finished the race in four hours and 44 minutes, her bib became only the second to be retired from the marathon.

Running with Switzer in Boston was former Newcastle Dogie Mary McGinty, who finished in 3:36.25. With the finish, she chalked up her seventh Boston Marathon, and yet another qualifying time for next year's race.

Millions of women, including myself, owe a huge part of our lives to those

Mighty Girls who forged a path for women in sports, and I am eternally grateful for the opportunities sports have provided for me over the years.

"My message to young girls is that you can do much more than you ever can imagine. The only way you can imagine it is to do it. Take the first step. And if you take the first step, you can then take three steps. And then you can take 10. And someday maybe you can run a marathon. And if you can run a marathon, you can do anything." — Katherine Switzer.

Middle School Track - Wright JH Pre Easter Meet 4/11/17

Large table listing track results for various events including 7 grade and 8 grade races in Shot Put, Triple Jump, Pole Vault, Discus, High Jump, Long Jump, and various distance runs.

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

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$144,737.03 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$141,710.14 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$2,707.20, plus other costs in the amount of \$319.69, 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 search the status of title before submitting a bid;

NOW, THEREFORE Member First Mortgage, LLC, as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Weston County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on May 2, 2017 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 25 North Sumner, Newcastle, Wyoming, Weston County, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

LOTS THIRTEEN (13) AND FOURTEEN (14) IN BLOCK TWENTY SIX (26) OF FOREST HILL PARK ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WYOMING, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO ATTACHED OR BELONGING;

with an address of 111 5TH Ave., Newcastle, Wyoming 82701-2437.

Together with all improvements thereon situated and all fixtures and appurtenances thereto. Dated this 23rd day of March, 2017.

Member First Mortgage, LLC
By: Tamara Schroeder Crolla, #6-3976
Weinstein & Riley, P.S
123 West 1st Street, Suite 433
Casper, Wyoming 82601-2482
307-462-2690

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April 9, 2017
Medical assist. Civil standby requested. Civil standby requested. Report of a dog at large. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Report of a dog running at large. Phone fraud reported.

April 10
Theft reported. Ministerial assistance requested. VIN inspection requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

April 11
Open door discovered. Disturbance reported. Assist other agency. Minor accident reported. Civil problem reported. Search Warrant executed, One arrest. Drunk driver reported, One arrest. Search Warrant executed, 4 arrests. Lost property reported. VIN inspection requested. VIN inspection requested. Suspicious activity reported. Stolen property recovered. Parking complaint. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Assist other agency.

April 12
Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Counterfeit money reported. Parking complaint. Welfare check requested. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Motorist assist. 911 hang up. VIN inspection requested. Suspicious activity, Citation issued. Commercial alarm reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

April 13
Civil standby requested. VIN inspection requested. Child abuse reported. Report of a dog at large. Medical assist. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Suspicious activity reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Assist other agency. Motorist assist. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued.

April 14
911 hang up. Traffic stop, 3 Citations issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Suspicious activity reported. Assist other agency. Traffic stop Written Warning issued. Suspicious activity reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

April 15
Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop Written Warning issued. Vandalism reported. Traffic stop. Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Motorist assist. 911 misdial. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Assist other agency. Medical assist. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Assist other agency. Motorist assist.



Public Notice

NOTICE FOR PUBLIC INPUT CONCERNING THE 2017-18 WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 CONSOLIDATED GRANT APPLICATION

Weston County School District #1 is in the process of writing the 2017-18 Consolidated Grant. This Consolidated Grant is composed of seven individual grants and/or sub-titles, of which the district is eligible to participate in five. The five grant areas in which the District is eligible are:

- Title I- used in elementary schools to promote reading and math improvement
- Title II(A)- used to train teachers and paraprofessionals
- IDEA-611- used to supplement educational programs for students with disabilities
- IDEA-619- used as IDEA 611 above but specifically targets early childhood services

All members of the public served by Weston County School District #1 are invited to participate in the grant writing process. The District will host a public meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2017 in the High School Commons for the purpose of receiving input to be used in writing the Consolidated Grant.

Input may also be provided to an individual grant by contacting the grant managers at the following number(s):

- Title I- Brandy Holmes/Todd Quigley 746-2717
- Title II (A)- Sonya Tysdal 746-2713
- IDEA - 611- Tobey Cass 746-9713
- IDEA - 619- Tobey Cass 746-9713
- Perkins- Tracy Ragland 746-2713
- 21CCLC- Tamera Allen 746-2746

You may also provide input to an individual grant by calling the Consolidated Grant Office at 746-9713. To inquire about a specific grant in writing, please use the following address:

(Individual Grant Manager's name)
Weston County School District
116 Casper Avenue
Newcastle, WY 82701

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Probate Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT WITHIN AND FOR WESTON COUNTY STATE OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CAROL A. POLLAT, DECEASED. PROBATE NO. PR-8091

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Summary Distribution of Real and Personal Property has been filed in the District Court, Sixth Judicial District, Weston County, Wyoming, by Dianna J. Davis and Kathryn M. Davis pursuant to Wyoming Statute §2-1-205, seeking to establish the right and title to the following described real and personal property in the name of Dianna J. Davis and Kathryn M. Davis:

REAL PROPERTY

A portion of Lots 1 and 11, Block H, County Clerk's Addition, City of Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the SW corner of Lot 1, Block H, County Clerk's Addition, City of Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming and is the point of beginning; thence N 21°39'56" E along the East boundary of Walker Street for a distance of 199.87 ft. to an aluminum capped re-bar at the NW corner of Lot 11; thence S 68°20'04" E along the South boundary of an alley for a distance of 91.07 ft. to an aluminum capped re-bar; thence S 18°35'18" W for a distance of 113.56 ft. to an aluminum capped re-bar; thence S 64°36'09" W for a distance of 13.68 ft. to an aluminum capped re-bar; thence S 17°39'21" W for a distance of 52.70 ft. to an aluminum capped re-bar; thence N 82°57'53" W along the north boundary of Cambria Street for a distance of 94.60 ft. to an aluminum capped re-bar and the point of beginning.

Said tract contains 0.3996 acres, more or less.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

a. 2005 Friendship mobile home, VIN: MY0527894ABV
b. Miscellaneous personal property

Hearing on this matter is scheduled for the 16th day of May, 2017 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in the Weston County Courthouse, Newcastle, Wyoming.

All parties interested are hereby notified unless they appear and object to the application, the facts contained in the Application for Summary Distribution of Real and Personal Property shall be presumed correct and title to the real and personal property shall be vested in Dianna J. Davis and Kathryn M. Davis. DATED this 17th day of April, 2017.

FOR THE APPLICANTS:
Mark L. Hughes, #5-1710
HUGHES LAW OFFICE
P.O. Box 456
Sundance, WY 82729
(307) 283-1313

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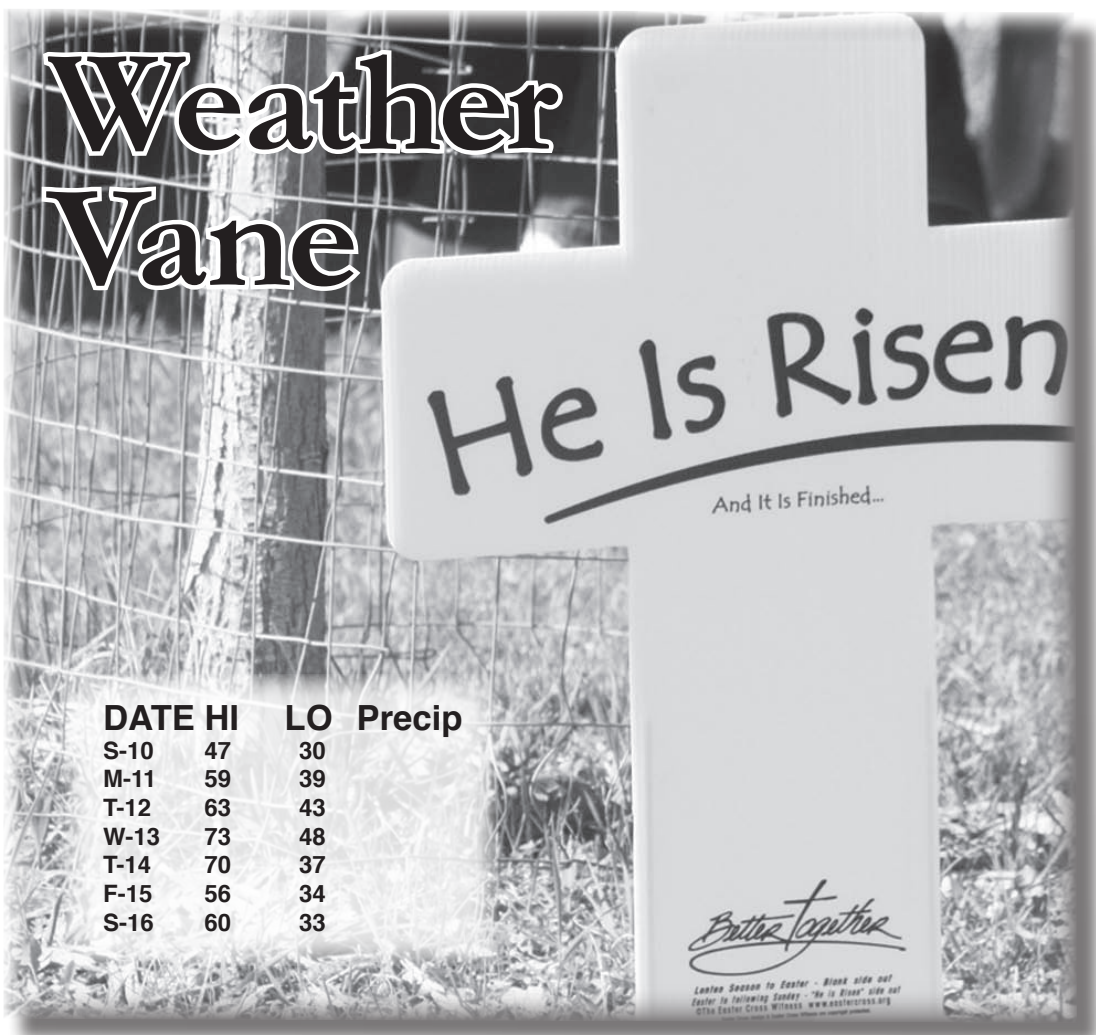
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Hearing Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2017 BUSINESS READY COMMUNITY GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT APPLICATION PROJECT

The Wyoming Business Council is seeking grant and loan applications from counties, incorporated cities, towns, joint powers boards, and tribes for the Business Ready Community (BRC) Grant and Loan Program. The intent of this program is to ready a community for new business development through economic or educational development projects which may include, but not limited to, water, sewer, streets and roads, telecommunications, airports, purchase of rights of way, purchase of land, buildings, facilities, industrial and business parks, industrial site or business district development, amenities within a business or industrial park, landscaping, recreational and convention facilities, and or other physical projects.

The rules governing the BRC Grant and Loan Program are available through the Wyoming Business Council or <http://www.wyomingbusiness.org>.

The City of Newcastle intends to submit an application for a BRC Community Enhancement Grant, for Bike Path, Rest Room Facility and Tennis Courts and is seeking citizen input regarding this project. Those wishing to comment on this project are encouraged to attend a public hearing on this subject on May 1, 2017 at 7:30 PM, in the Newcastle City Council Chambers. Citizens can also submit written comments to:

City of Newcastle
10 West Warwick
Newcastle, Wyoming 82701

All written comments must be received no later than 5:00 PM on April 28, 2017. The City of Newcastle will take all comments made at the public hearing and written comments submitted on or before the deadline into consideration before considering a resolution in support of submitting an application for a 2017 BRC Community Enhancement Application Award.

(Publish April 13, 20 and 27, 2017)

Legal Notice

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE
CHANGE OF NAME OF:
SILVA MADRILL
PETITIONER.
CIVIL ACTION NO. CV-1737

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

You are hereby notified that a Petition to Change Name has been filed on behalf of Silva Madrill in the District Court in and for Weston County, Wyoming in Civil File No. CV-1737, the object and prayer of which is to change the name of the above-named person from Silva Madrill to Donna Sylvia Madrill.

Any objection must be filed with the Clerk of District Court, 1 West Main Street, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701 in writing, on or before June 11, 2017, or the prayer of Petition shall be granted. Dated this 30th Day of March, 2017

Clerk of District Court
Gidget Macke

(Publish April 20, 27 and May 4 and 11, 2017)

Legal Notice

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF
EMMA MARIE KINGMA,
A MINOR.
ADOPTION NO. AD 1-408

PUBLICATION SUMMONS

TO: DONALD CHARLES PIECHOWICZ
A/K/A DONALD CHARLES STEINRUCK

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Dustin and Charisse Mettler have filed in the District Court of Weston County, Wyoming, Adoption No. AD 1-408, a Petition for Adoption and for further equitable relief, and you are notified that you are required to answer said Petition on or before the thirtieth (30th) day after the date of final publication of this Summons, and that Judgment by default may be rendered against you if you fail to file an answer or otherwise appear.

DATED 3rd day of March, 2017.

Gidget Macke
Clerk of District Court
By: Donna Podio, Deputy Clerk

Hope Mead, WSB #7-5304
Messenger & Overfield, P.C.
Attorneys for Petitioners
P.O. Box 111
Thermopolis, WY 82443
(307) 864-5541

(Publish April 13, 20, 27 and May 4, 2017)

Election Notice

NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF
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MAY 09, 2017

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Notice is hereby given that an election for two directors will be held on May 09, 2017. All qualified landowners within the District are entitled to vote and may apply for an application to appear on the ballot. Applications may be obtained from the District's secretary, Sharron Ackerman, at 806 Salt Creek Road or call 746-2205.

Applications must be filed no later than April 30, 2017.

Voters may vote at the polls located in the "Genealogy Room" of the W.C. Library from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots may be obtained by calling 746-2205 or written request at P.O. Box 91, Newcastle, WY. Absentee ballots must be received no later than May 08, 2017.

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An eagle has landed



Rachel Henkle and Lady Dogie head coach Tyler Bartlett look over papers as the senior committed to play for the CSC Lady Eagles last Tuesday. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)

Henkle will play hoops at Chadron

By Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

Rachel Henkle became the latest Newcastle Dogie to commit to a collegiate sports program last Tuesday when she signed on the dotted line to become a Chadron State College Lady Eagle basketball player.

Henkle has proved herself a talented athlete in several sports throughout her high school career, including being a state champion in the backstroke. However, it is her love of hoops that led to her decision regarding which endeavor to continue in college.

"I had quite a few schools contact me for swimming, but they were all so far away, with most of them on the east coast,"

she began. "I love swimming but I love basketball too, and it's just a lot more fun to play."

Henkle added that Chadron was the best fit for her, not only because of its relatively close location to home, but also because it offers a good teacher education program. With a goal of becoming an art/special education teacher, Henkle stated she felt good about her decision.

"CSC is a good teaching school and Coach Bartlett went there, and he told me it's a good school," she smiled. "Also it's a small school, and I like small."

Lady Eagle head coach Janet Raymer first saw Henkle play in the state tournament last year, and she also watched her play last summer during a league in which the Lady Dogies participate.

"Coach Raymer is new to the program within the last couple of years, and she is trying to get more local kids from around

the region so there are a lot of freshmen signing this year," Henkle explained. "After she watched me play, she contacted Coach Bartlett for my information, and I liked what she had to offer."

Henkle will be suiting up in the fall with someone she knows, as Bailey Brooks of the Douglas Lady Bearcats has also signed with CSC for the 2017-2018 season.

"I've played against her for four years, so it'll be really great to play with her instead of against her," she exclaimed.

Henkle will soon be starting spring and summer workouts to prepare for the fall.

"I don't have my workouts yet, but she told me she has a lot of things for me to do and that she will be sending me my workouts soon," she laughed. "I'm just really happy with my decision, and I'm excited to play."



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Girls Soccer

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Newcastle v. Gering 4-11-17: 0-4			
	SOG	Assists	Saves
Bianca Torres	-	-	12
Tania Bau	-	-	1
Newcastle @ Douglas 4-13-17: 1-2			
	SOG	Assists	Saves
Alyssa Umphlett	3	1	-
Grace Peterson	1	-	-
Taylor Ford	1-2	-	-
Tania Bau	1	-	1
Bianca Torres	-	-	5

Gering was finally able to get on the board about 18 minutes into the second half of play. In defending the shot, Torres suffered an injury that took her out of the game for a time, which meant the Lady Dogies had to look to the field for a replacement, and senior Tania Bau got the nod.

"Tania had only practiced the goal keeper position for about a week at the beginning of the season, so without a lot of practice she stepped in and did a really good job," Hoffman grinned. "She got a save right off the bat, but then one got by her on a high shot that would have been tough for anyone to stop."

Though Torres was able to return to her goal, Gering went on to score two more times near the end when the Lady Dogies appeared to have run out of gas to take the 4-0 win.

On Thursday, the Lady Dogies traveled to Douglas to take on their quadrant rival, this time without Rushton and still without Michaelis. Despite returning their front line, the squad got off to what Hoffman described as a slow start.

"In the first half, we were unable to get anything going as an offensive group," he frowned. "We struggled to maintain possession of the ball, and to keep it under control."

Fortunately, the defensive unit remained consistent throughout the contest, and managed to hold the Lady Cats to just one goal in the first half and one in the second.

"Both goals were scored on balls that were deflected by Bianca, so we were in position and made the shots difficult on them," Hoffman nodded. "Now we just need to keep improving a bit so we can finish off those saves."

The back line consisted primarily of Davis, Emily Pearson, Bennett, and Jeppesen, with Riley Coburn of Upton filling in as a sub.

"Daytona and Emily were very solid with their play in the middle of that group, and they have really begun to mesh at the core of our defense," Hoffman stated. "I need them to keep moving in this positive trend, while supporting those younger players around them."

A refocusing during the half time break seemed apparent, and the Lady Dogies' attacking game started to flow as the contest neared the end.

"We were really putting a lot of pressure, and a lot of good shots on frame, to finish out the game," Hoffman smiled. "Our goal came late when Alyssa was able to slip a nice pass to Taylor [Ford] just on the edge of the 18-yard box, and Taylor

was able to finish it off with a nice shot."

The goal followed a period in which the Lady Dogies were able to keep Douglas pinned into their defensive third of the field for quite some time, and though Newcastle got a few more shots directed at the net, none of them were able to find the back of it, and they dropped their second game of the week 1-2.

"My hope from this game is that we learned as a team that we need to play with a sense of urgency from start to finish," Hoffman declared. "Our slow start in the first half came with some wasted opportunities, and we were able to generate opportunities in the second half that were just as good or better than those in the first half because of a commitment to hustling."

The Lady Dogies will have a quick turn-around to see if they can fix their mistakes, as the Lady Bearcats come to town this Saturday for a rematch beginning at noon.

"We are hoping the issues with the sickness that made its way through the team has run its course and that we will be at full strength when the time comes," Hoffman nodded. "From a preparation standpoint, we will take a look at the film and see what we can learn as a team to do better."



Madison Pearson maneuvers around an obstinate Gering defender during their Tuesday match. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)

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