

# News Letter Journal

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## WCHS has another tough month financially

Alexis Barker  
NLJ Reporter

August was another rough month for Weston County Health Services, which has now experienced a negative cash flow and negative

net income for both July and August.

In order to help financially, the board of trustees approved the facility's use of \$205,000 in WYO-STAR reserve, if needed. WYO-STAR is a pooled investment vehicle for

local governments operated through the state treasurer's office.

On Sept. 28, CFO Lynn Moller reported that the hospital experienced a net income of negative \$32,000 and a negative cash flow of \$272,000.

He noted that there were only 188 in-patient days in July and August.

"Numbers were close to what they were for those months last year, but they were down. We are not horribly dissatisfied, though, and we are

looking forward to September. There has been a lot more activity in September and the mix of activity looks to be more beneficial for us," Moller said in an interview with the News Letter Journal, although he declined to share September

numbers until they have been presented to the board on Oct 19.

"The only thing that went up was occupational therapy. It always goes up when school

— See **Hospital**, Page 3

## Consumed by fire



Jared Jarnigan works on soaking down the areas around a trailer at 1103 S. Summit Street in Newcastle on Thursday. The fire was first reported around the 1p.m. hour on Thursday Oct. 5. The trailer is likely a complete loss according to Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department Chief Austin Baker. "When we got there the home was totally involved so we got as much water on it as we could while trying to cool around the home," Baker said. He noted that this is done to keep the fire from spreading and unfortunately they were not able to protect everything surrounding the home. The fire extended to two different automobiles at a neighboring home causing a decent amount of damage and it also caused minor damage to a neighboring trailer home. (Andrew McKay/NLJ)

## Liquor license transferred over objection

Alexis Barker  
NLJ Reporter

On Oct. 2, after a public hearing was held and despite opposition to the transfer, the City of Newcastle transferred

retail liquor license no. 2 from T&A Brewing Company to KJT Investment Inc., operating under the business name Short Stop. Marilyn Clyde, owner of the building that T&A

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## ENDOW introduces itself to Newcastle

Representative of state's new economic diversity arm presents to local Lion's Club

Bri Brasher  
NLJ Reporter

The local Lions Club hosted former Wyoming Business Council President and current ENDOW Executive Council Member, Bill Schilling, at the club's latest meeting. ENDOW, which stands for Economically Needed Diversity Options for Wyoming, is an effort spearheaded by Governor Matt Mead to

— See **ENDOW**, Page 7

## Commissioner questions prairie dog progress

Alexis Barker  
NLJ Reporter

The fifth of six planned meetings to discuss the black-tailed prairie dog on the Thunder Basin National Grassland was scheduled to be held Oct. 11 in Newcastle, but some county leaders were going into the meeting after expressing doubts over whether or not the meetings will produce a resolution to problems identified with current management in Weston County.

"We are spinning like hamsters in a wheel," Commissioner Marty Ertman said when the topic of this week's gathering was brought up at the commissioner's October 3 meeting.

The latest meeting of the group

working on the prairie dog issues, to be hosted by the U.S. Forest Service and the University of Wyoming Ruckelshaus Institute, was slated to take place at the Weston County Senior Center, but Ertman reported to the commissioners on Oct. 3 that when she discussed the agenda with District Ranger Shane Walker, Jessica Western with the Ruckelshaus Institute, and others, she made it clear that if an end goal was not made apparent, different groups presently involved in the process would start falling off and stop attending the meetings.

"I see commissioners that aren't even born yet fighting this fight," Ertman said.

She noted that it seems that the issue,

prairie dog control, is being walked around and predicted that counties will start falling off as their commissioners stop attending the gatherings.

According to the Forest Service, the meetings are outreach efforts prompted by requests from state and local representatives and to a summary report from last year's public engagement session. The Oct. 11 meeting was to feature public discussion from 8 a.m. to noon, followed by the government cooperative working group meeting from 1 to 5 p.m.

According to a U.S. Department of Agriculture press release, meetings topics were to "include options for

— See **Prairie Dogs**, Page 8

### Commission Clips

Notes from the Oct. 3 Weston County commissioner's meeting:

- The Weston County commissioners met with Randy Frederick, the U.S. operations manager of Vermilion Energy, a Calgary, Alberta-based international oil and gas producer. The commissioners requested the meeting to discuss county road management and truck traffic due to dust issues and potential cattle deaths caused by dust. After discussions with Frederick, the commissioners

agreed that Vermilion's truck traffic was most likely not the cause of the problems, but Frederick assured them that he would look further into the issue.

- Alex Berger resigned from his position as deputy Weston County Attorney and County Attorney William Curley reported that he had already found a replacement who will be paid a salary of \$50,000 a year.

## Qualified CNA's still hard to find

### WCHS Hosted Career Fair

Bri Brasher  
NLJ Reporter

Weston County Health Services (WCHS) hosted a Certified Nursing Assistant (C.N.A.) career fair at Newcastle's Workforce Services Building last Thursday afternoon from 3:00—6:00 p.m. Local, licensed C.N.A.s were available to share their expertise, experiences, and opportunities with those interested in becoming a C.N.A. and joining the healthcare field.

The goal of the career fair was to recruit new C.N.A.s, as the demand for the work is high and the supply of qualified personnel low.

While course time can vary based on the instructor and program, the local program is an 80-hour course with the opportunity to shadow those currently in the field. Nurse's assistants then participate in post class clinical work with their temporary licenses, where they pitch in and learn through hands-on experience prior to taking the official test.

"I don't think a lot of people know all of what a C.N.A. does," rationalized

Weston County Health Services Human Resources Assistant, Michelle Hepker. "I don't think they (people) realize all of the opportunities that a C.N.A. presents, and all of the rewarding things that comes out of being a C.N.A. It's a hard job, but a rewarding job."

Kim Richards, a C.N.A. II and Medical Aid at the Manor in Newcastle, started out working in long-term care and then life care of America. She and colleague, Megan Kolbeck, also a C.N.A., stressed that there are many departments and facilities to work for as a C.N.A., and the oppor-

tunities are endless. Many C.N.A.s cross train to work with all populations in many facilities, such as long-term care, clinics, and hospitals.

Kolbeck became a C.N.A. at age 16 nearly ten years ago, and since that time, she has worked for Home Health, Rapid City Regional, and the Manor. Like Richards, Kolbeck plans to return to school for her C.N.A. II license so that she can do as much as possible to help as many people as she can.

"It's very rewarding in the sense of being able to help the people in your community. It makes you closer to the community because

you're taking care of people's family members," Kolbeck explained.

Julie Sindlinger, the director of human resources at WCHS, said that not only can people earn their C.N.A. license through local programs, but individuals can

— See **C.N.A.s**, Page 3

Three local C.N.A.'s posed for a photo at WCHS's CNA Career Fair hosted at the Newcastle Workforce Building last Thursday. Pictured from left to right: Kim Richards, Megan Kolbeck, and Jade Stoudt. (Bri Brasher/NLJ)



### WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday  
Mostly Sunny  
Hi 56 Lo 33



Friday  
Sunny  
Hi 56, Lo 36



Saturday  
Cloudy  
Hi 46, Lo 28



Sunday  
Sunny  
Hi 53, Lo 34



Monday  
Sunny  
Hi 58, Lo 37



Tuesday  
Sunny  
Hi 60, Lo 38

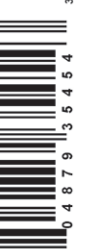


Wednesday  
Mostly Sunny  
Hi 59, Lo 39



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# Opinion

## News Letter Journal

### Our View

## It's for your own good

As small government proponents, we have long advocated for an approach to addressing society's ills that favors educating the public in order to arm individuals and communities with the information they need to create the kind of change they desire. We believe that type of change is more meaningful and effective than forcing "progress" through new laws or regulations.

When we learned earlier this year that the Prevention Management Organization of Wyoming was consolidating the substance abuse and suicide prevention efforts in Crook and Weston counties under one local manager, we feared that it meant the entity created and funded by the Wyoming Department of Health to help address these types of issues statewide was going to even more significantly reduce the resources available to our communities to identify and combat the problems facing us. For more than a decade, those resources have largely been used in Weston County to educate citizens in an effort to help them understand the dangers posed by certain choices and behaviors, and to provide information that enabled people to access additional resources or professional assistance for those individuals who have a problem and want or need help.

PMO's consolidation of prevention efforts in Crook and Weston counties did produce the anticipated decrease in the budget available to provide this kind of information to the people of those counties moving forward, but that is simply a continuation of a trend that has diverted resources from communities and into PMO's central operation since the entity's inception. What is even more alarming is PMO's admission that it is focused on a strategy of "policy, environment or systems change" as opposed to "one-time programs or individual interventions." While that may sound nice on the surface, we want to make sure residents of Weston County know exactly what it means. Environmental change is, quite simply, a change made to the physical environment to promote better choices and behaviors, but we have been hearing for more than a year that Wyoming doesn't have money to build these types of enhancements.

Realistically, that leaves us with policy or systems change, both of which mean adoption of new rules and regulations. Government entities have long argued that such an approach is more sustainable and economically feasible than arming individuals with the information they need to make responsible decisions for themselves, but we would note that the same approach has produced things like soft drink bans and the absurd regulations that now govern school lunches.

PMO will even admit that their pursuit of such an approach is driven by a desire to please its "federal partners." That may be the most alarming admission of all, and the clearest indication that prevention efforts in Wyoming have become nothing more than an excuse to preserve and grow yet another bureaucracy in state government. We would much rather see those resources used to provide real solutions (like greater access to mental health care), but ask that you judge PMO for yourself before jumping on our bandwagon.

Simply go to the organization's website ([www.pmo.wyo.org](http://www.pmo.wyo.org)) and read what they have to say about themselves. If you find any of the information there valuable (or can even understand half of it) then we encourage you to join PMO's effort. But if you think every word of it is nothing more than bureaucratic double-speak, please contact a legislator and urge them to find another use for the state's resources.

## Not our father's NFL

For the past few weeks, those NFL players who are choosing to take a knee for the National Anthem to protest against racism and police brutality have triggered some family memories for me.

There are times that I feel my grandma left some big shoes to fill in too many ways, but I have to say her patriotic steps were super-sized. She was a faithful member of American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 210, and proudly displayed an American Flag in her yard. She routinely sold poppies, sent cards to veterans and soldiers, and organized wreath-laying ceremonies at the local cemetery.

Grandma loved watching all sports, however, I have a feeling her response to this NFL protest would have been, "Those NFL players really ought to be ashamed of themselves kneeling for the flag and National Anthem." I wish she were here, so I could agree with her.

Another family memory this protest triggered is of my dad and his own love for sports.

My dad served in the Navy during the Korean War, and being born in 1931, he grew up during the great era of baseball. There was nothing else like baseball in his day. Hands down, it was America's pastime, and I'm sure the kids of his day thought those baseball players were their heroes.

Dad always followed all the professional sports and watched the playoffs, and I remember how he always followed baseball. I watched

a few games with him, but I wasn't as dedicated as he was. Then one year, after I was an adult with a family of my own, I realized he wasn't watching the World Series. I remember asking him why he wasn't watching the Series, and he simply replied that it just wasn't the same. He mentioned that the players lacked morals, and were not good role models. So consequently, he gave up the Boys of Summer, and it seemed like professional sports, in general, never held the same importance in his life.

I understood his views on wanting professional athletes to be role models since they have a major performance stage. There is no doubt our country would be better off if we had more role models, especially those we watch on television.

Dad never lost his love of sports entirely. Instead he focused more on high school sports. He was an avid Custer Wildcats fan, and followed many of the youth of his church in their sports endeavors. He liked to watch the Mitchell Kernels and Newcastle Dogies as well, and many other South Dakota high school teams. He enjoyed a good, close game, and liked to see good sportsmanship in action.

I noticed Dad's decision to give up the professional sports arena also gave him more time to mentor and volunteer. It turned out all the precious time he gained by not sitting in front of the television let him live his life the way he wanted, and be the good role model that he lamented the disappearance of in sports.



Kim Dean  
Solve It

**Deadline for Letters is noon on Friday**

## If you had your life to live over again...

This is a serious topic. If you had your life to live over, how would you live it?

It seemed appropriate that I started to write this column on the longest day of the year — June 20, 2017. It has taken me a few months to finish it.

This is my attempt to define a perfect life and how important it is to aspire to live that perfect life.

I write this as a new great-grandfather, as of three months ago, when little Hailey Renee Marie Barnett came into the world. I am writing this for her, plus our 13 grandchildren and all those other descendants who are not here yet.

My most important conclusion is that the greatest wealth a man can acquire in his lifetime is a healthy and loving family. Nothing else comes close.

So just how "deep" should I make this essay? Well, here goes:

In recent years I have been hanging out with some folks who contend your most important goals in life should be finding truth, goodness and beauty.

Looking back on a career in journalism, it is easy to agree about the importance of truth. Rarely is truth relative. When all the facts are in, truth will usually rise to the top.

When I was younger I loved the concept that all things were relative, which means just about everything was determined by the situation. After years of dealing with life, you realize that relativism is over-rated. There are absolute truths in this world, and you need to find them out and then live your life accordingly. There is right versus wrong. There is good versus bad. Character and ethics are real

and both will help you find the truth.

In my life, I did not have to look too far to find real goodness. My wife Nancy of 51 years is the best person I have ever known. How on earth I ever found her is a big mystery to me. She is the best thing that ever happened to me and let's hope all you folks out there reading this will be as fortunate when it comes to relationships.

Nancy is a Jefferson Award recipient for all the good she has done in raising money to fight cancer and helping the needy with the Christmas food basket program.

When it comes to beauty, I say just open your eyes. We live in a beautiful place populated by beautiful people.

In recent years, I have worked with 54 Wyoming-based photographers. I love their outlook when it comes to Wyoming. A great many of them love a foggy day or a hard rain or a heavy snow because of the opportunities it gives them to photograph our beautiful landscape in a new way. Now I try very hard to not complain about the weather. This is difficult, as I get older.

If I had my life to live over, I would not have squandered so much money and time on toys. A big boat comes to mind. Sure, we had a lot of fun with it, but what an expense and what a time suck.

For a long time I believed that whoever died with the most toys wins. What a joke! And it really is a joke. I think a better saying would be "he who dies with the most friends wins."

I should have gotten in better physical shape. This would have allowed me to better explore this wonderful country we live in. Sure, I

have been all over Wyoming— from the Medicine Wheel to Medicine Bow and from Pinedale to Pine Bluffs and from Evanston to Evansville— but there are places that are unreachable because of not being in good enough physical condition.

One old-timer once wrote that if she could live her life over, she would have eaten more ice cream and less beans. I think I did eat my quota of ice cream and probably should have been eating more beans.

If I could live my life over, I would not have been so competitive. I was a holy terror to my business competitors and, as a result, they were hard on me. I was even way too competitive with family and friends. Bless your business competitors because they make you better. But it took me way too long to learn that I could get much more done through cooperation rather than through intense competition.

I liken my life to a baseball game and we get to play nine innings. If so, I am hoping this is the middle of the seventh and it is time for a stretch. Maybe time to sing the song Sweet Caroline. Sure hope it is not the bottom of the ninth.

If I had my life to live over, I would find more joy in everything that I did. And I would strive to provide joy to others as a main goal of my life.

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Bill Sniffin  
My Wyoming

## Letters to the Editor

### College athletes should be paid

Dear Editor,

College athletes should be paid for playing. Colleges cost a lot of money, athletes put tons of time into playing their sport, and paying the athletes will increase the level of their performance.

If a college athlete does not have a scholarship, then it is very expensive. The article "College Costs Continue to Climb," published in 1996, states that colleges for a non-athlete or an athlete without a scholarship is an average of about \$13,000 a year. The non-athletes have to pay for rooming, food, classes, and books. The money from a scholarship can help with all of these. A full-ride scholarship will pay for everything, while a half-scholarship

helps with paying these bills.

Athletes put a lot of time and effort into the sport they play. The article "Should College Athletes Be Paid," published in 2014, indicates that playing a college sport is a lot like a full-time job.

They are always working out, and they practice all the time. During summer, the team will have camps they put on to help younger kids excel in a sport, and hope that maybe when some of them are older they will play a college sport as well.

College athletes are always away from family, and they also travel a lot. The athletes are always on the move. Like most full-time jobs, the athletes have to come back to practice right after a holiday.

In all, college athletes put time and effort into something they love because they want to succeed.

By paying college athletes, it will help them learn responsibility from playing a college sport. Most athletes just play to play, but college athletes are playing because they are working towards something.

They have to get out of bed early so they can get to practice or the weight room on time, and

a paycheck can come from that hard work. Just like people with jobs, athletes need to get paid because they are also working for a living. They are just as busy or even more busy than a person with a job. Paying athletes can help a lot of them succeed in life. The article "The Real Story

About Executive Pay," explains that people have been getting paid without putting any time or effort into their jobs. Getting paid for not putting any effort into something does not teach anybody, including college athletes, about responsibility.

But an athlete putting time and effort into playing a college sport, such as basketball, and excelling at that sport can eventually lead to something called the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA), where they can get paid even more for a living.

In conclusion, college athletes should be paid for playing.

—Jayme Cass

*(Ed. note: The preceding letter was written for an assignment in Debb Proctor's Freshmen English class. Please send any responses to this letter to [editor@newslj.com](mailto:editor@newslj.com))*



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# Farewell celebration



Linda Zeimet gets a hug from Mandy Williams during her retirement party at the Weston County Children's Center. Linda worked at the center for 25 years. (Pam Penfield/NLJ)

# Fall plans calling for a new pickup?

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# Hospital

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starts. We have a contract with the school district. That part of the business is pretty stable, and we know we will always see that drop in the summer," he added.

Moller explained that drop in the number of in-patient days is most likely to blame for the negative cash flow and income in the first two months of the hospital's fiscal year. He noted that in-patient days normally run between 225 and 260, and in July and August, the hospital only had 188 in-patient days, each day representing a unit of time a patient uses the facility, each month.

"That has a huge affect, and it all filters down. Less in-patient days means less work in the lab, less x-rays and less prescriptions through the hospital pharmacy. It all flows down the line," Moller said.

He explained that, for now, the hospital

does not believe any big steps need to be made to combat the slow months and that the facility is already looking more carefully at all expenditures.

"Every month, CEO Maureen Cadwell and myself meet with half of the department heads and go through what was spent and talk about the upcoming expenditures," Moller said, indicating discussions include upcoming purchases, absolute needs and whether or not any purchases that may not be necessary can be put off. Moller added that they intend to include the department heads in the decisions related to the timing of unnecessary purchases.

"We have also been focused on cash flow. We have rearranged some work around the staff in the office to facilitate getting those dollars in, and it looks like it is starting to pay off," Moller said.

### Hospital Happenings

*Notes from the Sept. 28 Weston County Health Services board of trustees meeting.*

- The board approved the construction pay application for Scull Construction totaling \$190,493.36. CEO Maureen Cadwell reported that the project has moved onto phase C and that the contractor, Rapid City-based Scull Construction, estimates that the WCHS remodel and expansion project will be complete in December.
- The board approved an anti-

biotic stewardship statement. The purpose of the statement is to express the facility's dedication to monitoring antibiotics prescribed through the hospital.

• Cadwell informed the board that the Manor has started using medication aides, a certified nursing assistant that completed additional training to allow for them to dispense medications under the super-

vision of a Registered Nurse, and that three employees had moved up to a higher position in the company. She noted that so far the Registered Nurses are not really in support of the program but that they are working through it. Cadwell believes that the ability to move up through the job ranks at the Manor should entice more individuals to become CNAs.

# C.N.A.s

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also go on to be nurses, health care leaders, lab and radiology technicians, EMT's, medical aids, etc. The possibilities are endless.

Sindlinger emphasized that becoming a C.N.A. is a great stepping stone in health-care. She added that WCHS is a critical access hospital, meaning C.N.A.s have access to all departments, compared to larger hospitals where C.N.A.s are required to specialize.

"The growth potential is amazing! You can start out with just 80 weeks of training, and it's possible to not pay a penny," exclaimed Sindlinger.

Richards and Kolbeck also encouraged those that are interested but hesitant about becoming

a C.N.A. to begin by working as a nutrition support aid (N.S.A.).

"It never hurts to try!" inspired Kolbeck. "I always tell them (potential C.N.A.s) to try being a N.S.A. first to see what it's like to be around that generation and those kinds of people," she said.

Both Richards and Kolbeck agreed that the job requires a good backbone and sense of humor in challenging situations, but that the effort comes to fruition when they have a positive effect on a person's day and even a person's life.

"Spend five minutes to sit down and visit," Richards suggested. "If you take five minutes, you wouldn't believe how much they (the patients or residents) appreciate that."

# Liquor License

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operated in before their closure, presented to the council her objection to the transfer because she claimed the license should have gone to her, as the language in her lease stated. She requested that the city, if at all possible, postpone the transfer.

Clyde explained that she needed time to seek legal council on the issue to determine whether or not, under the lease agreement she had signed with her tenants, the license should have been transferred back to her prior to being sold. She asked for just a little bit of time from the council to get everything in order to move forward through the courts if needed, but city officials said that they didn't have the power to delay the transfer that had been presented to them.

"I don't know if we can do that. I don't know if that is within the realm of what we can do. It is a civil matter between you two," Mayor Deb Piana said.

City Attorney Jim Peck concurred, explaining that the city council is not a court empowered to make such a determination. He noted that the decision over whether or not to transfer the license, in the city's eyes, comes down to who owns the license, whether or not they agreed to the transfer, who the license will transfer to and whether they qualify or not to hold that license. In this instance, Peck explained the city had no justification to deny the transfer on any of those grounds.

"That is where we are with this particular situation. I am sympathetic with Mrs. Clyde," Peck concluded.

Clyde admitted that this was her understanding of the process as well, and thanked the council for their time before the motion to approve the liquor license transfer was approved unanimously.

### City Beats

*Notes from the Oct. 2 Newcastle City Council meeting.*

- Approval was granted by the council for the closure of two blocks on Main Street for Trunk or Treating on Oct. 31. The street will be closed from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Police Chief Jim Owens reported that all five conditional offers made to individuals for the two positions open at the department were turned down. The reasons given to Owens from the candidates involved the area being too remote from major conveniences. Owens continues to review candidates.
- City Engineer Mike Moore discussed the potential approval of a change order for the work on Stampede Street done by Timberline Services. He revealed that the company is requesting over \$55,681.44 in additional funds for additional work and supplies needed to complete the project. Some questioned whether the city should pay the additional money, and the council made the decision to schedule a street committee meeting to further discuss the topic.

## HARVEST, HAUNTS & HISTORY FESTIVAL

Friday, October 13  
Anna Miller Museum  
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Office Area:** Powerpoint Programs, Candy Corn Counting Contest, "What is it?" Contest  
**Stable Area:** Door Prizes, Trivia Contest, Coloring Contest, Digging Up Bones, and Refreshments  
**Living Quarters:** Live Music by the Western Ramblers  
**Novak Cabin:** "Amazing, Awesome, Apples"  
**Green Mountain School:** Fishing Pond & Trick or Treating  
**Jenney Cabin:** Fortune Telling  
**East Lawn Area:** Hayrides to Cemetery

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### ER Walk-Ins

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**Until Further Notice**

**Birth**

**Max August Svenson**  
Born on October 10, 2017, at the Weston County Health Services Hospital. He is the son of Max and Jennifer Svenson.

**Lily Amalia Hughes**  
Born on October 10, 2017, at the Weston County Health Services Hospital. She is the daughter of Dan and Judy Hughes.

**Whitney Taylor & Bucky Rauhoiser**  
The couple was joined by their children when they were married at the Weston County Health Services Hospital on September 18, 2016. The bride is the daughter of Wayne and Thea Skelton, and the groom is the son of Dan and Judy Hughes.

**Marah Mitchell**  
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**Obituaries**



**Steven Pollat**

**Steven Clay Pollat**  
**March 9, 1951-October 5, 2017**  
Steven Clay Pollat, 66, of rural Weston County, Wyoming, passed away Thursday, October 5, 2017, at his home.

He was born March 9, 1951, to Wayne and Donna Pollat. He went to Fairview country school until 7th grade and then went on to graduate from Newcastle High School in 1969. Steve worked in the oilfield and on various ranches in earlier years. He also broke and trained horses and later raised cattle on the family ranch. He became disabled and had to retire a few years ago. Steve was well-known for his sense of humor and pranks. He loved his family and we all loved him and will miss him very much.

Steve is survived by one brother, Roger(Patsy)Pollat, and one sister, Rhonda(Randy)Oleson, three aunts, Rose VanCleave, Colleen Pollat, and Carol(Virgil) Cullum, nephews, Justin(Novy) Oleson, Brett(Kristy)Oleson, Paul Pollat, Wayne(Christina) Pollat and niece, Julie(Marc)Hughes. Also his "adopted" kids, Joey, Brian, and Kandice Mefford, and grandsons, Keyan, Gage and Nash Mefford. Also 12 great-nieces and nephews, and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents and a very special friend, Glenda Mefford.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, October 14, 2017, at 2 p.m., at Weston County Senior Services in Newcastle.

**Birth**

**Aiden Levi Fulk**



**Talon, David & Kristina Fulk would like to welcome Aiden Levi Fulk born September 14, 2017.**

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**Byron Gray: magic, mind reading and mirth**

**Alexis Barker**  
**NLJ Reporter**

To raise funds for the Bird Cage Junior, a newly organized component of the Bird Cage Theatrics Company, performer Byron Gray will be in Newcastle for a one-night performance at the Fountain Inn. Shane Sellers, Bird Cage Theatrics director, said he is positive that Gray will provide people with a fun-filled date night or family outing without having to leave the comfort of Newcastle.

Gray will bring magic, mind reading and comedy to the newly remodeled main dining

room at the Fountain Inn this Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available now at either the Fountain or the News Letter Journal for \$10, or \$7.50 for students of any age.

"He is set to provide an evening of magic, mind reading and comedy and he is very good at it. He is extremely compelling with a compelling personality," Sellers said, adding that the show will run for about 90 minutes, with an intermission at the half-way point.

According to Sellers, the show is appropriate for any children who can sit long enough to enjoy the performance as the content of the performance will be appropriate for a family outing.

"This is like what we try to do with our dinner theater. It works for date night, or you can bring the kids," Sellers said.

He said that meal specials will be available throughout the evening, including a prime rib dinner with all the fixing and desserts, as well as a kid's menu and other selections for adults.

Revenue from ticket sales will go toward the Bird Cage Juniors program, which will have its first performance in March when children in grades kindergarten through 12 will show off their acting skills in "Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales," a play based on the popular children's book. "The future of theater is with children,"

**What:**  
Magic, mind reading and mirth with Byron Gray

**When:**  
Saturday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m.  
Doors open at 6 p.m. to allow time for socializing and dinner.

**Where:**  
Fountain Inn, main dining room

Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$7.50 for students

Sellers said., explaining that children possess an ability to imagine and have a lack of fear, which is contrary to the qualities found in most adults who are approached about being on stage. Children who have participated in theater, according to Sellers, also lead fuller and richer lives and tend to do better in school.

The funds raised from Gray's performance will go toward purchasing the scripts for "Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales," which are \$10 each. Roughly \$350 will be needed to cover the cost of scripts. On top of those costs, Bird Cage Juniors will also be responsible for paying \$100 a night, for royalties, for each of the three nights the show will play.

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<b>October 12</b> Psalms 73	<b>October 16</b> Leviticus 25:1-22
<b>October 13</b> Psalms 75	<b>October 17</b> Leviticus 25:23-38
<b>October 14</b> Psalms 82	<b>October 18</b> Leviticus 25:39-55
<b>October 15</b> Psalms 85	<i>Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society</i>

- **ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH:** Rev. Norm Brotzman, 216 S. Seneca, 746-2249. Call to Worship 9:30 am; Children's Church during Call to Worship; Faith Rally Sunday 6 pm.
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- **SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST:** Pastor Chuck Gadway 303-229-3103, 78 Old Hwy 85 and Pastoral Assistant Matt Dooley 949-0831. Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11:00 am.
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## A PIECE OF HISTORY

### October 14, 1892

Charles Paasch & family came in from the front Monday & have gone to housekeeping.

There is a rumor flying around that a branch of railroad will be built from Cambria to Lead City this winter.

Meyer Frank, Elmer Miller, F.W. Mondell chaperoned the Sundance Agricultural College workers to Cambria Wednesday.

The Eagle Oil Company is making headway with tireless energy and flattering success on its new oil well.

The "Pie & Doughnut Social," given by the ladies of the Congregational Church at City Hall last Saturday evening was what we anticipated. A success in every way.

The "water bond" election is proceeding quietly today.

Mrs. M.B. Camplin and children returned from Denver Saturday morning.

The fairest compliment Weston County can show its twin sister, Crook, is to give her a solid vote for the Agricultural College.

### October 11, 1917

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Rogers forded up to Clifton Saturday.

J.W. Sprecher is in Omaha this week purchasing Christmas goods.

Fitch Stites was among the social & business callers in town Saturday.

Miss Kelleher, the Fairview teacher spent her two days' vacation in town.

Mr. & Mrs. Paxton of Howard autoed into town Tuesday afternoon to do some shopping.

In the District Court at Sundance James R. Morgan was convicted of murder in

the first degree, without capital punishment for the killing of Calvin Francis at Moorcroft last March.

William Woehrle was in town from Plum Creek yesterday. Mr. Woehrle expects to thresh next week. Notwithstanding the unfavorable season he has a satisfactory crop of Spring wheat & vegetables.

There was a special west bound inspection train stopped here a short time Tuesday.

Quite a bit of new sidewalk in being laid which will be greatly appreciated by everyone in town.

### October 8, 1942

The advanced course for Civilian Defense Air Raid Wardens began last Thursday evening and is well underway. The next meeting will be Friday evening, October 9th. In the course now being assigned to various sectors of the city & residents in each sector are being informed by their warden of the part they can play in civilian defense.

The Girl Scouts, under the direction of their leader, Mrs. E.C. Raymond, will stage a scrap harvest to be carried on each Saturday in various districts of this city.

The beet harvest at the LAK Ranch will progress swiftly Friday morning when members of the Lions Club Organization & about 35 high school students will take part in topping beets.

Mrs. Mary A. Carlson of this city was committed to the State Hospital at Evanston on

October 6, by Judge Harry P. Ilsey.

The Navy announced the U.S. Army Troops, "covered & supported by units" of the U.S. Navy, have recently occupied positions in the Andean of group of the Aleutian Islands.

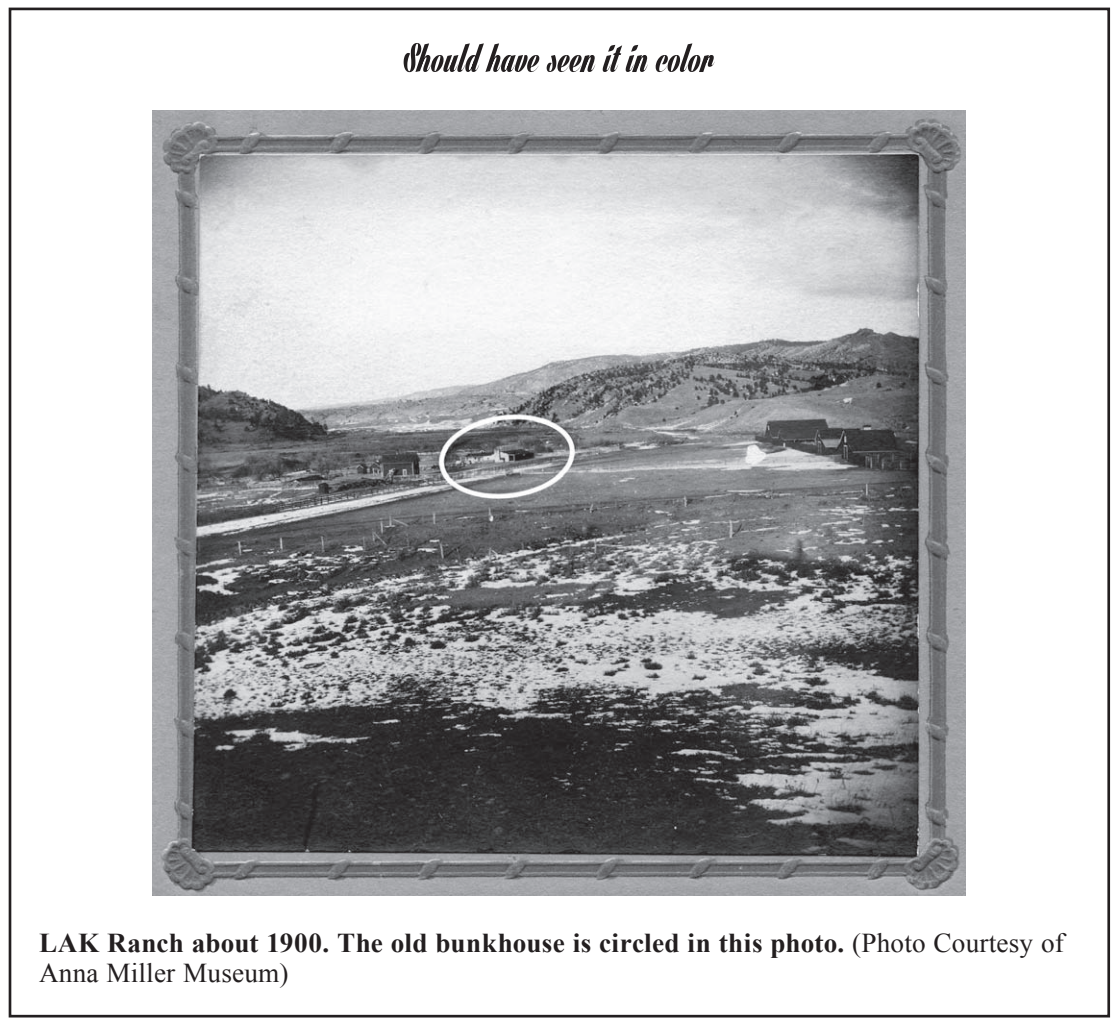
Glen Crawford who has been working for the Diamond Bar Cattle Co., spent Saturday night, with his mother, Mrs. R.A. Harper.

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Koski of Newcastle of Newcastle were working on some buildings on their ranch Saturday.

Most farmers in the Fairview section had not dug their potato crop & suffered quite a loss in the September 26th freeze.

Lewis Compton & Rudolph Kain were at the Rapid City Stock Sale Friday with cattle.

The knife with which Buffalo Bill killed Chief Yellowhand with has been reported missing from the Buffalo Bill Museum in Cody.



*Should have seen it in color*


**LAK Ranch about 1900. The old bunkhouse is circled in this photo.** (Photo Courtesy of Anna Miller Museum)



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# October 2017

### Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>Thurs 12</b>	12:00 p.m.	Upton Chamber Meeting	Skull Creek Mall
	5:30 p.m.	City Planning Commission Meeting	City Hall
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
<b>Fri 13</b>	9:00 a.m.	Cinnamon Roll Friday	WC Senior Center
	5:00 p.m.	Harvest, Haunts and History	Anna Miller Museum
	7:00 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
<b>Sat 14</b>	1:00 p.m.	Mommy & Me Paint Class	EWC
<b>Sun 15</b>	1:00 p.m.	WC Manor Four Seasons Festival	WC Manor Dining Room
	2:00 p.m.	Color Hike	Serenity Trail
<b>Mon 16</b>	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting	Council Chambers
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
<b>Tues 17</b>	9:00 a.m.	WC Commissioners	WC Annex
	9:00 a.m.	AAPR - Drivers Safety	WC Senior Center
	12:00 p.m.	Cowbells Meeting	Pizza Barn
<b>Wed 18</b>	9:00 a.m.	WC Senior Services Board Meeting	WC Senior Center
	12:00 p.m.	Newcastle Lions Club Meeting	WC Senior Center
	1:00 p.m.	Creative Handicraft Group	WC Senior Center
	1:30 p.m.	WC Weed & Pest Meeting	Weed & Pest Office
	2:00 p.m.	Annabelle Hamilton 95th Birthday	Mondell Heights
	6:00 p.m.	WC Humane Society Meeting	WC Shelter
<b>Thurs 19</b>	5:30 p.m.	Painting Class	Antlers
	6:00 p.m.	WCHS Board Meeting	WC Health Services
	6:30 p.m.	WC Children's Center Open House	WC Children's Center
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
<b>Fri 20</b>	9:00 a.m.	Cinnamon Roll Friday	WC Senior Center
	7:00 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
<b>Sat 21</b>	8:00 a.m.	Raising Readers Bookfest	WC Senior Center
	1:00 p.m.	Allen Mahoney Retirement	Pizza Barn

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For a complete listing of events, for more information on these events, or to list your own event, visit the Chamber website at [newcastlewyo.com](http://newcastlewyo.com)

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Oct. 12**  
Jesse Lesmeister  
Lauren Stevenson  
Chirs French  
Bruce Clapam  
Morgen Frank

**Oct. 13**  
Joyce Schraeder

**Oct. 14**  
Ted Ertman  
Patti Smith

**Oct. 15**  
Carrie Peterson


**Oct. 16**  
Scott Garhart  
Bud Arp

**Oct. 18**  
Lloyd & Josie Ahlquist

**Oct. 19**  
Claydon Kachelhoffer  
Lory Palm

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# For the Ages

News Letter Journal

## The Legendary Antlers Hotel (Part Three)

**Bri Brasher with Leonard Cash NLJ Reporter**

The Antlers: A hotel, café, barber shop, office space, fitness center, bank, and hospital all rolled into one. The Antlers Hotel boasted many diverse and important roles in Newcastle's storied history. This week, Mr. Leonard Cash continues on with the timeline of the establishment, from the roaring 20's through the modern era.

One of the first businesses to file through the building during this time period was the Newcastle Brokerage. In January of 1920, the Newcastle Brokerage opened temporarily in the lobby of The Antler's Hotel while the First National Bank building was remodeled. The brokerage was under the direction of John Grossman and Q. H. Akrent of Lusk.

Then, on March 10, 1921 the News Letter Journal reported that the Weston County Health Center rented eight rooms in the rear of The Antlers Hotel. The rooms were fitted with standard hospital equipment with the help of the Wyoming Health Association and Red Cross. Cash says the rooms were in need, as there was no hospital in Newcastle at the time.

The Antlers Hotel saw yet another shift in utility after the big fire downtown in September of 1921. Businesses shuffled around Main Street, and the Antlers housed the grocery in its parlor, and the dining staff worked in the Park Hotel Café that was also owned by former Mayor Pete Kinney.

Operations seemed pretty quiet the next two years until the spring of 1923 when Kinney worked on extensive change at the Antlers Hotel, including the switch of the lobby to another room previously occupied by Newcastle National Bank. Cash says that at this time, the bank must have moved back to its former, yet remodeled, building across the street. At that time, the previous lobby of The Antlers was enlarged and converted into a parlor.

During the remodel, Kinney tore off a balcony on the side of the hotel that Cash says was only in place for about four years. Nearly a month later on June 21, 1923, the paper reported that Kinney replaced the interior plaster, repared the walls, and facilitated running water into each of the guest's rooms. He advertised a high class yet affordable business at the Antlers Hotel.

"After so many years they had to replace the plaster because of the age of it and cracks. It's amazing, that wallpaper. Some of the old houses in town had stacks of paper on the walls," Cash explained, based on his own renovation experiences around Newcastle.

The local historian went on to add that the water tank at The Antlers Hotel went out for about three weeks and was repaired in December of 1923 with supplies from the east.

"Man, I bet there were people in that hotel that were unhappy having to use cold water in winter!" Cash laughed.

His next reports come in July of 1925, when Kinney replaced the old wooden steps



The Antlers Hotel as facilitated many different businesses over the years, including an exercise, tanning, and relaxation focused endeavor called Purrfect Steps in the late 1980's. During that time, the exterior of the building (above) featured a painting of a ballerina, while the interior (below) was decorated in a feminine and Victorian air where women enjoyed group fitness classes. (Submitted Photos)

in the front of the building, which had lasted since the Antlers inception in 1890. He also painted a new sign in the window of the dining room. Kinney continued to update the hotel, and in January of 1926, he installed a telephone in the lobby of The Antlers.

"He's really getting up-town now! He put a telephone booth in the hotel!" Cash chuckled.

Operations seemed to run smoothly for nearly two

more years until Kinney died of a sudden heart attack in December of 1927. Pete Kinney's wife, Ethel, and their daughter, Ruth, took over the running of Mr. Kinney's businesses after his passing.

Cash reports that during Pete Kinney's life, he often took Ruth with him on his travels to meetings, and Ethel and Ruth often spent time at the family ranch during the summer outside of Moon,

South Dakota. (The Kinney ranch was next to the home- stead of Cash's grandparents, and the Kinneys eventually ended up buying Cash's family's place.)

Mrs. Kinney remodeled the entire dining room in April of 1928 and put bathtubs in some of the guest rooms.

"That's probably for the big shots, huh?" Cash questioned with a grin.

Then on February 7, 1929, the News Letter Journal reported that Mrs. Kinney installed a newer and bigger refrigerator in the kitchen of

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### Senior Happenings

#### WC Senior Services

<b>October 13</b>	
Rolls	9:00 a.m.
Blood Pressure Check	9:30 a.m.
Bridge Ladies	1:00 p.m.
<b>October 16</b>	
Osteo Exercise	9:00 a.m.
<b>October 17</b>	
AARP Safety Class	9:00 a.m.
Dominoes	1:00 p.m.
Helping Hands Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
<b>October 18</b>	
WCSS Board Meeting	9:00 a.m.
Osteo Exercise	9:00 a.m.
Toe Nail Clinic	9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Mondell Here For Lunch	
Lion's Club Here at Noon	
Creative Handcrafts After Lunch	
<b>October 19</b>	
Deadwood Trip to the lodge	
Dominoes	1:00 p.m.
<b>October 20</b>	
Rolls	9:00 a.m.
Beltone Hearing Aid Clinic	9:30 a.m.
Bridge Ladies	1:00 p.m.
<b>October 21</b>	
Raising Readers	
<b>October 23</b>	
Osteo Exercise	9:00 a.m.
Visually Impaired Support Group	1:00 p.m.
<b>October 24</b>	
Dominoes	1:00 p.m.
Dementia Support Group Mtg.	3:30 p.m.

#### October 25

Osteo Exercise	9:00 a.m.
Manor Here For Lunch	
Creative Handcrafts After Lunch	
<b>October 26</b>	
Bridge Group	1:00 p.m.
Dominoes	1:00 p.m.

#### Manor

<b>October 13</b>	
Greedy	10:30 a.m.
Bingo	2:00 p.m.
<b>October 14</b>	
You be...	11:00 a.m.
Movie	2:00 p.m.
Bingo	6:00 p.m.
<b>October 15</b>	
Laughter Group	11:00 a.m.
Craft Sale	1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Church	2:00 p.m.
Board Game	6:15 p.m.
<b>October 16</b>	
Resident Council	10:30 a.m.
"Gourmet Coffee Week" Cart	3:00 p.m.
Bingo	6:00 p.m.
<b>October 17</b>	
Ceramics	10:30 a.m.
Keepsake Krafters	2:00 p.m.
Cards	6:15 p.m.
<b>October 18</b>	
Catholic Study	10:00 a.m.
Crossword	10:30 a.m.
Bingo	2:00 p.m.

Family Carry-In & Family Council	5:00 p.m.
<b>October 19</b>	
Staycation	10:30 a.m.
AI & The Gang Birthday Party	2:00 p.m.
Dominoes	6:15 p.m.
<b>October 20</b>	
Greedy	10:30 a.m.
Bingo	2:00 p.m.
Movie	6:00 p.m.
<b>October 21</b>	
Penny Ante	11:00 a.m.
Happy Hour	3:00 p.m.
Bingo	6:00 p.m.
<b>October 22</b>	
Trivia	11:00 a.m.
Church	2:00 p.m.
<b>October 23</b>	
Wii	10:30 a.m.
Crazy Cart	3:00 p.m.
Bingo	6:00 p.m.
<b>October 24</b>	
Ceramics	10:30 a.m.
Keepsake Krafters	2:00 p.m.
Cards	6:15 p.m.
<b>October 25</b>	
Catholic Study	10:00 a.m.
FLU SHOT	10:30 a.m.
Senior Center	11:30 a.m.
Bingo	2:00 p.m.
Our Savior	4:00 p.m.
<b>October 26</b>	
Pumpkins	10:30 a.m.
Manicures	2:00 p.m.
Resident's Choice	6:15 p.m.

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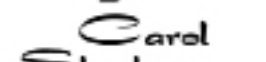
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## Plan for defensible space



Those who attended the Tree Farm tour and presentation at Cambria Canyon Ranch, owned by Jim Thares, toured the property to observe a number of projects including fuel breaks, thinning, meadow retention and fuel treatment. Trees in the area had become overgrown causing unhealthy forest and large fuel supplies. Wes Birkley, who had worked on the project, reported that the pictured trees used to have less than two feet between them. The defensible space around the homes and cabins located on the property were also viewed during the tour. Weston County Wildfire Mitigation County Coordinator Carol Nicholls reported that homeowners should create a defensible space of 100 feet between their home or deck and the tree line; this distance is even farther if the home is located on a ridge. She noted that people should want up to 30 feet with no trees, possibly a few deciduous, 30 to 60 feet with the crown spacing of no less than 10 feet and 60 to 100 feet with 4 foot crown spacing. Chips on the ground should be no deeper than 3 inches. (Alexis Barker/NLJ)

## Part Three

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the Antlers Hotel. The report says that she had wanted to upgrade the refrigerator for some time as part of her renovation plans.

Remodeling reports skipped ahead a few years into 1933 when Cash says that Mrs. Kinney continuously added plumbing and upgrades to the Antlers Hotel to keep up with the times. The upgrades included new rugs, mattresses, and beds in the main building. Mrs. Kinney also redecorated the lobby and the dining room. Cash speculated as to why reports are sporadic during this decade.

"The 1930's were probably a hard time for them (the newspapers) because during the depression, I'm guessing they only reported what they absolutely have to," he guessed.

The next notable events occurred in 1938, when Mr. and Mrs. Frank William of Rapid City, leased out the Antlers Café and took over the management of the business. Then, in a June 1, 1939 issue of the News Letter Journal, Mrs. Kinney announced that the Antlers Hotel, the first brick building in Newcastle, then aged 50 years, would receive one of the biggest remodeling and improvement projects undertaken in Newcastle.

Vince Thompson, a local contractor, was awarded the contract for the project. The big remodel cost several thousand dollars and included four new rooms and four apartments, making the building a 50 room hotel with the four apartments. The room was added to accommodate tourists traveling to the area. Renovations also included complete air conditioning and all new furniture, and the exterior of the building also saw upgrades with new concrete steps leading up to the entrance and an eight-foot window built into the east side of the lobby. The News Letter Journal reported that many Main Street businesses were upgrading around this time, indicating the growth of the city and the favorable prospects of the future.

In March of 1940, crews turned

the vacant lot between the Newcastle Mercantile and the Sly Store into a parking space. Sly Store was located in the building where Donna's Diner is now. Mrs. Sly had the store for almost 20 years, between 1932 and early 1953. Craig Chevrolet used the parking space between the businesses to showcase their used car collection. During the same month in 1940, Mrs. Kinney also had an auction to get rid of all of the used furniture from the Hotel leftover after her upgrades.

Jumping to 1946, the Kinneys bought the Antler Bar back from Mrs. Esther Cleveland, though Cash is unsure when the original sale to Cleveland took place. Cash also explained that in conjunction with the bar, the Antlers Hotel also housed a café that saw many different owners and names, though the business is largely remembered as the Antlers Café. The most notable owner is John Almire, who was one of the survivors of the Bataan Death March in the Philippines. Almire ran the café in the late 1960's and the early 1970's. Cash says his wife, Linda, worked for Almire in 1968.

The Kinneys also hired new management in December of 1949. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rungen ran the Antlers for several years. The couple also built the Ranger Hotel in Lusk and the Frontier Hotel in Cheyenne.

Miss Faye Bessey and her brother took charge of the Antlers Hotel in 1953, and Miss Bessey ran the business until sometime in the 1970's. While Miss Bessey was in charge, Frank Aaron, a diamond salesman out of Denver, died of a heart attack in the Antler Hotel, according to reports published on September 23, 1954. Other than Mr. Aaron's death, Cash says that things ran pretty smoothly while Miss Bessey was in charge.

"She was a pretty quiet lady," said Cash. "Miss Bessey was pretty well liked in the community but also pretty strong in her opinions."

Before she retired, Miss Bessey was also a Continental Trailway Bus Agent, as the Antlers was used as a bus stop as well in the 1960's. After Miss Bessey left, the Antlers Hotel sat empty for several years, and the next reports related to the building appear in an October 1988 issue of the Rapid City Journal.

The new owners were Jack and Rhoda Highfill and Dave and Sandy Fisher, though the exact year of their purchase is unknown. The Highfills and the Fishers were approached by Jackie Woltemath, who wished to transform the historic building into her own business, a place for women to exercise, suntan, and relax. Woltemath's business was called Purrfect Steps. The name was painted on the building, and the front window featured a painting of a young ballerina. The interior décor was of a feminine, Victorian nature. Dance classes were held in the hotel's old dining room, according to the article in the Rapid City Journal.

Cash reports that Woltemath's business only ran out of The Antlers for a few years, and then the building endured another vacant spell. The next and current owner, Heidi Cleveland, bought The Antlers in 2007. Heidi and her then-husband, Bill, were originally from Rawlins, where they renovated several historic buildings. Cleveland worked to clean up and renovate the building as soon as the sale was final.

The Rapid City Journal reported that Cleveland's renovations resulted in the completion of four apartments and six rooms, which could be rented on a long-term basis. At one time, the Ponderosa Theater group used the two large rooms on the lower level for rehearsals and performances, while Cleveland used the next level as a retail space and art studio. Since, then, several different managers used The Antlers as a restaurant, though the business is currently advertised as "for rent."

## ENDOW

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build a sustainable and diverse economy in Wyoming.

"ENDOW is a bold step forward for Wyoming. An opportunity to facilitate innovative, lasting economic growth at the local level. To capitalize on our state's number one strength: Wyoming people," the council claims in advertisements.

Schilling visited with members of Newcastle's Lions Club as a means of building a coalition within and between local communities. He used the acronym, JOBS (Jump on Board) to advocate for ENDOW's initiatives.

"It's a tough world we're in, quite frankly, as a state" Schilling said, noting that through involvement with ENDOW, he and others are hoping to turn the situation around.

"The skeleton is now getting some flesh on it," he added in regards to the program's work thus far.

Schilling urged members of the club to start doing something now before it's too late. He said Wyoming needs game-

changers and buzz words that will attract people to the state and help Wyoming ride out both booms and busts in the energy industry. Schilling brought awareness to the fact that Wyoming is down in both employment and productivity, and that the state is confronted by an aging population and an exodus of youth leaving the state.

He said local businesses need competition to keep people local, and the business initiatives need to be structured around the needs and wants of the millennial generation.

Schilling explained that ENDOW sees opportunities to attract millennials to Wyoming if the state works to provide a backbone of good air service, a modern-day amenity valued by the up-and-coming generations. ENDOW is also looking into Internet huts along I-80, I-90 and I-25 to make Wyoming the best connected internet state. He said Wyoming's gap in service is fixable, but will require a partnership between private and public sectors.

Schilling said ENDOW also recognizes

that Wyoming's high school graduation rate is low, even though the state is in the top five in the nation for spending per pupil, and suggested that statistic must improve. He indicated that Wyoming wants to be the best in post-secondary education, and along with the goal to keep kids in school to graduation, ENDOW sees a chance to keep millennials living and working in Wyoming by revitalizing downtowns across the state and updating infrastructure.

While ENDOW is working through meetings to outline, discuss, and plan such initiatives, council members like Schilling are visiting communities around the state to garner support. He said the key will still lie in the citizens getting on board with the effort and becoming involved, and suggested the work is meaningless without citizen support. Schilling said ENDOW needs Wyoming business people to be involved in decision-making and lobbying to make the goals of economic diversity come to fruition.

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# Trusted truck filler rolls into retirement

**Bri Brasher**  
NLJ Reporter

Allen Mahoney, loader operator and scale person at Fisher Sand and Gravel Company in Newcastle, recently retired after nearly 24 years in the industry. Working for the same company for almost a quarter of a century is a feat in and of itself, yet it seems Mahoney's greatest accomplishment comes in his overwhelming love for his career and the reward of a job well done.

"When I work for somebody I plan on doing the job," Mahoney explained frankly. "I thought it was a nice job, and I enjoyed it. The people I worked around were good people, and they always treated you (employees) fair."

Mahoney worked to always perform and manage his duties to the best of his ability, even when balancing many different aspects of the job. He said some of his most challenging days came when there were up to 50 trucks waiting to be loaded and sent out all at once. During those times, Mahoney explained that he would usually have help scaling the trucks, but he would still have to manage the volume of trucks, their loads, and respective deliveries.

Nevertheless, looking back on his career, Mahoney expressed that he still loves

the work to this day, and he has never regretted his career choice for a second. Mahoney added that he would still be working if age and some health issues hadn't forced him to the sidelines.

Whether he was working in his first position as a pressure operator for Fisher Sand and Gravel Co. monitoring the pit, or later as a loader operator and scale person, Mahoney looked forward to his work. He shared what he will miss most about his career is simply the opportunity to get up and head into work each day with the many friends he made on the job.

In fact, connections are what secured Mahoney's position with Fisher Sand and Gravel Co. so many years ago. Mahoney explained that he was without a job when he went into the pit one day. There, he saw a guy he knew that favored Mahoney's work ethic, and he was hired on the spot.

Mahoney's roots and connection to Newcastle are also deep, as his mother moved to the community in 1951. While Mahoney spent brief periods away from the area, he always came back to Newcastle because he liked the community and the job opportunities available for his line of work.

He and his wife raised their son and two daughters in the area, one of whom is now the director of the library in



**Allen Mahoney retired after nearly 24 years with Newcastle's Fisher Sand and Gravel Company. Mahoney's hard-working nature and love for his work set him apart on the job and left big shoes to fill with the company.** (Submitted Photo)

Newcastle. His other daughter is a nurse in Cheyenne and his son works for the highway department in Crook County. With three successful children and a full career under his belt, Mahoney now plans to do a little woodworking and figure out his passions away from the job.

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## Prairie Dogs from page 1.....

short and long-term project implementation; updates on current and planned efforts in northeastern Wyoming, including the Thunder Basin National Grassland; and information for private landowners regarding a 10(j) rules in relation to endangered or threatened species."

"Agenda topics for the morning and afternoon session vary slightly, however both meetings are open to the public, and will primarily focus on collaborating and cooperating on prairie dog colony management on private, state, and Federal lands within and near the Thunder Basin National Grassland. Any interested parties are encouraged to attend," the release also noted.

Ertman said that she is not trying to ruin a short-term battle that 4W Ranch owner Bob Harshbarger feels he may be able to win by questioning the effectiveness of the meetings, but predicted that "short-term fights are going to continue to be fought until the current players are all dead."

Harshbarger, who attended the Oct. 3 meeting, said that he spoke with Tony Tooke, the new chief of the Forest Service and that he thought the meeting was productive.

Harshbarger said he told Tooke that "I am sick and tired of being treated like a second-class citizen, and I am sick of my commissioners being treated like that."

"His ears perked up then," Harshbarger said.

## Commission misled about road ownership

**Alexis Barker**  
NLJ Reporter

The Weston County Commissioners this month confirmed their approval of an agreement on an easement that will allow them to complete a road project in the county, and one commissioner expressed frustration that approval was delayed by an error in the county attorney's review of the agreement.

In order to complete the Bruce Road Wildcat Creek Project 2017, Weston County needed to enter into an agreement with landowners in the area for an easement to use as a detour, and for the cost of fill dirt required for the project. The county commissioners approved an easement agreement with brothers Troy and Todd Tavegia for \$10,000 on Sept. 5, pending the county attorney's approval. The easement is temporary and will provide an alternative route during the removal of a bridge and culvert installation. The project will also include road repair and reclamation. The bid for the project was awarded to JW Services, LLC. at \$145,626.51, and the easement monies are not included in the bid.

On Sept. 19, County Attorney William Curley told the commissioners that he discovered through research that only one of the Tavegias named in the agreement was an owner, and he questioned why both brothers would be involved in the easement if only one brother's land was involved.

That prompted Road and Bridge Supervisor Rick Williams to say that he would look into alternative options in order to avoid the easement altogether and still allow for completion of the project.

But County Administrative Assistant Brookelyn Weigel reported on Oct. 3 to the Weston County Commissioners that it was determined that both brothers did, in fact, own the land in question and that the easement was necessary to complete the project.

"It is an embarrassment how things turned out. It is embarrassing to me that we questioned the ownership in a public meeting the way we did. I don't think it was right," Chairman Bill Lambert said after the revelation.

Following Weigel's report, the commissioners decided that the easements had already been approved and that documentation was just needed for signatures. The commission also approved a motion to go forward with a public notice that it will proceed with the project.

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## Cook-off for a cause

Michelle Hepker, Renee Smith and Denice Piscioti take a break from the chili cook off to pose in the picture booth. \$6,500 was raised to benefit Renee Smith who was diagnosed with ALS in July. Over 14 different chillies were prepared and tasted by those who gathered to support Renee with Mackayleigh Shultz winning the grand prize for her chicken enchilada chili. (Alexis Barker/NLJ)

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## Harvest Haunts and History Festival this week

Alexis Barker  
NLJ Reporter

Every year the Anna Miller Museum hosts an event to thank the community for its tax-funded support and let people enjoy an evening of fun courtesy of the museum. This year's event will be a favorite of the museum's director, Bobbi Jo Tysdal.

The Harvest, Haunts and History Festival will be held Oct. 13 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the museum. All are invited to join the museum for an evening of hayrides (if weather cooperates), treats, crafts, fortune-telling and history.

The many sections of the museum will host various activities, including live music in the living quarters by the Western Ramblers, trick or treating in the Green Mountain School and two different contests in the office area.

"This is our way of giving back to the community and saying thanks for supporting us. It

also helps bring people into the museum who may have not been here yet," Tysdal said.

She explained that the museum initially hosted only the Candlelight Christmas event. But eventually different events were added to the agenda, and the summer event Night at the Museum and the Harvest, Haunts and History Festival in the fall were born.

"We started the Harvest, Haunts and History Festival in 2005. We do it every three years," Tysdal said.

Tysdal said that the fall event is the most fun, for her at least, because everything is made to believe and fun, with history incorporated into it.

The event is put on and manned by volunteers, the museum district board and museum staff, with the help of crews from the Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp during setup.

The public is encouraged to attend and learn local history while enjoying harvest and haunts activities throughout the museum.

## Burning restrictions lifted

Bob Bonnar  
NLJ Associate Publisher

County Fire Warden Daniel Tysdal announced on Monday that "due to recent precipitation and forecasted cooler temperatures throughout Weston County for the foreseeable future, the Open Burning Restrictions are now suspended."

Tysdal notified local media of the suspension of burning restrictions in an email this

week, and said residents are still urged to use extreme caution when doing any outdoor burning.

"There remains a heavy fuel load and fuels are still seasonably dry," Tysdal reported, noting that individuals should exercise caution and are still liable for any burns they conduct.

"The suspension of the Open Burning Restrictions does not relieve any individual from their responsibility

to ensure their fire does not escape, and each individual can still be liable for suppression costs and damages caused to others if their fire gets away," Tysdal cautioned.

He indicated that any fires that are started should be stirred and closely monitored to ensure they are completely out, and asked that people call law enforcement dispatch at 746-4486 if they plan on burning so the Fire Department does not get paged to a controlled burn.

## Frontier appreciation lunch to benefit Wounded Warrior Project

Alexis Barker  
NLJ Reporter

Veterans wounded in war will be the beneficiaries of the fifth annual Frontier Home, Ranch and Hardware customer appreciation lunch.

During its opening-date anniversary month of October every year, Frontier hosts a free customer appreciation lunch. Those partaking of the lunch are asked to donate to a different organization each year, and this year's beneficiary is the Wounded Warrior Project.

Frontier owner Sandy Dirkes invites everyone in the community to the store on Oct. 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for shredded beef sandwiches, chips, cookies and root beer floats to celebrate the store's anniversary.

Dirkes said she learned of

the Wounded Warrior Project through an employee.

"There is a strong veteran presence in the community, and we are supportive of them," Dirkes said. "I felt it was valid. They do a lot with people who come back from overseas, and they do have a need. It is a national organization."

She noted that the Wounded Warrior Project is different from organizations that have benefited from the lunch in the past, such as the local Awanas and 4-H programs and the Newcastle Christian Academy.

Dirkes explained that members of the groups benefiting usually serve the meals, with donations collected benefiting the group. This year, volunteers will serve the free meal, with the Wounded Warrior Project receiving the donations.

The Wounded Warrior Project's mission is "to honor and empower wounded warriors." The organization's main focus is to raise awareness and to enlist the public's help in meeting the needs of injured service members. According to the group's website, "Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) provides free programs and services to address the needs of wounded warriors and fill gaps in government care."

The Wounded Warrior Project is a national, non-partisan organization based in Jacksonville, Florida. For more information or to get involved, visit [woundedwarriorproject.org](http://woundedwarriorproject.org).

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# Sports

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## Schedule

**High School Volleyball**  
 10/13/17 V9 Torrington Trailblazers H 4PM  
 Pink Game  
 10/14/17 V9 Rawlins Outlaws A 12PM

**High School Football**  
 10/13/17 V \* Wheatland Bulldogs A 7PM  
 10/16/17 JV Lusk Tigers A 5PM

**High School Girls Swimming**  
 10/13-14/17 Gillette Invitational A TBA

**High School Cross Country**  
 10/13/17 VJ 3A East Regionals @ Thermopolis

**Middle School Volleyball**  
 10/14/17 District Championships @ Upton

**Middle School Cross Country**  
 10/14/17 3A Districts @ Tongue River 11AM

## Drama, drama, drama

You know, a little drama in life is good, and I would be lying if I didn't admit that I love to engage in it a little from time to time. It can get my blood pumping and releases endorphins, and it feels good to feel that rush. But just like any good thing... too much is not so good.



Sonja Karp  
Karpe Dogie

Lately, drama in sports is becoming a little too much to take, and I'm talking about all sports—from pee-wee to professional. It seems like there is no end to it.

Whether it's parents going after a coach because their little angel isn't playing enough, or players flying off the handle at whatever they consider unfair (by their standards), or professional athletes offending a nation because they are mad at what our President says or tweets, it's getting to the point where I can hardly stand to watch.

Here's the deal folks, participation in sports is not a given, and there are no guarantees. It's not about what's "fair," it's about what's best for a team. It's about putting a team in the best possible position to achieve success.

Unfortunately, sometimes that means that you, or your child, may not have the skill needed to give a team the best chance at success at any given moment—or all of them.

That's not to say that you have no role on the team. In fact, it could be quite the opposite. The skills you bring to the game may be best suited in a different capacity, but you have to be willing to embrace your role and fulfill it to the best of your abilities.

It seems that lately, the concept of playing as a team is declining, and it's all becoming about what is best for each individual on the team. Unfortunately, when that is the mindset, it becomes very difficult for anyone to achieve success because they

— See **Karpe**, Page 18

## Dogies building momentum



Sawyer Roberson and Dayton Williams line up ready to protect the ball carrier in the Dogies decisive victory over Moorcroft Friday night at Schoonmaker Field. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)

By Sonja Karp  
NLJ Sports Reporter

A full harvest moon rose above Schoonmaker field last Friday night as the Dogies

faced off against the Wolves of Moorcroft, and as the first quarter got underway it appeared as though the Wolves were taking strength from that special celestial body.

However, it didn't take long for the Dogies to ruin their night.

Three consecutive Dogie turnovers in the first quarter — one which resulted in a

Moorcroft touchdown — were cause for concern as the contest got underway, but it was obvious the squad settled and got down to the business of football in the second

frame. "We just didn't take care of the ball in the first quarter, so we have got to get that — See **Momentum**, Page 18

## Late season growing pains

By Sonja Karp  
NLJ Sports Reporter

New lineups are becoming old hat for the Lady Dogie volleyball team, and with only three weeks remaining in the season, the squad is still in a state of flux. Last weekend there were more new looks as Newcastle faced the Lady Bearcats of Douglas and the Thermopolis Lady Bobcats on Friday and Saturday.

Though still experiencing growing pains, co-head coach Candi Stanton was pleased with glimpses her young team displayed over the two matches. However, she also admitted more cohesiveness is needed as they near post-season play.

"We hung with Douglas in all three sets, back-and-forth, for probably about the first six points, and that was pretty exciting to see," she nodded. "And against Thermopolis on Saturday, we came out great guns in the first set. Given we were trying out brand new lineups both days, I think that's a sign of good things to come."

Unfortunately, the Lady Dogies lost

both matches in three sets despite the positive steps Stanton identified.

Given this was the fourth time Newcastle has seen the Lady Bearcats, there were no surprises as things got underway in Douglas last Friday. Though the two stayed close early in each set, the Converse County powerhouse pulled away to take the win.

"When the Hoopman sisters rotated around to where one was hitting and the other was serving, it was like a perfect storm for us," Stanton began. "We got stuck in a rotation that hurt us pretty badly and the game got away from us."

Given a change in her roster, Stanton pulled some younger players up to varsity and used the weekend to try out different lineup options to see what best fit her team's needs.

"Our underclassmen got a chance to get in and get a taste of some of that

— See **Growing**, Page 12

Grace Coy puts up a wall of defense against the Lady Bobcats attack last Saturday. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)



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# Down to the wire

By **Sonja Karp**  
 NLJ Sports Reporter

The Lady Dogies and Dogies ran their last regular season meet last Tuesday in Sundance, and despite being shorthanded in the ladies division, both squads secured a team win.

Though head coach Kathy Beehler had anticipated the course to be one built for speed, it turned out to present a much bigger challenge to her runners.

"The course was a lot hillier than I thought it was going to be," she admitted. "There was a long hill, then a steep one and then a long downhill, but it was a good course to run before heading to Thermopolis for Conference."

Though only four ladies laced up for the race, because it was hosted by a 2A school that was enough to qualify for a team score. It was pack running that clinched the win for the squad, with Alaina Laurence leading the way and finishing in fourth. Lara Lopez was right behind in fifth, Rya Liggett picked up a personal best with her seventh place finish while sister Paige was close behind in eighth.

Like their counterparts, the Dogie boys were definitely running as a pack. Newcastle

claimed first, and then fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth, with only 1:33 separating the runners.

"We're bunching up really nicely, so now we just need to move our pack up a little bit, and we'll be doing alright," Beehler smiled.

Both squads have turned their sights to last minute training for the Conference Meet this Friday, but aside from maintaining conditioning and planning strategy, Beehler feels her team is ready for post season competition.

"We've put in the training, so now we just need to get rested, take care of ourselves, and do what we need to do," she nodded. "When we get there, we just need to be ready to race, because you don't get a second chance to give more or race harder. You have to do it the first time."

The Thermopolis course will be a challenge for the squad, but not necessarily more than they've faced so far. Because Newcastle has not run there, while other 3A schools have, they will be at a slight disadvantage going in, so Beehler plans on having her squad at the meet location in plenty of time to familiarize themselves with the course.

"We will be there two hours before the meet, which will

Dogies @ Sundance 10/3/17

Women:

- Varsity Individual Results**  
 4. Alaina Laurence 23:33.39  
 5. Lara Lopez 23:34.17  
 7. Rya Liggett 25:18.11 PR  
 8. Paige Liggett 27:32.93

Men:

- Varsity Individual Results**  
 1. Dylan Talley 18:16.74  
 4. PJ Martin 19:00.21  
 5. Austin Drury 19:39.21  
 6. Zach Purviance 19:46.55  
 7. Conrad Prell 19:47.95  
 8. Carson Bock 19:49.30  
 9. Isaac Prell 19:57.17  
 11. Jacob Rhoades 20:24.42  
 12. Collin Dudzinski 20:30.17  
 14. Gunnar Wainscott 20:56.58  
 16. Peyton Purviance 21:44.17  
 17. Reid Holmes 21:56.95  
 19. Dalton Phillips 22:51.64  
 20. Dillon Kenney 23:00.84  
 21. Gavin Gray 23:31.42

give us time to walk the course and plan strategy prior to the race," she explained. "We will all do that together, and hopefully be ready to compete by the time the gun goes off."

Beehler identified the Worland men's team as the one to beat, but from there, she believes four or five schools will be battling it out.

"We have a shot at Worland, but on any given day, four other schools have a shot," she admitted. "It will come down to who runs better that day, but if we race like we did at Hot Springs, we will be right where we want to be."

The 3A East Conference Meet will begin at 2:00 p.m. in Thermopolis this Friday.

# It's all about that pace

By **Sonja Karp**  
 NLJ Sports Reporter

With only one regular season meet remaining before the Conference Meet, the Lady Dogie swimmers are working on fine tuning their technique to qualify for the State competition, which is only three weeks away.

Last Saturday at the Buffalo Invitational, Madi Townsend and Emily Pearson both cut time in their events and are inching ever closer to the qualification mark, but time is beginning to run short.

"My goal this weekend was to try to get those two qualified, so we've been working on their target races," head coach Doug Scribner explained. "Our times were faster, which is good, but we do have a ways to go."

Both Townsend and Pearson put up personal bests in the 100 Freestyle with 1:07.34 and 1:09.08 respectively, and are now three and five seconds away from state qualification.

"It's totally doable, and with all the things we've been working on with all the girls to improve their techniques, I'm very hopeful that we will get them where we need to be very soon," Scribner nodded.

Townsend also improved in the 200 Freestyle, despite the fact that her arms were tired. Her teammates echoed Townsend's feelings of fatigue, and with Conference looming ever nearer, Scribner took note.

"We have been practicing pretty hard for the last couple of weeks. I'm trying to gauge the amount of rest they need, so that gave me a pretty good idea," he admitted. "However, we have also been working on mental focus, and they did a really good job. They complained that they were tired, but they swam faster, so that tells me they were mentally ready for their races."

Becca Henkle provided a shining example of

that mental readiness by dropping several seconds in the both the 100 Backstroke and the 200 Free. According to Scribner, Henkle's focus over the past week was on going out and attacking the race and setting a faster tempo, and that obviously paid off.

Setting a faster pace early in the race is one aspect that Scribner is looking to see his team improve upon across the board.

"Emily dropped time in her 100 Free, but she needs to set a faster pace to take the remaining five seconds off," he declared. "Hannah [Gross] also needs to improve the front end of her race as she is starting off a little hesitant. If she can do that in the 100 Free – after resting and taper – I think she should be coming in at around 55 seconds."

Should Gross accomplish a 55 second finish that would place her in the number one spot in 3A by more than a second.

This weekend, the Lady Dogies will travel to Gillette for their invitational on both Friday and Saturday. There, they will get a chance to size up almost all of the 3A opponents they will encounter at the Conference Meet the following Friday.

The Invitational will also provide two more opportunities to get Townsend and Pearson qualified for the State Meet.

Newcastle @ Buffalo 9/22/17

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| 4. Cody 2:15        | 5. Newcastle 8:5 |                 |
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 8. Gracie Emmitt, Riley Coburn, Hannah Gross, Emily Pearson  
**200 Free**  
 10. Madi Townsend 2:29.27  
 14. Becca Henkle 2:49.21  
**50 Free**  
 1. Hannah Gross: 26.36 4AQ  
 12. Emily Pearson 32.04  
 16. Riley Coburn 38.06  
**100 Free**  
 1. Hannah Gross 58.50 4AQ

# Growing

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faster ball, and we hung in there and tried a different scenario," she stated. "That was a good time to try that out, but we found it wasn't as effective as I would have liked to see, but that is great to know as we move forward."

Saturday provided the Lady Dogies a second opportunity to change things up, and things were looking good initially as they came out strong against the Lady Bobcats, holding a consistent four-point lead right up until the end of the first set.

Despite having a 23-17 lead, however, nerves seemed to set in when Thermopolis began a late game run. Unfortunately, Newcastle was not able to regain possession of the ball and lost to their opponent, 23-25. After the initial loss, the Lady Dogies seemed to struggle more and more as the match progressed.

"I think it was a combination of a lot of things," Stanton sighed. "We had girls new to the varsity floor, playing at home and we just seemed to get stuck in a bubble. In each set, the girls got tighter and tighter, and I don't know if they were afraid of making a positive error or what, but it seemed like they began not to trust each other."

As their season begins to wind down, Stanton is looking forward to the next three weeks, and hoping there is no more upheaval in the evolving, dynamic year the Lady Dogies have experienced thus far. She is looking to establish a cohesive team balance before the Regional Tournament at the end of the month.

"We have three weeks left to find consistency, so that is our goal," she nodded. "Our objective this weekend is to better our strengths, play well, and take some giant steps forward and not look back."

On Friday, the ladies will host their final home match against the Lady Blazers of Torrington. As the last game of the season, it will be Senior Night as well as the Pink Game for Breast

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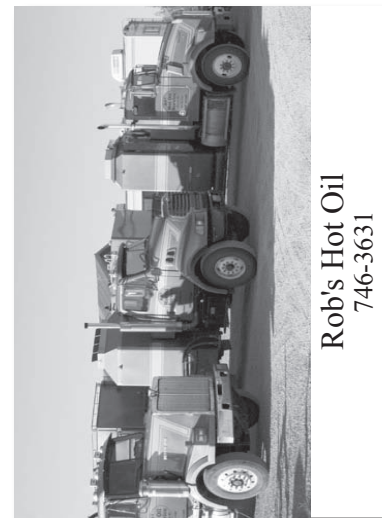
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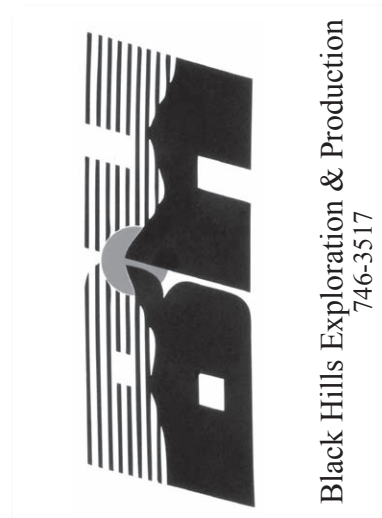
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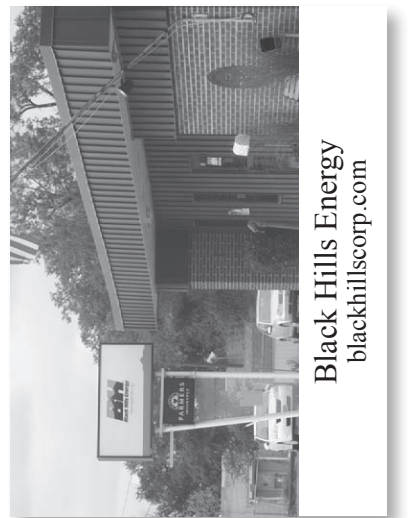
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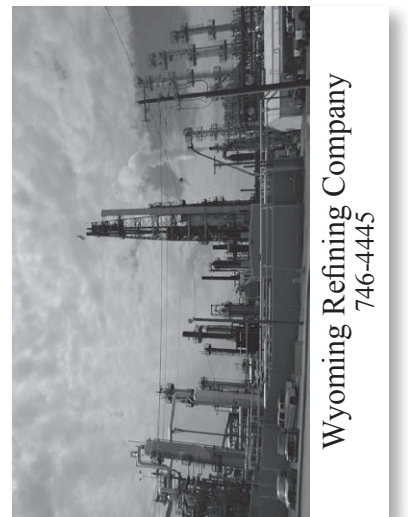
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**Blotter**

**October 1, 2017**  
Traffic stop, Drunk driver arrested. Assist other agency. Gas drive off reported. Civil assist. Theft reported.

**October 2**  
Traffic stop, Citation issued. Suspicious activity reported. VIN inspection reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Assault reported. Report of a dog at large. Arrest Warrant issued. Traffic stop, motorist assist.

**October 3**  
Traffic stop, Citation issued. Parking complaint. Lost property reported. Hit and run reported. Arrest Warrant issued. Assist other agency. Traffic hazard reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

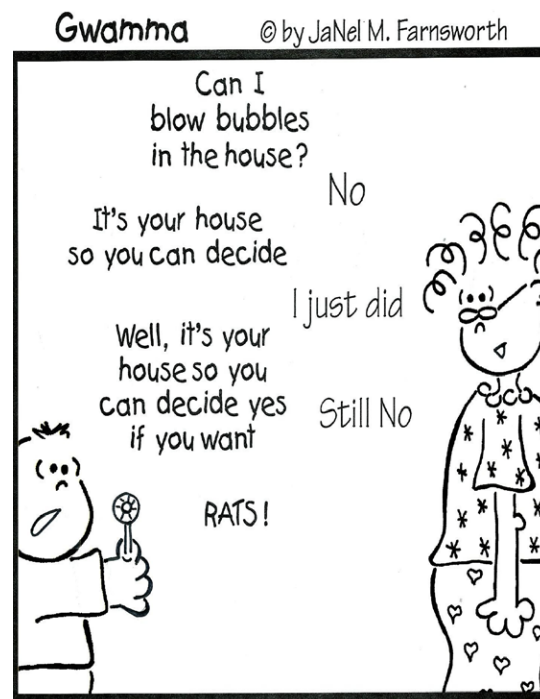
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**October 5**  
Suspicious activity reported. Three VIN inspections requested. Fire reported. Minor accident reported. Injured deer reported. Drunk driver reported. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Residential alarm reported. Drunk driver reported. Minor accident reported.



**October 6**  
Report of a dog at large. 911 hang up. 911 misdial. Two VIN inspections requested. Found property reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Assist other agency. Residential alarm reported. Juvenile problem reported. Suspicious activity reported. Suspicious activity reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued.

**October 7**  
Civil assist. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Suspicious activity reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Report of a dog at large. Impounded. Traffic stop, One arrest.



**Legal Notice**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) approved the Application of Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHE or the Company) to pass on to its Pass-On Rate [Regulated Rate] Option customers in the Gillette Division a net decrease of \$0.0231 per therm, effective on and after September 1, 2017. The Commission's approval is subject to notice, protest, intervention, refund, change, further investigation, opportunity for hearing and further order of the Commission.

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BHE's Application is on file at the Commission's offices, located at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming and at the Company's offices. The Application is available for inspection by any interested person during regular business hours or online at: <http://psc.state.wy.us/>.

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## Standing to honor



The Newcastle Dogies started a new tradition on Friday when they designated their home contest against the Moorcroft Wolves as their first Veteran's Appreciation Game. Everybody who attended the game was given a miniature American flag provided by Chick Financial, and the Dogies joined their fans in holding the flags aloft during the singing of the National Anthem prior to kickoff. The invitation to participate in the event was extended to Crook County, and during a short half-time ceremony, those veterans who attended the game—from both Moorcroft and Newcastle—were assembled in front of the grandstands and recognized for their service to the country. NHS Principal Tracy Ragland said he felt the event was very well received, and told the News Letter Journal that Friday's game was just the first of many such veteran's recognitions that will be held at Dogie sporting events this year. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)



## Momentum

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cleaned up," head coach Matt Conzelman nodded. "But then we played some pretty good football to make up for it."

Lyle Whitney got his team on the board with the first of his two touchdowns on the night. Though the two-point conversion failed, the Dogies were far from finished putting up points.

The second TD of the quarter came about as Cam Quigley ran a 70-yard punt return into the end zone, and followed that up with a two-point conversion pass to Dylan Tidyman to put his squad up 14-8.

With momentum firmly in their favor, the Dogie D put up a huge defensive stand to stop the Wolves' last offensive drive of the half on their two-yard line, and with only 1:26 left before intermission Newcastle marched the ball down the field before Whitney punched in his second TD to go into the locker room with a 20-8 lead.

According to Conzelman, those last two touchdowns demonstrated some fundamental football principles, including the importance of special teams and practicing specific game scenarios.

"Cam's punt return was huge. I always try to preach to the guys how special teams' plays are essential to the game. They allow for momentum

shifts, and can really turn a game around," he declared. "And our last touchdown was a result of doing two-minute drills in practice. It looks like those are paying off."

Momentum stayed with the Dogies throughout the second half as they added two more touchdowns in the third and fourth quarters from Quigley and Tidyman respectively. At the same time, they held Moorcroft scoreless to take the 35-8 conference victory.

The win improved the Dogies record to 2-1, and puts them behind only Glenrock in the 2A East. In addition, it guaranteed the squad a playoff berth, though who and where they play will depend on how the final two regular season games play out. While Conzelman has a goal of hosting the first round playoff game, his first priority is keeping his team in top form over the next few weeks.

"It's the time of year when you want to be getting better, but also staying as healthy as you can, because when you lose people to injuries, it really changes the dynamic of the game," he stated. "In order to host the playoff game, we need to win out against Wheatland and Thermopolis, so we need to be at our best."

This Friday, the squad will travel to Wheatland to take on the Bulldogs, and if last



Dogies v. Moorcroft 10/6/17: 35-8  
Team: 249 yards rushing, 148 yards passing  
Cam Quigley: 2 TDs, 2 TD passes, 1-2 pt. conversion pass, 16 carries for 85 yards, 11-16 pass completions for 148 yards, 2 punt returns for 75 yards, 1 interception, 13 tackles  
Lyle Whitney: 2 TDs, 1-2 pt. conversion, 17 carries for 154 yards, 3 receptions for 21 yards, 1 kick return for 15 yards, 1 fumble recovery, 6 tackles  
Dylan Tidyman: 1 TD, 1-2 pt. conversion, 8 receptions for 127 yards, 1 punt return for 5 yards, 1 kickoff return for 24 yards, 1 interception, 2 pass breakups, 1 tackle  
Jake Deveraux: 18 tackles  
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Bryson Johnson: 2 tackles  
Kyle Haslam: 8 tackles  
Dayton Williams: 4 tackles  
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season's contest was any indication, the matchup looks to be a good one.

"I think we match up pretty well with them, because they look similar to us this year," Conzelman nodded. "Last year we won in overtime, and this year should also be a good one."

## Karpe

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are resisting the very thing which will make it possible.

Let's be honest, deciding to coach is something that is becoming more and more difficult to do. While coaches love the game and working with kids, being accosted by players and parents alike for perceived slights make it a wonder that anyone continues to sign up for the abuse.

All of it is petty, and amounts to creating drama for the sake of drama. We all want our kids to be the best, but let's face it, they all can't get to that status. There will always be

someone better. Just because a person goes out for a sport doesn't mean they will start, or will even play as much as they think they should.

There was a time in my life when I thought I wanted to play college ball. However, it didn't take long for me to realize that I didn't have the skills to succeed at that level. I was a decent player, I worked hard and I loved the game, but I wasn't as good as the girls who were recruited to play at USD. It wasn't anyone's fault, it just was what it was.

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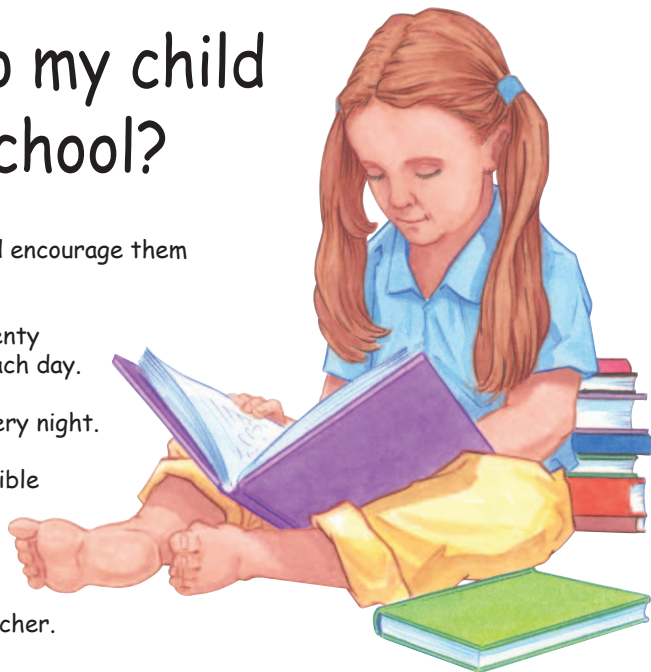
enough to play college ball didn't diminish the successes I achieved in high school, and it was actually a great life lesson for me.

I didn't always agree with my coach, I didn't always get along with my teammates, things didn't always go the way I thought they should, but I got to play the game I loved and have those memories that I will cherish forever.

It's time to dial down the drama, because in the grand scheme of things, all that matters is that you got to play the game.

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