

# News Letter Journal

Weston County

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## RER comment period begins this week

Todd Bennington  
NLJ Reporter

The long-delayed draft environmental impact statement for Rare Element Resource's proposed Bear Lodge mining project has been released and is now available online for review.

Scott Jacobson, a South Dakota-based public affairs officer with the U.S. Forest Service, told the NLJ on Monday that the 45-day public comment period on the draft environmental impact statement will start the day following its publication in the Federal Register, the U.S. government's official journal of record. A

Forest Service press release stated the draft is scheduled for publication in the Federal Register on Jan. 15.

Jacobson said that the Forest Service hopes to see the final record of decision, the last stage of the National Environmental Policy Act process, released by September. "The plan is to have [the final

environmental impact statement] published this fall and that record of decision would be right along with that ... That's kind of the direction that we're going right now," he stated.

The final record of decision was initially planned for release in November of 2015, and Jacobson explained that the handful of delays

that have pushed the date back have been the result of having to sort through and address the issues raised by public comments made during the initial scoping period. He said the complexity of the process, which involves multiple agencies and stake-

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## County awards legal contract to Gazette

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NLJ Reporter

The Weston County Commissioners voted at their first meeting of the year, held Tuesday, Jan. 5, to award the Weston County Gazette with the contract to publish the county's legal notices for 2016.

With the decision, the Gazette beat out the News Letter Journal for the status of official county newspaper, ending a four-year arrangement in which both papers published the county's legal notices. Under that arrangement, the Gazette effectively functioned as a subcontractor of the NLJ and was paid by the NLJ to publish the notices.

Following the review by the commissioners of the two papers' bid proposals, Commissioner Tony Barton immediately made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Marty Ertman, to accept the Gazette's bid, though a vote wasn't taken until after extensive discussion had taken place.

As part of the bid process, both papers presented proposals to the county for the publication of the same example set of commission meeting minutes. The Gazette set forth a bid of \$273 for 52 column inches, while the NLJ's was \$878 for a space of 79 column inches.

Chairman Bill Lambert noted that the NLJ's bid documents presented its circulation as 2,088 copies per week, while the Gazette's was presented as 1,000 per week, though this number was later disputed by NLJ Publisher and Editor Bob Bonnar. Commissioner Tracy Hunt observed this represented a ratio of roughly 2 to 1 in favor of the NLJ in terms of circulation.

In making his argument for adopting

publication with the Gazette, Barton stated, "I don't think it's the job of county government to pick winners and losers in the private sector. I think if we ask for bids we should [take] the lowest bid ... I think I saw the other day that 80 percent of the U.S. population has smart phones, so it's not that the minutes aren't available online."

"I think we have two responsibilities sitting on this board," Barton continued. "One is to conduct public meetings. I think with the [newspaper] circulation and the internet ... we're satisfying that requirement or exceeding it. The other is to be stewards of the taxpayers' money."

Ertman agreed, citing an anticipated decline in county property valuations. She said the commissioners will likely be issuing a letter soon asking county departments to back off from the purchase of new equipment and unnecessary expenditures.

"We have to show as an example ... that we have cut back, too," she said.

Hunt called the annual decision one of the most difficult to make, as one option is cheaper while one provides for better distribution. Based on his interactions with county residents, Hunt said he believes most are inclined to pick up a newspaper before searching online for legal notices. He further reasoned that while the NLJ's closer coverage of the county commission had figured into his decision the year prior, both papers had provided reporters at commission meetings over the past year and both indicated they plan to continue to do so.

Bonnar represented his proposal to the commissioners as offering the best value of

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## Coffee buzz



Kaffee Klatsch owner Cyna Whitford whips up a drink for customers eagerly awaiting their caffeine fix on Tuesday morning. (Todd Bennington/NLJ)

## Power companies try to keep costs down

Todd Bennington  
NLJ Reporter

Powder River Energy Corporation CEO Mike Easley explained to the News Letter Journal that a rate increase that takes effect this month for his company's electricity consumers simply represents PRECorp passing along a cost increase determined by its wholesale supplier, Bismarck-based Basin Electric Power Cooperative.

Easley described such Cost of Power Adjustment increases as routine and distinct

from general rate increases that require a more involved approval process through the Wyoming Public Service Commission.

"Basin establishes a wholesale rate for each calendar year ... Instead of having to do a rate case every time we have a wholesale power increase -- the rate case process is fairly expensive through the commission -- we take advantage of regulations that allow for pass-ons," he explained.

Easley said the increase is based upon a projection of PRECorp's sales this year and how much energy will need to be purchased

from Basin, taking into account the accuracy of the previous year's estimate. If the needed increase ends up being overestimated, refunds are eventually issued with a small amount of interest, he said.

A PRECorp press release sent out in December described the increase as about 8.5 percent or representing approximately \$10.2 million in total. The Wyoming Public Service Commission approved the increase last week, the request for which was initially filed in November, Easley indicated.

Asked what public feedback has been in

regard to the increase and whether or not PRECorp's structure as a cooperative influences that response, Easley responded that the communication process PRECorp undertakes is a robust one.

"I think because we are member focused, customer focused, I think we put a pretty big effort into communicating all this stuff to our members as soon as we know it," he said. "I'd say early and often is sort of the strategy that we've had in how we communicate

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### Hospital buys nearby property

Alexis Shultz  
NLJ Reporter

The Weston County Health Services board held a special meeting on Monday, January 4 to discuss the purchase of an adjacent property, and the board unanimously approved buying the nearby home because they believe it will prove valuable to the facility's operation.

According to CEO Maureen Cadwell, WCHS considered purchasing the home located at 1103 Summit Ave. for the purpose of housing traveling professionals that are working at WCHS. She said that outlying buildings on the property, including a garage, will be used for storage and maintenance use. Currently WCHS is purchasing rooms at hotels to provide places to stay for those who travel to Newcastle to provide temporary services.

"Payoff is estimated at four years, and the updated price could add another half a year to that," Cadwell declared at the meeting. She noted that the agreed upon price for the property totals \$207,000, and the facility will also have to pay a prorated tax cost for the remainder of the year, as well as furnish the home.

Confusion did arise over the paying of taxes due to the hospital being the owner of the building, but Attorney Jim Peck was available to clarify the situation. He explained that due to the home being purchased after the first of the year, taxes will have to be paid for 2016. Therefore, the current owners will pay a prorated amount until the date of closure, at which time WCHS will be responsible for the taxes.

Papers were signed on Monday agreeing to the purchase, and the closure date is estimated to be February 1.

## Congressional candidate repped by local business

Alexis Shultz  
NLJ Reporter

Newcastle resident Shane Sellers recently moved the office for his public relations firm, Code of the West, to a Casper location. Since the move, Sellers reports that his business is surging, and his most recent venture involves him aiding Casper businessman Charlie Tyrrel in his quest for the Congressional seat being vacated by Republican Cynthia Lummis.

"I went to Casper because there is more money in it," Sellers said of his decision to move his headquarters to Casper. Sellers and his family continue to call Newcastle home, but after struggling to operate his public relations firm in this locale, he made the decision to move the operation to a larger community, where he hoped his business could thrive.

The move has since brought a number of opportunities to Sellers, including this newest endeavor, which will include all of the campaign's advertisement and mar-

keting being handled by Code of the West, in addition to Sellers serving as the campaign manager for Tyrrel.

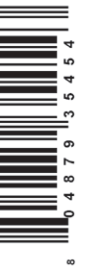
Sellers, who met Tyrrel during a visit to the successful pizzeria, Charlie T's, in downtown Casper, links his newly acquired clientele and success directly to the move to Casper. He explained that his initial work with Casper College and their theater department really got Code of the West the kind of exposure throughout Casper that was needed.

"Selling Charlie an ad while working with Casper College created the relationship that led to him asking me to be the campaign manager and Code of the West being the marketer. Both are all about relationships," declared Sellers. He noted that Tyrrel recognized Code of the West as a strong entity that will hopefully aid in his attempt to earn to the Congressional seat in Washington D.C.

"I got to meet Shane here at my restaurant and got to

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<b>WEATHER FORECAST</b>	<b>Thursday</b> Snow Showers Hi 37, Lo 19	<b>Friday</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 34, Lo 12	<b>Saturday</b> Mostly Cloudy Hi 32, Lo 11	<b>Sunday</b> Snow Showers Hi 27, Lo 13	<b>Monday</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 35, Lo 20	<b>Tuesday</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 41, Lo 23	<b>Wednesday</b> Partly Cloudy Hi 40, Lo 22	<b>INSIDE</b> • Hospital Tiles, Page 4 • Senior Fundraiser, Page 6 • Hoopsters Roll, Page 9 • Classifieds, Page 15



# Opinion

## News Letter Journal

### Our view

## Rewarding the lie

After being presented with definitive proof that the publisher of the *Weston County Gazette* has consistently lied about the number of people who actually read that publication, County Commissioners Tracy Hunt, Marty Ertman and Tony Barton voted to make the *Gazette* the county's official publication, and that should concern you a great deal.

Wyoming law requires that certain government notices have to be published in newspapers for a reason. For more than 120 years, it has proven to be the most effective way to make a record of government business available to the public that government is supposed to serve. Having those notices published and preserved by an independent entity also ensures that those records can't be "lost" or altered by government officials at a later date.

In other words, it allows citizens to trust government officials because we can verify the accuracy of what they tell us they are doing on our behalf. When citizens are not given this opportunity to 'trust but verify,' a government of the people, by the people and for the people is nothing but a myth. That's why you should be alarmed that not a single member of the commission asked the *Gazette* publisher to explain her false circulation claims, and especially angry with the three commissioners who knowingly gave the fox the responsibility of guarding your henhouse.

That publisher further demonstrated her lack of regard for the citizens of this county when, prior to the vote, she declared that she would no longer agree to print county publications under the four-year old arrangement by which the *NLJ* paid the *Gazette* to simultaneously publish notices and advertisements placed in this newspaper.

She claimed it was because of two delayed payments received from the *News Letter Journal* in the past year, but that willingness to punish her own readers for a pair of our mailing mistakes clearly indicates the *Gazette* will never put the interests of the public ahead of its own. Readers of *this* newspaper should certainly not expect that any real effort will be made by county government's "official newspaper" on your behalf.

The *Gazette* demonstrated its disregard for honesty, integrity and accountability when it lied about its own circulation to convince three county commissioners that it should be the *only* publication that provides notices directly to the public, and there is no reason to believe it will ever be willing to risk that status by demanding honesty, integrity and accountability from those same commissioners.

While we are obviously disappointed in the decision, the *News Letter Journal* will continue to make every effort to keep you informed about county government. We have already emailed a formal request to the County Clerk asking that she continue to send us agendas, minutes, bid requests and any notices that are to be published in the *Gazette* so we can keep keep our readers up to speed, and we hope to receive a response to that request soon.

This week's *Gazette* will undoubtedly proclaim at the top of its front page that it is the "Official newspaper of Weston County" because being able to print those words is apparently something worth lying for. We didn't feel the need to make that claim for the past four years because the 1,500-plus copies that we sell in Weston County every week clearly makes the *News Letter Journal* the official newspaper of its citizens. It's far more rewarding to work for you than it is to work for them, but it is a shame that there are still some in county government who favor the *Gazette's* belief that a newspaper can't work for both.

### Letters to the Editor

#### Armed rebellion should be put down harshly

Dear Editor,  
Several weeks ago this author addressed the case of the defiant high schooler in South Carolina who gained the stupid sympathy of the masses and the media when her blatant insubordination required the use of force since there was nothing but stubborn refusal to cooperate on her part.

The incident was bad enough, but a much more serious situation was the armed rebellion of a rancher and his cronies in Nevada back in 2014 who owed our government literally millions of dollars in the taxes and grazing fees, but decided he could be a law unto himself; interpret the Constitution as he wished; and thumb his nose at all the other honest taxpayers so that he needn't pay anything like his fair share. Yet this blatant insurrectionist has garnered the sympathy and support of thousands (some even in our own area) who were gleeful when the federal authorities backed down in the face of armed resistance.

Yet nothing can be more dangerous to the safety and security of the American people than to support armed rebellion against the legitimate laws of the nation enacted by our own elected representatives. But now we have a government so spineless and afraid of public opinion that it refused to confront open and armed rebellion.

Can a government become anymore cowardly or disgraceful than that? And as could be expected, his son and some allies are now involved in a similar challenge to law and order and the authority of our government in Oregon.

Those of you who have foolishly sympathized with these rebels apparently have no real idea what you are doing. Once the spirit of anarchy and rebellion is released and allowed to go unpunished in even one instance, it inevitably begins to multiply and spread like wildfire. At this time, these two incidents may seem to be of no real consequence; but if ignored and allowed to go unchecked, we'll eventually be dealing with the rise of lawlessness and vigilante justice in our own backyard.

Some of you snickered in glee that the federal government finally got put in its place as you see it. But what you obviously fail to recognize is that the disposition to disregard the law knows no boundaries or distinction between one level of government to another. If anyone thinks that the despisers of the federal government will restrict themselves so as to rebel only against our national government and leave it at that, they are profoundly deceived and manifesting their deep ignorance of the real nature of mankind. Once rebellion is excused and allowed to triumph against any one aspect of government, no government whether state, county, or municipal will be respected. Count on it!

Nothing has disgusted this writer more in recent times than the cowardly refusal to con-

front and crush this high-handed defiance of our American government that protects us and keeps the order so essential to the happiness of us all. Had this author been in the chain-of-command, tanks and all necessary force would have been deployed and those cowboys would have been turned into cow-pies with no regrets.

Never should anyone be allowed to rise up in armed rebellion against the legitimate authority of the American government whether it is national, regional, or local, and get by with it. It should be a total embarrassment to this administration that they cowardly took no action in Nevada and now appear to be doing the same in Oregon. Respect for our government must be restored, and the only way to do it is to demand unconditional submission; and if there is no surrender, to eliminate the rebels without pity or apology.

The Bible recognizes the right and duty of civil rulers to use coercion against the disorderly elements of society. It says, "He does not bear sword [the symbol of magisterial force] in vain". (See Romans 13:1-7) And any government that tolerates rebellion is not worthy of the name.

We elect governments to govern, to control, to maintain order in spite of the fickle desire of the masses who are so easily swayed by some demagogue who panders to their always latent passion for liberty without restraint.

Any government that permits open defiance as has now happened has lost control and has become the servant and not the government of the people. This is exactly what our founding fathers feared would happen in a democracy run amok - mob rule! That is why we are not a true democracy and the founding fathers never intended that we should be. They feared to the marrow of their bones a pure democracy in which those in power yielded to public opinion and simply did what the majority at the time wanted them to do. Pilate allowed Jesus to be crucified because he decided to become a pure democrat and just do what the people wanted him to do, not what the law said he should do. And pure democracy always leads to oppression and the violation of our human rights.

Years ago I remember catching snippets of some television drama in which the protagonists were in a constant life and death struggle against the agents of a clandestine organization known as Chaos. Well, obviously the forces of chaos are still alive and well, especially in Nevada and Oregon. Probably more than the creators realized, that show illustrated the continual battle in any civilization between order and disorder; between cooperation and lawlessness, between authority and anarchy. I plead with each of you to be careful, very careful as to which side of this conflict you will cast the weight of your influence.

The future stability and peace of your family, your community, and your nation will depend largely on your decision in this regard.

—Leonard Lang



## There are easier ways to solve problems

### The gift of adoption shouldn't be so hard to enjoy

Dear Editor,  
Many people cannot have children, or they might just want to adopt. However, adoption is so difficult that it can be just a dream for many. The cost, the place, and the process of adoption should all be made easier in order for people's dream of adoption to come true.

The cost of adoption is one of the many reasons why people cannot fulfill their dream of adopting. In 2012, Tamara Holmes and Sheiresa Ngo in an article titled "The Real Cost of Adoption" in the *Black Enterprise* stated that, "\$25,000 to \$35,000 is the normal cost of adoption." Home studies can cost anywhere from \$1,000 to \$2,000 and paid profiles cost \$1,000 or more. Those costs are then added to the attorney's fees, which cost usually over \$3,000. Many private agency adoptions can range anywhere from \$5,000 to \$40,000. That is a lot of money that the parents will have to worry about when they should be worrying about bringing the child into their lives and making sure that the child has a good, healthy life.

Adoption is supposed to be a fun, exciting process. When people are stressing over the many costs, it makes adoption the opposite of what it is supposed to be.

Americans are wanting to adopt in increasing numbers, so the place where they choose to adopt from should be made easier. "International Adoption," printed in 2006, stated that "more and more United States citizens are having to adopt children from other countries because the number of children that needed to be adopted in the United States is so low."

Just in 2006, thousands of children came to the United States from foreign countries, either from being adopted, or as potential adoptees. It is understood that if one wants to adopt from another country, the cost of transportation will not change. But the adoption agency should help with the cost, or

at least bring the child to the place/country where the parents are adopting from. Overall, the place where one is adopting should be made easier, or at the least, the adoption agency the parents are going through should help.

The total time it takes for the whole adoption process should be lowered. In 2015, Katie Bahr in an article titled, "The Labor of Adoption" stated that, "the entire process of adoption can take up to or over a year to finish."

With home-studies, extensive background checks, and many more tiring things, the process of adoption can seem never ending. Of course everything in the process is needed, but the time it takes should be lowered for the parent's sake. The parents that are adopting should not have to wait months on end for something that they have always wanted. Also, adding on to all the stressful things that are needed in the process means the parents are limited on the amount of pages they are allowed when they write about themselves.

The parents should not be limited when talking about themselves because the so called "book" could be the breaking point when the birth mother is choosing parents or when the agency chooses whether the parents are approved. There is no doubt that the adoption process should be made easier.

The many different obstacles that people have to go through while adopting needs to be simplified in order for not only the parents' dream, but also the children's dreams, to come true.

—Makenzie Wagoner

### Our community is better if we learn to look out for each other

Dear Editor,  
Imagine if there was not any crime in the world. People should establish a neighborhood watch program in every neighborhood. The neighborhood watch program can help people with safety, help people fight against crimes, and help people be part

of the community.

In 2005, Joan McCombie, and Kevin P. Conway in an article titled, "Co-Offending and Patterns of Juvenile Crime" in the December issue of the *National Institute of Justice Research in Brief* stated, "Offenders age 13 and under are more likely to commit crimes in pairs and groups than are 16- and 17-year old offenders." If people have information about who to look for, people can help fight crimes in their neighborhood. Crimes may decline in the future because of the Neighborhood Watch.

Unfortunately, children ages 13 or older can be responsible for numerous crimes in and out of the neighborhood. Most crimes happen in big cities because of the population and the gang affiliation. The co-offender crimes happen more often because of the influence of peers. The Neighborhood Watch program gives this information to people so they are aware of who to watch. This helps neighborhood people to fight crime and protect others.

The most common places that need neighborhood watch programs are in bigger cities like LA, San Francisco, Seattle, and Chicago, but it is important to keep our community safe and healthy.

People need to stop relying on the law enforcement to do everything because law enforcement cannot be everywhere. People think it is law enforcement's job to keep them safe all the times, but people need to take initiative to protect their own lives.

Being part of the Neighborhood Watch program can trigger one to take initiative and protect the neighborhood, and this also helps the community because people become more active members of their community.

All in all, people should establish a Neighborhood Watch program in every neighborhood, because it will trigger people to take initiative and protect their own neighborhoods.

—Kyle Allard

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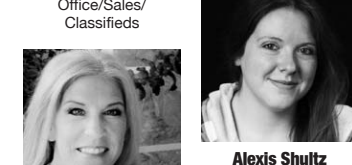
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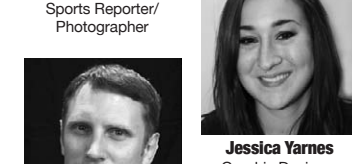
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because of the superior number of county residents reached by it.

"Under my price, I'm offering my circulation plus, because I pay to have it printed in the Gazette, I'm also offering that circulation. So however many Gazette readers don't read my paper, I'm increasing the circulation by that much," he explained.

Commissioner Randy Rossman at one point clarified that the county had paid the NLJ \$41,124 last year in order to publish its legal notices, while, in turn, the NLJ had paid the Gazette \$13,828 to do so.

Lisa LeVasseur, the Gazette's owner and publisher, stated she would decline to continue the subcontractor arrangement should the NLJ be awarded the contract by the commissioners. LeVasseur described herself as unhappy with her business relationship with the NLJ. She cited late payments as the primary reason, mentioning that in one instance payment had been received two months late.

Bonnar explained the late payments were the result of turnover amongst the NLJ's Sheridan-based accountants, of which there had been four in the past year, and said the issues have now been resolved.

LeVasseur told the commissioners that she had been instructed to submit bills directly to the accountants and that payments had in fact been made in a timely manner for the last two months.

"If we don't get this overlapping circulation," Hunt announced, "than it looks like Lisa's bid is more attractive."

Hunt described maximizing the distribution of county legal notices as a "good service to the people," but said that a future decline in revenues pointed toward taking the cheapest option.

The discussion turned to what was to prove a major point of contention: The Gazette's claim of a circulation of 1,000 copies per week.

Bonnar produced copies of the official Statements of Ownership, mandated by the U.S. Postal Service and published annually in the respective newspapers themselves. These showed an average weekly circulation over a 12-month period of 2,033 paid copies and 2,088 copies in total for the NLJ. The Gazette showed totals of 647 and 705 for the same categories.

Average in-county weekly distribution of the NLJ is 1,586 while the Gazette's is 462, according to Bonnar's calculations based on the Statements of Ownership.

"For the first time I looked at the Weston County Gazette's statement of ownership," Bonnar told the commissioners "... You will see from the statement of ownership published in the Gazette that a thousand copies of the Gazette are

printed each week but actual distribution of the Weston County Gazette ... is only 647 ... per week. I print 2,300 copies of the News Letter Journal. 2,300 is not my circulation. The circulation is what's verified by the Post Office in the reports and forms we have to send to them. It's the actual number of copies that are distributed to readers."

County Attorney William Curley asked about the actual parameters of the bid request, noting that there seemed to be two contending issues of price and service to the community being discussed. He noted the commissioners have an obligation to make a decision based on what was specified. Hunt responded that both figured into the bid request to some degree, with the bid specifying a 500 minimum circulation based on state law.

Bonnar questioned the legality of the LeVasseur's bid, citing the Gazette's apparently inflated circulation figures. He said he believed LeVasseur, given her longstanding involvement in the newspaper industry, should know the difference between circulation and number of copies printed. He said that by the same reasoning he could theoretically print 5,000 copies a week and claim that number as the NLJ's circulation figure.

Chairman Bill Lambert asked Attorney Curley for his interpretation of the matter.

"I think the discussion has been open and fair and informative," Curley answered. "With hindsight we'd all rather that some things had been stated a little differently in the first place, but I don't think it rises to a legal objection."

Returning to fiscal concerns, Commissioner Hunt and Chairman Lambert established that county revenues aren't likely to decline significantly until the next fiscal year, though County Assessor Tina Conklin wasn't immediately on hand to verify that assertion. Lambert said the decision was a difficult one to make since money worries weighed against the county's desire to disseminate information widely and that he would ideally like to see the notices in both papers.

Hunt asked for a break prior to the vote in order to think over his decision, which Lambert hesitated to grant, but did. Following commencement of the meeting, the commissioners cast votes in favor of granting the contract to the Weston County Gazette. Commissioner Randy Rossman cast the single dissenting vote.

County officials indicated they will continue to publish certain notices and ads with the NLJ, though they are under no formal obligation to do so. In addition to the Gazette, commission meeting minutes will continue to be available on the county's website.

### Commission Clips

Discussion items at the Jan. 5 meeting of the Weston County Commissioners included the following:

- Bill Lambert was reelected board chairman for 2016. Marty Ertman was reelected vice-chair.
- Tracy Hunt made a motion to nominate Tony Barton as vice-chair but was the only one in favor of the nomination.
- Commissioners Randy Rossman and Tony Barton reported on the ongoing remedial construction work on the Weston County Event Center, seeming to believe that at least some of the commissioners' concerns about the quality of the work are being addressed. "I actually think they're going to grind the floor," County Administrator Dan Blakeman remarked, "because I don't see us signing off on it unless they do. I really don't." (Blakeman and the commissioners have expressed concerns in the recent past about cracking and poor quality patching of the building's main floor, which is believed to be best addressed by grinding and re-staining.) Commissioner Tracy Hunt expressed doubts about the commitment of general contractor Paul Reed Construction to the project's completion, stating his belief that Reed is looking

- for further compensation for work on the building.
- County Attorney William Curley said he expects expenditures that haven't been budgeted will be incurred by his office in the course of the prosecution of Michael Davis, who is being charged with second-degree murder in relation to the 2011 death of Katherine Coffee. Curley said the commissioners might want to consider creating a new budget line for the county attorney's office and funding it for trial expenses. He said he expects that the case will be prosecuted in the period of the next fiscal year but that it could possibly begin earlier. A preliminary hearing in regard to the case originally set for Dec. 18 has been postponed and had not yet been rescheduled at the time of publication.
- Commissioner Hunt reported that he has been approached by County Coroner Cynthia Crabtree in regard to a coroner's inquest on a particular case. "Her budget doesn't anticipate the expenses that she believes she will incur, and so she has asked me to make the commission aware of that," Hunt explained. Hunt said

he believes the best course of action might be for her to come before the commissioners in order to explain the situation to the degree the investigation will allow. Attorney Curley said he is aware of the situation and believes additional expenditures may be warranted. Chairman Lambert asked how much might be necessary. Hunt responded that he is unsure and isn't sure whether Crabtree yet knows. Curley suggested that other counties with experience with such matters might be approached in order to garner an estimate.

- A vote was taken to reappoint Cynthia Crabtree to the Central Weston County Solid Waste Disposal District Board, Lucille Dumbrill to the Weston County Historic Preservation Board, and Betty Jean Lewis to the Mallo Camp Board. Current openings exist on the Central Weston County Solid Waste Disposal District Board, the Weston County Planning and Zoning Board, the Weston County Fair Board, and the Predatory Animal Control Board. The Weston County Historic Preservation Board has multiple openings.

# EQUALITY

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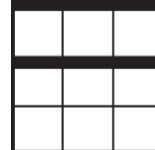
Tiles are 12" x 12" and will be set in a pattern that allows every engraved tile a special placement. Three lines of text can be added. Copy can be up to 20 characters per line, includes spaces and punctuation. Tiles are available for \$150. Logos can be added to the tile for an extra charge.

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to Mike Smith's  
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# Hospital tiles on sale again



**Hospital floor tiles are up for grabs, providing funds to the WCHS Foundation.**  
(Pam Penfield/NLJ)

of Weston County Health Services, and the inability to salvage the tiles that are presently lining the floors inside the front entrance.

"We will be replacing all of the current floor tiles and selling additional tiles at this time," announced Norma Shelton, WCHSF Treasurer. She noted that the tiles that were previously purchased can not be salvaged during the construction, which led to the decision being made to purchase new tiles to replace those. She said the benefit of taking on the project again is that it will allow people and businesses that did not have the opportunity to purchase tiles when they were available before to do so now. Those individuals who wish to participate, however, will have to act quickly.

"They will be sold until the 29th of January. This will be the cutoff date, so the tiles can be ordered and laid during the first phase of construction," declared Shelton, indicating that those wishing to purchase tiles are encouraged to contact her before that date at 746-2896.

Individuals who purchase tiles will be able to label the tile with their names, or other text of their choice. Businesses who purchase space can opt to place a logo or

brand on the tile. Shelton confirmed that purchased tiles can be used to serve a variety of purposes, including memorials, businesses advertising, or simply having your family's name on display in the facility. Each tile will be 12" by 12".

"A 12 by 12 tile is \$150 with 3 lines of text at 20 characters each. That includes letters, spaces, and punctuation," Shelton proclaimed. She noted that in order to have a logo or brand placed on the tile, an additional \$75 will be charged and the logo will have to be provided prior to orders being sent to guarantee the company will have the logo to place on the tiles.

Shelton also noted that the colors of the tiles will change due to a change in the decor of the renovated facility. The tiles being ordered will be beige in color and the designed tiles will be brown.

Those wishing to purchase tiles are encouraged to contact Shelton as soon as possible to place their order, at which time the text and tile selection will be discussed.


Weston County Health Services Foundation is the charitable non-profit organization that raises funds for Weston County Health Services to complete projects needed at the facility and the Weston County Manor.



**Thank you!**

"Thanks to the News Letter Journal for this recognition. It was a huge surprise. Also thanks to those that nominated me. I greatly appreciate it!"

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## Obituary

**Helen Rhoades Kaiser**  
Feb. 5, 1922-Jan. 6, 2016

Memorial services for life-long Newcastle resident Helen (Huber) Rhoades Kaiser, age 93, were held January 11, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church with Pastor Frizel Westerlund and Pastor Toby Rhoades officiating. Helen passed away January 6th at the Weston County Manor with family by her side.

Helen was the second child of five children born in Newcastle to Bayard and Ada (Cullum) Huber. She married James Rhoades in Gillette in 1938. They had five children; Dusty (Barb) Rhoades, Jody (Bob) Gould, Randy (Jane) Rhoades, Rocky (Kim) Rhoades all of Newcastle

and Toby (Evette) Rhoades of Buffalo, Wyo. Helen often told stories about moving 33 times during the first three years of married life with Jim and always moving to some place bigger and better. After living in Custer, S.D., Spotted Horse, Wyo., Denver and Leadville, Colo., Guernsey, Wyo. and a few places in between, they ended up in Newcastle and summers in Nevada for several years until they sold their Nevada home and returned to live full-time in Newcastle. They enjoyed time at their cabin in the Moon, S.D. area snowmobiling in the winter and four-wheeling in

the summer. They also enjoyed traveling.

Helen loved spending time with family and friends. She never missed a sporting event while her children participated in school activities. She enjoyed most anything outdoors which included camping, fishing, four-wheeling and snowmobiling. She was an avid bridge player and belonged to several local bridge clubs, one of them for over 70 years. Helen also had a passion for crocheting and reading. She was a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church. Helen was preceded in death by her parents, husband,

James Rhoades in 1980, husband Leo Aimonetto in 1987 and husband Roy Kaiser in 2014. Also preceding her in death were her brothers Bud, Junior and Jack Huber.

Helen is survived by her children and their families including 17 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren and 9 great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Betty (Rock) Cowles, sisters-in-law Sally Rhoades, Ina Huber, Cathy Townsend, Marge Huber and Myrna Kaiser.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Helen's name may be made to Christ the King Lutheran Church, 224 West Road or Weston County Manor, 1124 Washington Blvd. both in Newcastle, WY 82701.



**Helen Kaiser**



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Weekly Scripture Reading						
Luke 9:1-17	Luke 9:18-27	Luke 9:28-45	Luke 9:46-62	John 8:1-20	John 8:21-47	John 12:20-36a

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# Recapture

## A PIECE OF HISTORY

*Should have seen it in color*



**Lloyd Paul Warner & wife Bertha Warner of the Howard area Weston County Wyoming.** (Photo Courtesy of Anna Miller Museum)

**Week Three**

**January 23, 1891 125 years ago**

Mr. Jordan of the brick store who was accidentally shot last week is still confined

to his bed from the effects of the wound.

A marriage license was issued by the County Clerk last Friday evening to Thomas Hopkins & Emma Genve of

Merino.

A new meat market is to be opened this week in the building adjoining the Old Palace building by Henry Carpenter who has been working for Lindsey & Smith the past year.

**January 20, 1916 100 years ago**

News from Howard Area- A woman with four small children nearly perished with cold coming out from Newcastle. They were picked up by Dr. Wells and carried to the home of Tom Stewart where they were cared for, all of them suffered greatly.

News from Washington- Gen. Villa is ordered killed. Carranza proclaims former Mexican General Outlaw. U.S. Cavalry men captured. Seven of Uncle Sam's soldiers taken by Mexican bandits, cowboys now hunting outlaws.

News from Horton Area- Frank Platchy, one of our ambitious young farmers of the Horton vicinity, met his bride to be for the first time at the Newcastle Depot, when she came in on the train Thursday evening. Each party knowing the other by displaying a white handkerchief. They were married that evening by the Justice of the Peace.

**January 23, 1941 75 Years ago**

Four criminal cases to be tried before a jury next week. The names of forty jurymen, ordered to appear in District Court here at 10 O'clock January 27, were released this week, and at the same time the cases set for trial at this term were announced by officials.

Harold Sweesy, Secretary of Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department, announced this week that the dates for the annual Firemen's Convention of the State to be held here had been set for June 19, 20, & 21st.

Mrs. Flora B. Rose, mother of Mrs. Paul Warner, Alice Rose, Fred & Joe Rose, sister & brothers of Mrs. Warner, all of Laird, Colorado arrived Saturday to attend the funeral services for Mr. & Mrs. Warner.

An Orchestra from Deadwood furnished music for the dance at Mrs. Archer's Saturday night.

## 2016 Reading and discussion series

Starting January 20, 2016, Weston County Library in Newcastle will host "Read Ingredients," a reading and discussion series featuring books about food. The Spring 2016 discussion group will meet at 7:00 pm in the Weston County Library meeting room on January 20, February 17, March 16, and April 20. The program is free and open to the public. To register and borrow books, contact the library or call 746-2206 for more information.

Participants in "Read Ingredients" will read and discuss *Second Hoening* by Hope Williams Sykes; *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* by Barbara Kingsolver; *The Food of a Younger Land* by Mark Kurlansky; and *My Life in France* by Julia Child. The books are a variety of perspectives surrounding the theme of the role food plays in our lives. Phyl Sundstrom will lead the discussions again

this year.

"I look forward to this series as a refreshing change from the heavier content we have experienced the last few years. The first book depicts immigrant families of German descent, who were a big part of the sugar beet industry in northern Colorado," she described.

The program is offered by the Wyoming Humanities Council. Reading Wyoming provides a reading and discussion series to nonprofit organizations around the state and is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Wyoming State Legislature through the Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources.

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## WHAT'S UP

### January 2016

#### Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>Thurs 14</b>	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	City Planning Commission AA Meeting	City Hall WC Senior Center, Family Room
<b>Fri 15</b>	7:30 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
<b>Sun 17</b>	2:00 p.m. 3:45 p.m.	Bingo War Room Free Movie	Corpus Christi Catholic Church Dogie Theatre
<b>Mon 18</b>	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	City Council AA Meeting	City Council Chambers WC Senior Center, Family Room
<b>Tues 19</b>	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	WC County Commissioners WC Cowbells Helping Hands Foundation AA Meeting	Court House Forest Service Building WC Senior Center WC Health Services Board Room
<b>Wed 20</b>	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	WC Senior Service Newcastle Lions Club WC Humane Society	WC Senior Center WC Senior Center Shelter
<b>Thurs 21</b>	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	WC Health Services AA Meeting Masons	Board Room WC Senior Center, Family Room Masonic Lodge #13
<b>Fri 22</b>	11:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	WC Library Board Meeting WC Weed & Pest Bingo	Library Weed & Pest Office VFW Hall
<b>Sun 24</b>	2:00 p.m.	Bingo	Corpus Christi Catholic Church

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

**January 14**  
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Dean Bock  
Troy Cassey

**January 16**  
Charla Kachelhoffer  
Brittany Osborne

**January 17**  
James Osborne

**January 19**  
Dan Bartley

**January 20**  
Kyle Kachelhoffer

**January 21**  
Heather Ann Stith

**January 23**  
Cassie Cassey  
Jean Piana

**January 24**  
Leonard Cash

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# For the Ages

News Letter Journal

## THE SHEEP HERDERS SONG

To the tune of  
My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean

Last night as I camped in the Bad Lands  
And gazed at the stars in the sky  
I wondered if ever a herder  
Would drift to the sweet by and by

### Chorus

O the trail to that bright mystic region  
Is narrow and dim, so they say  
But the trail that leads to perdition  
Is posted and blazed all the way

I wonder why it is that so many  
Will be lost at the great final sale  
Who might have been good and had plenty  
Had they known of that dim narrow trail

They say there will be one grand roundup  
When the herders like sheep will stand  
To be called by the herders of judgment  
Who are posted and know every brand

Perhaps there will be some stray herders  
Unbranded, unclaimed by none nigh  
Cut out by the Shepherds of Judgment  
And shipped to the sweet by and by.

Tom Dutcher  
Hampshire Wyo.  
1921

## Center pegs fundraiser for roof

Donna Gochanour  
Senior Correspondent

Have we got any cribbage players out there? I know I have a couple of them in my family, and there is a feud going on around here several times a week.

Our Senior Center is raffling off a beautiful hand-made cribbage board in an effort to raise funds to replace the much mended and rapidly deteriorating roof on the main building. This board is hand-made of black walnut, and hand-polished in a natural oil finish. It is also made by a local talent, Dwight Souder, a 1983 graduate of Newcastle High School.

I visited with Virginia Tate this week and she had a story to tell me about how this came about. She told me that she and Carolyn were discussing the roof problem and trying to figure out how they could possibly raise some money, when into the office came a local fellow to show them the kind of things he was making for a little enterprise he had just started.

Dwight Souder loves to work with his hands, creating beautiful things, and had just started a small business outside of town called "Dites Tinkering Designs." He'd brought this beautiful and unique cribbage board in to show them, which gave them the idea that they could possibly raise some money by selling tickets for this board.

Dwight donated the board to the Senior Center for this worthy cause and the ladies were started down the road. Pat Brennan bought the very first ticket and Kevin Gochanour says he thinks that he got number two, along with four more. Tate took the board and the tickets with her on Senior Day at Shopko, along with the usual home-made cinnamon rolls, and felt that it was pretty successful.

She says that she now has about \$400 in her donation kitty.

Her aim is a cool thousand bucks, and tickets are on sale at the Senior Center. All you have to do is ask for them!

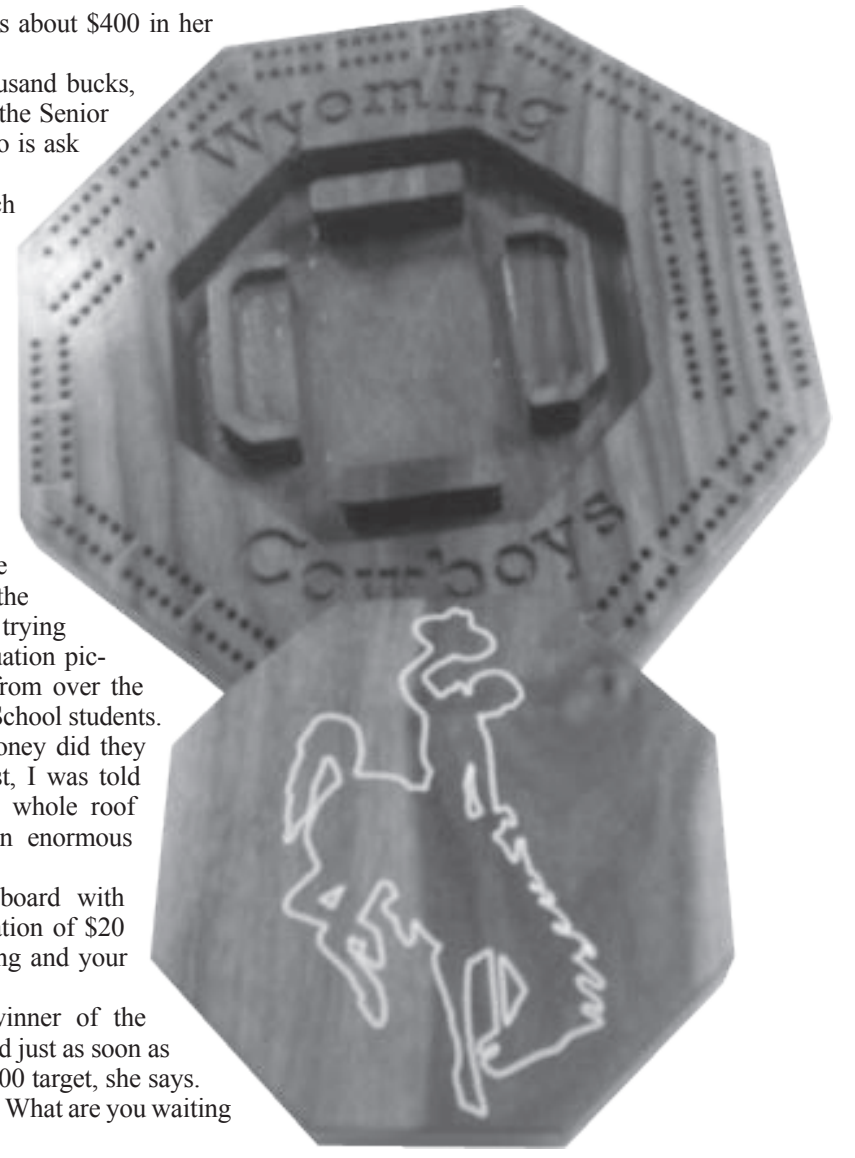
Tickets are a dollar each or six for five dollars. Watch for the tickets to be on sale at various other places around town, as Tate will be actively looking for other places to sell tickets.

I walked down the hallway and saw some pretty big water blotches on the ceilings, and at one point Tate told me there was water running down the walls in the hallway and trying to ruin some of the graduation pictures that are displayed from over the years of Newcastle High School students. Asked just how much money did they expect a new roof to cost, I was told that the estimate for the whole roof was about \$250,000, an enormous amount of money.

Carolyn also has a board with "bricks" on it and a donation of \$20 will get you a good feeling and your name on your "brick."

A drawing for the winner of the cribbage board will be held just as soon as Virginia gets hits her \$1,000 target, she says.

So go buy one already! What are you waiting for?



## Interesting visitors abound

This house, up on top of the canyon, had doors that opened out with no screen doors.

It was what the Census Bureau referred to as a "merged unit," being a combination of mobile home and frame building. Therefore there were no screen doors, and more than one insect or critter took advantage of this fact. (Plus, humans were inclined to walk out and forget to close the door on fine, sunny days. Especially me.)

I came from one of the other buildings one day to discover the back end of a horse disappearing into the entry, and before I could do anything about it he was into the living room.

My first impulse was to run after him. Then I remembered back ends have a tendency to kick, especially if you startle them.

Now I know what he was looking for. It was the bag of horse-cookies that we kept in the entry, and we often gave each one a cookie when they came up to the house

but he was well past the cookies and was looking at the dining room table.

I ran around to the back door so that I could get at his front side, but "Shoo!" and "Move!" and any other words I could think of were not in his vocabulary at all. He just looked at me like I had lost my mind, and didn't

even offer a cookie or other treats. Thinking fast, I ran up to the shop and yelled, "Help, help!" and finally got some attention. Turns out the slippery linoleum had him stopped tight there on the edge of the carpet and it didn't take long for the Duffer to lead him out!

I was pretty good at remembering the



A peacock made its way into the author's bedroom where it found a mirror to primp itself in. (Donna Gochanour/NLJ)

door for awhile there, except for one time. during a heavy rain storm, I stood on the porch and watched the lightning and came in to find a very large toad hopping around the house. It was not too hard, or too big, for me to remove.

Then one pretty spring day, I was working in the yard and came around the corner to see the long tail of a peacock disappearing into the back door.

Those are big birds! I was close enough behind him that I could have grabbed him, but I already tried that once and I knew I wasn't up to it so I tried to head him off at the pass while he ambled down the hallway, looking into every room and muttering to himself every step of the way.

I ran out to the entry, and got a pie tin full of cat food. I laid a trail of cat food out to the door, but he was having a lot of fun exploring. I tried to get him turned and following the cat food trail, but he

wasn't having anything to do with that either.

Now I had matching trails of cat food and bird poop, of course. Normally, any bird would love the cat food, and I'd had many a chicken feasting on it.

He ended up in my bedroom. At first, he was on top of the chest but the mirror was too small to display his full beauty, so he flew up on the dresser and stood there and admired himself, talking all the way. I tried "Shoo!" and "Git!" and "Bad bird!" and then I got an idea!

I covered up the mirror with a bed sheet and that did it. He got off the dresser and headed out the door with me right behind him.

It took quite awhile to clean up all of the cat food and a lot of scrubbing to get the bird poop out of the carpet and the bedspread, so I got to spend the rest of that pretty day on my hands and knees.

Life is never dull!

## Senior Happenings



### WC Senior Services

<b>January 14</b>	Hearing Aid Institute	9:00 a.m.
	Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.
<b>January 15</b>	Rolls	9:00 a.m.
	Bridge Ladies	1:00 p.m.
<b>January 19</b>	Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.
	Helping Hands Mtg.	7:00 p.m.
<b>January 20</b>	WCSS Board Mtg.	9:00 a.m.
	Toe Nail Clinic	9:00 a.m.
	Lions Club	12:00 p.m.
	Mondell Heights Here for Lunch	
	Creative Handcrafts	After lunch
<b>January 21</b>	Trip to The Lodge	
	Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.
<b>January 22</b>	Rolls	9:00 a.m.
	Blood Pressure Check	9:30 a.m.
	Bridge Ladies	1:00 p.m.
<b>January 25</b>	Visually Impaired Grp.	1:00 p.m.
<b>January 26</b>	Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.
<b>January 27</b>	Manor Here for Lunch	
	Creative Handcrafts	After lunch
<b>January 28</b>	Mexican Train	1:00 p.m.
	Comm. Mem. Service	6:30 p.m.
<b>January 29</b>	Rolls	9:00 a.m.
	Bridge Ladies	1:00 p.m.
	Dance	7:00 p.m.
<b>Manor</b>		
<b>January 14</b>	Food Fancy	10:30 a.m.
	Manicures	2:00 p.m.
<b>January 15</b>	Greedy	10:30 a.m.
	Bingo	2:00 p.m.
	Movie	6:00 p.m.
<b>January 16</b>	Guggenheim	11:00 a.m.
	Movie	2:00 p.m.

Bingo	6:00 p.m.	
<b>January 17</b>	Proverbs	11:00 a.m.
	Church	2:00 p.m.
<b>January 18</b>	Resident Council	10:30 a.m.
	Cooking	3:00 p.m.
	Bingo	6:00 p.m.
<b>January 19</b>	Ceramics	10:30 a.m.
	Keepsake Krafters	2:00 p.m.
	Stories	4:00 p.m.
	Cards	6:15 p.m.
<b>January 20</b>	Catholic Study	10:00 a.m.
	Bean Bag	10:30 a.m.
	Out for Lunch	11:30 a.m.
	Bingo	2:00 p.m.
<b>January 21</b>	Stories	10:30 a.m.
	AI and the Gang	2:00 p.m.
<b>January 22</b>	Greedy	10:30 a.m.
	Bingo	2:00 p.m.
	Movie	6:00 p.m.
<b>January 23</b>	Tell It	11:00 a.m.
	Happy Hour	3:00 p.m.
<b>January 24</b>	Trivia	11:00 a.m.
	Church	2:00 p.m.
<b>January 25</b>	Wii	10:30 a.m.
	Crazy Cart	3:00 p.m.
	Bingo	6:00 p.m.
<b>January 26</b>	Ceramics	10:30 a.m.
	Keepsake Krafters	2:00 p.m.
<b>January 27</b>	Catholic Study	10:00 a.m.
	Crossword	10:30 a.m.
	Bingo	2:00 p.m.
<b>January 28</b>	Penny Ante	10:30 a.m.
	Manicures	2:00 p.m.
<b>January 29</b>	Greedy	10:30 a.m.
	Bingo	2:00 p.m.
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## PRECorp

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any impacts, whether it's the COPA increase, whether it's an upcoming general rate increase. We do a lot to get out ahead of that."

Easley mentioned quarterly town-hall conference calls with members as among the company's communication tools. Tim Velder, a PRECorp media spokesman, told the NLJ such calls usually start with about 3,000 members on the line before dwindling to 600 or so over the course of 45 minutes to an hour.

Turning to individual customer bills, Easley was presented by the NLJ with a Black Hills Power customer's contention that his Upton-area bill for the month of November would have been about \$85 less had he been a PRECorp customer, but the CEO downplayed the significance of the discrepancy, indicating rates are difficult to compare across companies. Electricity rates follow a cyclical pattern, he said, with one company perhaps seeking recovery for earlier infrastructure investments during a given time period, while another is not. PRECorp's status as a cooperative also means it doesn't operate on the same kind of profit-driven model that most company's do.

"Our rate structures are really built around delivering service at cost," he said.

BHP's Community Affairs Program Manager Marsha Nichols agreed with Easley's assertions.

"When you're talking about the difference between the co-op rates and our rates it's really not apples to apples, and it's really difficult to define all of the cost adjustments that are applied under two different rates structures," she said ... "We're two completely different rate structures across the board, and a lot of different variables play into that."

Nichols said BHP customers shouldn't expect another general rate increase from her company on the heels of the one that went into effect in October 2014, which

she noted was mostly driven by the construction of the Cheyenne Prairie Generating Station. The costs associated with the Tekla-Osage-Rapid City Transmission Line are being offset by other providers who plan to also use that conduit to transmit power, she said, while BHP's parent company's recent acquisition of SourceGas should mean reduced utility rates due to costs being spread across a broader customer base.

"What we are seeing now," Nichols continued on the subject of rate increases, "is really what we expected to happen when we filed our last rate case in Wyoming, that the co-ops would be filing rate cases in the near future on the heels of ours because of all of the different regulations that are coming into play [and] all of the increased costs that are effected by those regulations."

Asked about what some of those regulations and pressures are that are driving up wholesaler Basin Electric's prices, Easley said they are threefold. He named the uncertainty created by the federal Clean Power Plan, which he said has the most potential influence on the energy industry of anything happening right now.

Another factor he mentioned are costs associated with additions and planned additions to power plants having to do with Clean Air Act compliance, costs which are now starting to be passed on to consumers.

Other costs related to Basin's annual increase are those resulting from it joining the Southwest Power Pool, a kind of organized market, Easley added.

"Historically, Basin was able to sell excess power that they had into the market to help lower our costs," Easley explained. "Being a market participant has become increasingly difficult, and they had to join the organized market in order to have access to sell excess power."

However, Easley said the future benefit of keeping rates

down outweighs the immediate costs being borne now for Basin to join the power pool.

In regard to concerns Easley expressed at PRECorp's annual meeting last August about state regulations that exposed PRECorp to risk from customer bankruptcy, the CEO said the Public Service Commission has been responsive in revising regulatory language.

"We've had some companies actually provide security deposits because of that language and [there are] others we are currently working on getting the necessary assurances [from] that we need for payment of their power bills. The effort that we went through with the commission was very helpful and the commission was responsive, and our customers have been cooperating with us and understanding of our needs," Easley said.

Financially challenged coal companies, which make up about 35 percent of PRECorp's total revenue Easley reported in August, are mainly what the CEO is concerned about.

He said Arch Coal's and Peabody Energy's ability to qualify for self-bonding, which is subject to annual review, has assuaged some of his immediate concerns, something failed Alpha Natural Resources was unable to do. Arch Coal, however, filed for bankruptcy on Monday, following the NLJ's discussion with Easley, and is currently in talks with creditors.

Self-bonding, according to Reuters, was conceived in the late 1970s and exempts certain financially sound coal companies from having to maintain on hand all of the funds necessary to cover cleanup and reclamation costs.

BHP's Nichols told the NLJ that her company is not facing the same pressures as PRECorp as it has a much different customer base. Wyoming Refining Company is BHP's largest industrial customer in the area, she indicated, adding that BHP's local service area is mostly within the city limits of Newcastle, Osage, and Upton.

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01/18	9	Wright Panthers A 4 PM
<b>Boys Basketball</b>		
01/16	V9	Wheatland Bulldogs A 2:30 PM
01/18	9	Wright Panthers A 5:30 PM
<b>Wrestling</b>		
01/15	VJ	Newcastle Invitational H 10 AM
01/19	VJ	Glenrock Herders H 5 PM
<b>Boys Swimming</b>		
01/16/16	V9	Douglas Invitational A TBA

## There's no I in Team

“Laces out Dan!”



Sonja Karp  
Karpe Dogie

After the Minnesota Vikings' 9-10 loss to the Seattle Seahawks in the wild-card playoff matchup on Sunday, the quote from the 1994 hit movie Ace Ventura Pet Detective could be found all over social media.

In this fictional movie, Ray Finkle, a former kicker for the Miami Dolphins, kidnapped quarterback Dan Marino in an act of revenge because Marino had held the football laces-in, which Finkle believed caused him to miss the game winning field goal in Superbowl XVII, and which ultimately ended his NFL career.

All who watched the very real Vikings/Seahawks contest on Sunday saw a similar game scenario play out. Over and over in instant replay, we watched holder Jeff Locke spin the football and stop it with laces in for kicker Blair Walsh who went on to miss, wide-left, the potentially winning 27 yard “chip shot” with 22 seconds remaining in the game.

With a career record of 33 for 34 makes from inside the 30, the miss was indeed an anomaly for this kicker.

Following the loss, Vikings head coach Mike Zimmer seemed to have taken the same view as the fictional Dolphins organization in the movie when he commented that Walsh should have made the field goal.

Walsh took full responsibility for the miss, absolving Locke and long snapper Kevin McDermott of any guilt, when he tearfully stated that the loss was all his fault.

Interestingly enough, Walsh had been the lone offense for the Vikings on the day, going three for three on field goal attempts from the 22, 43 and 47 yard lines to give the team the nine points they had on the scoreboard, so I'm hoping his career doesn't go the way of Finkle's.

The situation got me thinking about how many athletes take upon themselves the responsibility for a team's loss because of a missed last-minute shot or kick or turnover— or whatever mistake they may have made.

While it's true that individual, and especially professional, athletes probably should make

## A little rusty

Sonja Karp  
NLJ Sports Reporter

Coming out of the Christmas break with a 5-1 record gave the Lady Dogies some confidence as they traveled to Lusk last Tuesday to take on the 2A Lady Tigers in their first contest of the week, but head coach Tyler Bartlett knew that even though the squad is smaller than his, their coach always does a really nice job with her girls and has them ready to play hard against his bigger team.

So he was anxious to see how his girls responded.

“Any time you're playing a 2A game, they have nothing to lose and we have everything to lose, and I think the girls kind of let that get into their heads a little bit,” Bartlett admitted. “We had a lot of rust coming out of break, especially on the offensive end. We were inefficient on the free throw line and we missed quite a few shots that we normally don't. We just couldn't really get into any kind of offensive groove at all until the fourth quarter.”

The game was a little too

close for comfort for the Lady Dogies until the squad opened up an 11-point lead in the fourth quarter, which allowed them to relax and play out the contest with confidence to take the win 30-23.

Abby Gray led the Lady Dogies in scoring with 10 points. “Abby had a really nice game, but the problem was she only got to play about eight minutes because of foul trouble. She was really efficient from the start. She got looks and was attacking and even in the fourth quarter when she got back in, she was attacking,” Bartlett stated.

He also attributed some of the team's offensive struggles to the fact that Gray was on the bench so much, as she has probably been one of his most consistent offensive players.

While the Lady Dogies' offense was not up to par, Bartlett was pleased with the defensive effort his team displayed.

“Defensively we played great again. We held them to only 23 points and four of those were from free throws at the



Rachel Henkle puts up a wall of defense against the Lady Tigers in the Lady Dogies' win on the road Tuesday in Lusk. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)

end. The nice thing with this team is that, even if we are going to struggle on the offensive end, as long as we are playing defense like we are supposed to, we're going to have a chance to win regardless of who

we are playing or how we are doing on the offensive end,” he declared.

Though the squad didn't pick up the kind of win they wanted against the Tigers, coaches and players alike were

grateful for the opportunity to knock some of the Christmas break rust off before opening up conference play against the Southeast Quadrant Torrington

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## Dogies come out firing on both cylinders

Sonja Karp  
NLJ Sports Reporter

A defensive and offensive frenzy gave the Dogies an 11-0 lead within the first 40 seconds of the game when the Dogies tipped off the new year in what ended as a big 66-42 win over the Lusk Tigers last Tuesday.

“I was very pleased with how we came out in the game,” head coach Allen Von Eye began. “We had intensity, we had a great opening possession and scored and then we had three great defensive plays that led to scores one after the other so that was a great start, but then you have to keep playing for the rest of the game so it was great to see us do that.”

Despite putting in good practices over the break, it is never certain how teams will emerge in their first contest



Cam Quigley gets past the Blazer defense and scores on a reverse layup in the Dogies' first conference win last Saturday. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)

back, so Von Eye was pleased with how strong his team performed against their 2A opponent.

“Lusk is one of those games, especially coming out of break, that when you're facing a 2A opponent you kind of assume that things are going to go the way you want them to, but going in you know that they have nothing to lose and they are going to bring their A game. So you better be ready for them,” Von Eye stated.

After the fast start, the squad slipped into a lull during the first half and just couldn't get some of their shots to fall, but Von Eye thought his team handled the situation pretty well by being patient on offense and playing pretty decent defense.

Twenty-plus point first and fourth quarters went a long way toward giving the Dogies a comfortable lead as the clock ticked down to end the contest.

Three Dogies scored in double digits, led by Cam Quigley with 19, Taylor Allen with 18 and Triston Roberson with 11 and nine players overall put points on the board including Derek Lewis, who hit his second three pointer of the season late in the game.

The victory bumped the Dogies' record up to 5-2 as they headed into their first conference matchup against the Southeast Quadrant Torrington Blazers when they came to the Dome on Saturday.

“We knew going into it that Torrington was going to be a lot better than their 1-7 record indicates. We knew they are athletic, but we were surprised because they played defense a lot different than we had anticipated. All the film that I had received showed a lot of zone with a trap, but they didn't play a lick of zone all night and I was really impressed with their man defense. They obviously have been working pretty hard,” Von Eye conceded.

Coaches and players were prepared

for the Blazers' athleticism and their transition game, but found the squad was hard to pressure because of a mismatch they presented somewhere on the floor against the Dogies' pressure defense.

“It was great for us to see. They fought us tooth and nail the whole way, and some of it was by our own mistake when we gave up a couple of uncontested shots, which gave them a lead at the end of the first half,” Von Eye stated.

In the second half, the Dogies stepped up their defensive effort and held Torrington to only 13 points, and cut their shooting percentage from 50 to 30 percent from the field, while being more efficient on offense. They slowly narrowed the gap to finally tie the contest in the fourth quarter.

“The late three by Cam (Quigley) was a perfect possession,” Von Eye declared. “We controlled the ball and were patient, and when we got the look we wanted he knocked it down.”

“You could just tell from the kids in the second half that we were okay. We were going to find a way to win, and I credit a lot of that to our experience this summer, where we started down and we had to claw our way back into the game. I think our kids are starting to figure out, not only how to compete, but also how to win,” he smiled.

Von Eye also noted that he could see his players' confidence in their eyes and in their demeanor on the floor, and they did what they needed to win.

“We hit some big free throws down the stretch,” he nodded. “This is a squad that can shoot the ball, so we expect when they go to the free throw line that they will knock it down. Triston hitting those first two in a one and one situation was huge, as it moved the game from a one point to a three point lead and put a lot more pressure on the other team.”

The three point lead with under a minute to play in the defensive-based

contest gave the Dogies a big advantage, and when Roberson was fouled again, he hit the front end of his next one-and-one to put his team up four and ice the win.

“I told the guys in the locker room that it didn't matter if it was pretty...at this point in the season a win is a win, and though Torrington has struggled to get a ‘W’ so far, they are a squad who is going to beat some people,” Von Eye predicted.

Allen led the team in scoring with 18 points, followed by Quigley with 12, Roberson with seven, Cooper Karp with five and Cade Ostenson rounded out the scoring with 4 points.

Up next for the Dogies is a matchup against a tough Wheatland team on their home court on Saturday, and all involved know that from here on out, the season is going to get tougher.

“It's going to get brutal in the next few games, but I really think that we are up for the challenge and I'm excited for this team with what we can do. The potential is there. We just have to reach it and make sure that we are working hard each and every day in order to do it,” Von Eye nodded.

### Basketball

#### Newcastle @ Lusk 1-5-16: 66-42

Taylor Allen: 18 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals  
Cam Quigley: 19 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 4 steals  
Cooper Karp: 5 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal  
Cade Ostenson: 8 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals  
Triston Roberson: 11 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal  
Vincent Oedekoven: 4 rebounds, 3 assists  
Alec Martinez: 1 assist  
Derek Lewis: 3 points  
Lyle Whitney: 2 points, 3 rebounds  
Bryson Tidyman: 2 rebounds

#### Newcastle v. Torrington 1-9-16: 46-42

Taylor Allen: 18 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals  
Cam Quigley: 12 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist  
Cooper Karp: 5 points, 2 rebounds  
Cade Ostenson: 4 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists  
Triston Roberson: 7 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists, 1 steal  
Vincent Oedekoven: 5 rebounds, 1 assist  
Dawson Norton: 3 rebounds

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Lady Blazers on Saturday. However, in the first quarter of that matchup, it appeared as though things still weren't running quite as smoothly as Bartlett would have liked.

"I was not pleased with the first half of our game against Torrington," Bartlett frowned. "The tip play worked and offensively we were scoring a lot, but defensively we let them score right back. The first quarter was probably the worst defense we have played all year. We let them score 13 points, which was way too many, and we definitely needed to work on that."

The second quarter still saw Newcastle struggling and mid-way through Torrington got the Dogies on a run and ultimately took the lead by one.

"We took a time out, and kind of settled the girls down a little bit, and right at the end of the second quarter we went on a 7-0 run that was huge. The kids settled down. We attacked the pressure, but then settled into our half-court offense, which is what we want to do. That run changed everything," Bartlett explained.

The Lady Dogie run also put the home team back in the lead as they headed into the locker room, which appeared to give them a boost of confidence that carried into the third quarter. Newcastle went on an impres-

sive 15-2 run to go up 20 against the Blazers to begin the fourth frame.

"I give credit to the girls to respond after a really bad run and go on to put together a really good one, and that's what I consider to be winning basketball. The big run in the third was great, and it made it so the fourth quarter didn't even really feel competitive," Bartlett beamed.

Dawson played an impressive game by not only leading her team with 24 points, but also filling the stat line on both ends of the floor right from the start of the 52-32 victory over the Lady Blazers.

"Between the Big 3 (Dawson, Cass and Gray), they put up about 44 or so of our points," Bartlett explained.

Though pleased overall with his team's performance, Bartlett was a little concerned with the fact that this was the fewest number of kids he has had score in a game thus far this season. Only six Lady Dogies put points on the board where there has usually been more who have contributed.

"We are looking at the other starters and the kids coming off the bench to get hot too, because I really believe that when it comes down to the end of the year, we are going to need some of them to give us buckets, as

## Lady Basketball

**Newcastle v. Lusk 1-5-16: 30-23**  
 Alyssa Dawson: 7 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals  
 Abby Gray: 10 points, 1 rebound, 3 assists, 2 steals  
 Hannah Cass: 3 points, 9 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals, 1 block  
 Abi Deveraux: 2 points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals  
 Kendra Back: 3 points, 3 rebounds  
 Rachel Henkle: 2 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 block  
 Kaprina Jones: 1 point, 4 rebounds, 2 steals  
 Rachel Ehlers: 2 points, 1 steal  
 Alyssa Umphlett: 1 steal

**Newcastle v. Torrington 1-9-16: 52-32**  
 Alyssa Dawson: 24 points, 8 rebounds, 1 assist, 6 steals, 1 block  
 Abby Gray: 11 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steals  
 Hannah Cass: 9 points, 8 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals, 1 block  
 Abi Deveraux: 2 points, 1 rebound, 4 steals  
 Kendra Back: 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals  
 Rachel Henkle: 2 points, 5 rebounds, 1 steal  
 Kaprina Jones: 4 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals  
 Rachel Ehlers: 1 rebound, 1 assist  
 Alyssa Umphlett: 2 assists

teams start to zero in on stopping Dawson, Cass and Gray," Bartlett indicated.

Newcastle has only one opponent to prepare for this week as they look to Saturday when they travel to Wheatland to take on the Lady Bulldogs. The Platte County team has one very good player and a good coach who always gets his girls to play hard, meticulous basketball.

"Bart always has his kids ready to go, so we need to be prepared for that. However, the way they play can be advantageous for us if we can use our defense to get them out of their comfort zone, as that should play into our hands pretty well," Bartlett concluded.

# Wrestlers roll on Lusk

Sonja Karp  
 NLJ Sports Reporter

The Dogie/Bobcat grapplers saw two very different competitions last week, as they came out of Christmas break by hosting the Lusk Tigers in Upton on Tuesday before traveling to Douglas for the Shane Shatto Memorial Invitational tournament on Friday and Saturday.

Making the transition from competing in a dual against a small 2A team to going up against wrestlers from 28 teams of all sizes from Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming in a tournament a few days later can certainly be daunting, but head coach Lee McCoy was pleased with how his team responded to the challenge.

"Though we placed 23 out of 29, we fought hard and I am proud of our guys," McCoy stated. "The Shane Shatto was a very tough tournament from top to bottom, with a number of schools from Colorado—Pueblo, Denver, Ft. Collins—and Nebraska that added some great competition to the tournament."

With 29 teams in attendance, each weight class had 27 to 30 kids competing for places, so coaches and athletes knew they would have to wrestle hard in order to come out on top.

Unfortunately, the squad came up short in some tough matches throughout the weekend, but were able to pick up some wins and had one wrestler place, with Trayton Dawson (113) taking the consolation championship home for the team.

"Trayton had an outstanding tournament and it was a great accomplishment to place given the level of competition," McCoy grinned. "He lost in the quarter finals to a nationally ranked kid from Colorado, but after wrestling a grueling eight matches, was able to finish pretty well."

Other Dogies/Bobcats who picked up wins included Dennon Parks (126) who finished 2-1, and Wyatt Corely (152) who finished 1-3. Teigan Marchant (182) who is returning to the mat after having to sit out since



Trayton Dawson was the Dogies only placer at the Shane Shatto Invitational. (Cody Tucker/Douglas Budget)

the first weekend of the season due to separated cartilage in his ribs, was able to pick up one win from his three matches.

While McCoy was pleased with the effort his squad put into the tournament, he admitted that they have a ways to go in order to get competitive at the level they saw over the weekend.

"Our kids have to keep working hard in the practice room to prepare for these kinds of matches. We're making far too many mental mistakes and we are not wrestling ourselves out of bad positions," he explained.

While the varsity was competing, the junior varsity division was also wrestling at the tournament and assistant coach Matt Clark stated that though the Dogies/Bobcats did not place anyone, there were several who picked up wins on the day.

Among those who saw success were Reid Holmes and Dylan Thompson at 106, Gavin Durfee at 132 and Marshall Rhoades, who is a true beginner to the sport. He picked up his first career win at 145 by pinning his Kelly Walsh opponent in 2:42.

The tournament closed out the competition for the week, but the squad came out of Christmas break with a much more positive result in a huge 59-12 win over the Lusk Tigers.

"Our match on Tuesday was pretty successful," smiled Clark. "They didn't have a lot of wrestlers, so they had several open weights— which is usually something we have to deal with— but they had more than us this time, so we were able to pick up those points."

Though Newcastle/Upton still had two open weights, Lusk was also open in those so a double forfeit resulted, which means no points were awarded to either team. Of the six matches that were actually wrestled, the Dogies/Bobcats only lost two.

"We knew that this wouldn't be our toughest dual all the way around, so we wanted our guys to go out there and practice the things we've been working on in practice," Clark stated. "We wanted them to shoot often, work on offense, and spend some time working on other aspects of our offense, and our kids got an opportunity to do that with Lusk."

This week, the squad only has one competition for which to prepare, which is the Dogie Invite this Friday starting at 10:00. McCoy expects to have about 10 teams in attendance, including Rapid City Central and Stevens, Sturgis, the Gillette JV, and then some 2A squads from the surrounding area.

The Dogies/Bobcats will follow the invitational with a home dual against Glenrock on Tuesday, January 19.

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the "bunnies," free throws or "chip shots," it is ultimately the team who is responsible for the win or the loss.

Walsh missed the last of four field goal attempts with only 22 seconds left to play, but where was the rest of his team for the first 58 minutes and 38 seconds? Should we blame the kicker for a loss when the quarterback, running backs, wide receivers and tight ends were unable to score a touchdown for the entire contest?

I guess I would say no to that. The same goes for any athlete, no matter their sport or level of play, who misses the go-ahead scoring opportunity at the end of a game.

I've witnessed high school (and even middle school) players blame themselves for their team's loss because of a missed free throw or layup, but what about the other misses that happened throughout the game? If you are only down one at the end of a contest, I'm pretty sure there were missed shots earlier on that would have put the team in the lead had they been hit.

It is hard to convince the player of that reality.

I always feel bad for the young athlete who is in that situation because I know it is tough to resolve the guilt, and that the memory will be with them for a long time.

I also feel bad for Walsh. Even though he is a professional, it is evident from his emotional distress following the game that he feels responsible for letting his team down, and that is probably not something that he will get over any time soon. I would venture to guess that he is not thinking about the fact that he was the only one to put any points on the board for his team. Rather, he is seeing that ball fly wide-left past the goal post, and his season coming to an end earlier than anyone had hoped.

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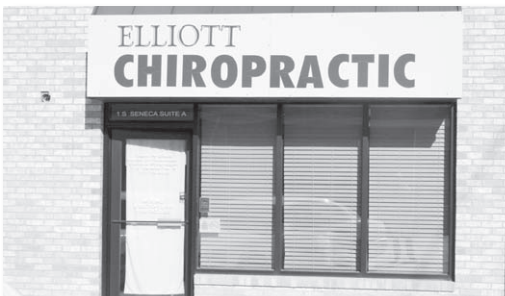
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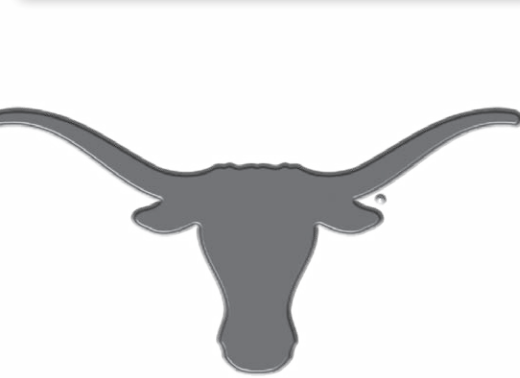

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

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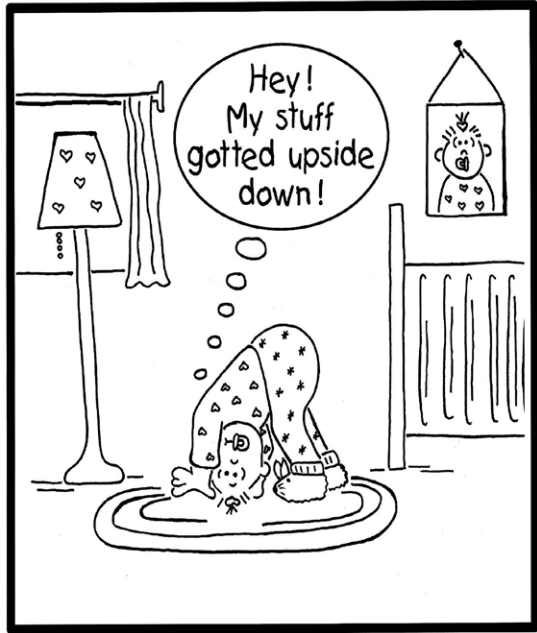
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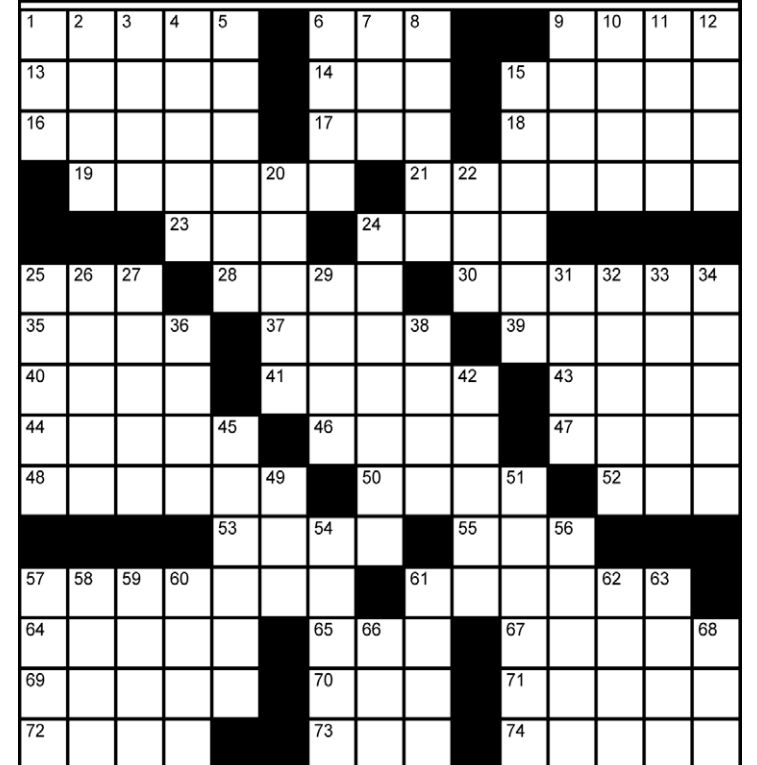
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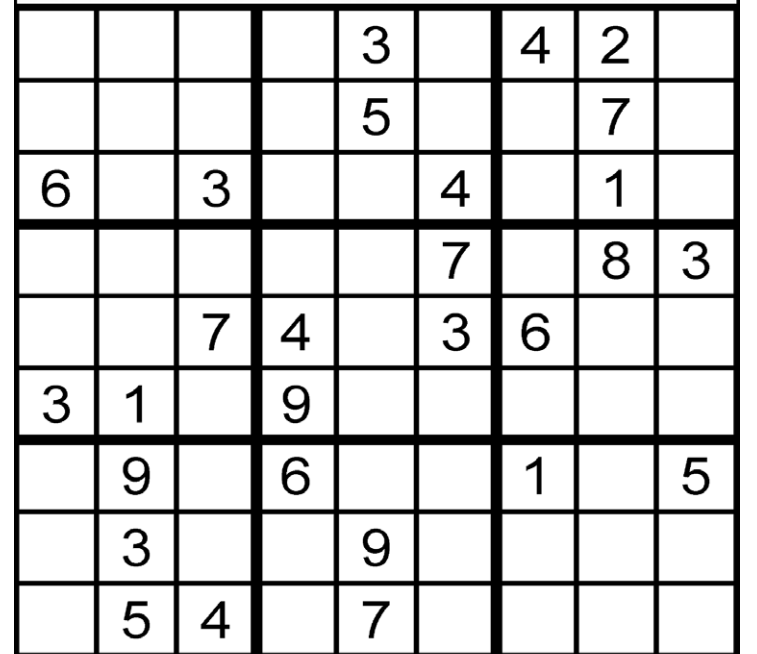
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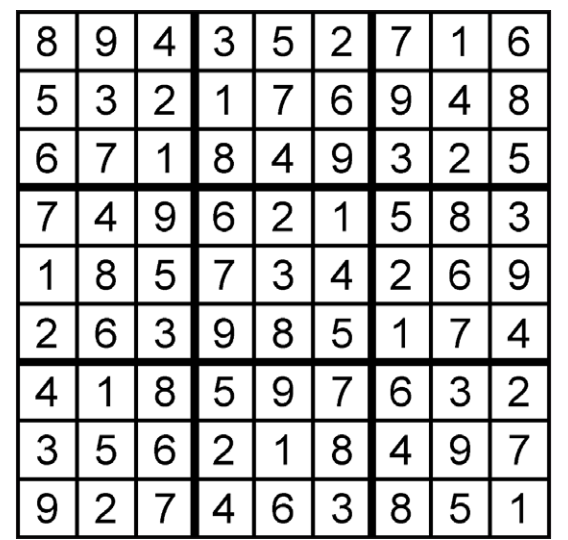
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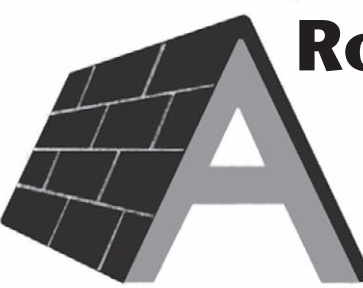
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# Boys' learning to compete

**Sonja Karp**  
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After three long weeks of nothing but practice, the Dogies were eager to dive into competition last week when they made the long trek across the state to the Cody Invitational on Friday, followed by the Gene Dozah Invitational in Powell on Saturday.

Due to the fact that the Newcastle Invitational that was scheduled the last weekend before Christmas break was cancelled, and the only other competition in which the team has participated were the Gillette Relays and Pentathlon, this weekend was the first time the Dogies have participated in a regular format for high school meets and head coach Doug Scribner was excited to see how his boys would compete in that environment.

“We saw all of the teams in our conference except Rawlins this weekend, so that was nice to be able to swim against them and get to see where we are in relation to those swimmers,” Scribner began. “We saw six teams in Cody and nine in Powell with only one 4A team in attendance, so we were able to get a pretty good idea where we stand at this point in the season.”

The smaller Cody meet was a good opportunity for this inexperienced team to get a feel for what their regular season meets would look like moving forward, and Scribner pointed out that the weekend was also good for the coaches to begin to get a feel for the events in which each of his swimmers would perform best.

“Because we’re so young, I was looking forward to seeing

where everyone’s strengths lie,” Scribner noted. “Because many of my guys are new to the sport, I just really wanted to see them swim as many events as possible so I could get an idea of what events might be the strongest for them.”

As such, many of the Dogies were afforded the opportunity to compete in a variety of events over the course of the two invitational meets, and Scribner was pleased to see his team make great improvements in their times.

“Just the fact that we were finally able to compete and be in that race environment, everybody swam very well. Because we have only been able to practice for the past few weeks, the guys were maybe losing their motivation. I know we need to work on certain things and I tell them that, but it’s hard when you are not swimming against any competition but yourself to really see that you could push yourself harder,” Scribner explained.

According to the coach, the swimmers were able to see this weekend that they need to step up their game. The Dogies were also given the opportunity to watch their competition in order to get a measure of where they are in relation to the people that they will need to beat this year.

“On Friday we beat Cody, and on Saturday Cody beat us,” Scribner pointed out. “Douglas is strong, but they have a lot of upperclassmen, and Worland is in a very similar situation. We also saw that Buffalo and Cody are very similar teams, so we were able to really get a feel for what we are going up against throughout the rest of the season and into post-season competition.”

While a couple of the conference opponents have experience on their side, Scribner explained that he sees his team’s youth as an advantage because in three years the squad should look pretty strong.

While many of the Dogies are a little green, Eythan Riley and Jacob Yeatman— both just freshmen— do bring a little experience to the squad. Because the two have been active in club competition, they are already in a position to know how to race when presented with the opportunity, and both have been adding state qualifying times to their post-season slate since the first weekend of the season.

Riley added the 200 and 500 Free to his already established 100 Free race, while Yeatman also grabbed two more events, the 200 IM and the 100 Breast stroke, in addition to his 50 Free.

“We have set some pretty high goals for Riley because we know what he is capable of, so it was great for him to have someone to race against this weekend, and both swimmers are doing what they need to do to put up good times when they are competing,” Scribner nodded.

He also noted that all of his athletes took advantage of the opportunity of having someone to race against and really stepped up their performance, racing very well and putting up some amazing times compared to what they had been putting up in practice over the break.


The divers made their debut this weekend as well. On Friday, Garrett Merchen dove exhibition as he is still learning his dives. He executed four of the six required dives, so was not able to score for the team, but Jesse Kopp dove all six and competed both days, placing sixth at Cody and eighth in Powell. Though he dropped two places from one day to the next, his score actually went up on Saturday.

“The big challenge for us on Saturday was to focus and continue to improve, and I think just about everyone who swam something similar to what they did on Friday swam faster on Saturday, so I was pleased to see that and I was pleased to see Jesse’s dive score improve as well,” Scribner stated.

This week the Dogies will have the opportunity to continue to improve as they travel to Douglas for an invitational on Saturday, where Scribner expects to compete against four or five teams from both the 4A and 3A ranks.

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Cody Invite 1/8/16			
<b>200 Free</b>			
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15	Zach Benshoof		2:59.93
16	Dalton Phillips		3:10.08
<b>200 IM</b>			
2	Jacob Yeatman	3AQ	2:33.06
<b>50 Free</b>			
19	Jesse Kopp		30.68
23	Kyle Allard		32.56
<b>1 Meter Diving</b>			
6	Jesse Kopp		127.05
<b>100 Butterfly</b>			
7	Matt Tidd		1:39.69
<b>100 Free</b>			
23	Zach Benshoof		1:22.87
<b>500 Free</b>			
2	Eythan Riley	3AQ	5:42.57
11	Dalton Phillips		8:39.24
<b>200 Free Relay</b>			2:01.75
6	Benshoof, Yeatman, Kopp, Riley		
<b>100 Backstroke</b>			1:28.39
11	Jacob Hobbs		
<b>100 Breaststroke</b>			1:18.33
5	Jacob Yeatman	3AQ	1:28.70
13	Matt Tidd		1:44.56
20	Garrett Merchen		
<b>400 Free Relay</b>			4:28.37
7	Riley, Benshoof, Yeatman, Tidd		5:30.04
11	Hobbs, Allard, Phillips, Merchen		
<b>Gene Dozah Invitation @ Powell 1/9/16</b>			
<b>200 Medley Relay</b>			2:25.62
13	Phillips, Kopp, Yeatman, Benshoof		
<b>200 Free</b>			2:38.92
18	Matt Tidd		2:58.29
24	Jacob Hobbs		
<b>200 IM</b>			2:41.64
10	Eythan Riley		
<b>50 Free</b>			32.81
31	Zach Benshoof		35.30
37	Dalton Phillips		
<b>1 Meter Diving</b>			128.90
8	Jesse Kopp		
<b>100 Butterfly</b>			1:10.96
9	Jacob Yeatman		1:45.55
17	Dalton Phillips		
<b>100 Free</b>			1:16.26
31	Jesse Kopp		1:22.74
34	Garrett Merchen		2:04.09
<b>200 Free Relay</b>			
12	Riley, Hobbs, Kopp, Allard		
<b>100 Backstroke</b>			1:09.04
10	Eythan Riley		1:10.16
11	Jacob Yeatman		1:29.80
21	Matt Tidd		
<b>100 Breaststroke</b>			1:32.74
20	Jacob Hobbs		1:40.45
25	Zach Benshoof		1:55.19
30	Kyle Allard		
<b>400 Free Relay</b>			4:25.26
9	Riley, Phillips, Tidd, Yeatman		5:36.05
11	Benshoof, Hobbs, Allard, Merchen		

**Get HIRED!**



**Activities Aide (Part Time)**

Activities Aides get to have all the fun! They read to residents, run bingo, help residents Skype, do ceramics, make art with the residents, decorate the facility for holidays and events, and work closely with families for both events and in meeting the daily needs of the residents. Activities Aides even occasionally get to take resident groups to Deadwood, out to see holiday lights, fishing, to parades, or whatever fun thing happens to arise! Our Activities Aides are critical in leading group and 1-on-1 activity programs in the Long Term Care Facility that meet the interests, spiritual, physical, and psycho-social needs of the residents and swing bed patients. This interaction has a direct, positive impact on our resident's wellbeing!

Our Activities Aides must be available to work both day and evening shifts. This position will be primarily evenings. Weekend and holiday coverage is rotated among the department staff. Part time Activities Aides work a minimum of 20 hours per week, doing something fun! Starting wage is \$11.60 DOQ and benefits are available with this position. Schedule is somewhat flexible. Candidates must be outgoing and not afraid to speak in front of groups. If you are one of those high energy people and are looking for a job that truly has an impact and makes a difference, this may be for you! Leave work every day knowing you put a smile on someone's face... apply today.

Employment Applications can be found on our website, www.wchs-wy.org, or, may be picked up at the Human Resources office, ER Desk, and also at Workforce Services. Fax completed applications/resume packets to 307-746-3726, email to JSindlinger@wchs-wy.org, or return to one of the above locations.

WCHS performs post offer, pre-employment drug screening. EOE. Benefits package may include: retirement plan with employer match (vesting plan), paid personal leave, extended illness accrual bank, bereavement leave, health insurance, H.S.A., dental insurance, life insurance, AFLAC availability, Section 125 flexible benefits, shift/ weekend differentials (where applicable), call pay (where applicable), fitness center, Kozicek Aquatic Center, Verizon discounts. f