

Back to work in Upton

SLIB approves railcar repair and cleaning facility

Bri Brasher
NLJ Reporter

Good news came to the Upton community on Thursday when the State Loan and Investment Board approved

funding for the railcar repair and cleaning facility at Upton Logistics Park owned by Tiger Transfer, LLC. At the Upton Logistics Park, Tiger Transfer, LCC currently operates a BNSF-designated premier transload

facility that specializes in efficient rail service, and it is hoped that the proposed railcar repair operation will provide additional stimulus to the local economy.

The SLIB board unanimously

approved the \$3 million grant and \$3 million loan to construct both the building and the fixed equipment (equipment for the facility that is permanent and cannot be removed), expanding the business's services. In

the first year of operation, the new business is projected to offer 50 to 55 jobs, with an increase to an estimated 90 positions in the second year. John

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Wyoming-style recreation



No hills? No worries! Jonah Vik took advantage of the fresh powder in Newcastle on Sunday by having his mom, Sarah Vik, pull him behind her vehicle on his skies. (Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ)

Less is more

Weston spends less per capita than other counties

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

Weston County spends \$766 per person, which is lower than most counties, according to a report released by the State Department of Audit. The same report, issued in December of 2017, states that the county accrued \$5,520,665 in expenses and \$7,450,180 in revenue in fiscal year 2017, which is the period from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017.

According to the Department of Audit's website, the department began operations on July 1, 1989, and was created as part of the state's reorganizations.

"The department is responsible for the regulations of financial institutes, including auditing public agencies and local governments," the website says. "The Department is also responsible for conducting audits for the collection of federal and state mineral royalties, state mineral and excise taxes, and for coordinating auditing and other revenue matters."

The department creates the report from forms received from each county and various county boards in the state, according to the letter included with the report; the numbers are self-reported and not audited.

For all 23 counties combined, expenses totaled \$652,444,942, or \$1,158 per person, using a 2010 Wyoming population of 563,626. Total revenue, according to the report, was \$726,570,020.

County Clerk Jill Sellers said she was not surprised by the numbers, noting they vary little from year to year.

"We are fiscally conservative. We manage money well for a smaller county," Sellers stated.

"All government entities are managed differently; therefore, distribution of expenses will be based on management decisions,"

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New app caters to bike enthusiasts

Local entrepreneurs set to capitalize on tourist traffic

Bri Brasher
NLJ Reporter

"Places to stay for bike-minded people."

The slogan defines the product: a one-of-a-kind mobile app called BikerBuddy. Designed for motorcyclists by motorcyclists, the app offers economic lodging at a flat rate everywhere in the United States. Creators Paul and Debbie Douglas of Upton and Brannon and Ginger Frank of Texas are also planning to expand the app's reach into Canada this spring. Indeed, the creators have had several requests for the app in Canada, the United Kingdom, Europe and South Africa.

The app's website, www.bikerbuddy.co, describes the app and its utility: "Our app lets you seek out other riders in your area who have offered up their place for you to stay for a low rate. Other riders just like you know what it is like to be on the road and share your passion for life on two wheels."

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Courthouse work moves forward

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

Despite objections from Commissioner Marty Ertman, the Weston County commissioners voted Jan. 16 to proceed with second-floor remodeling of the courthouse.

According to County Clerk Jill Sellers, the project will be funded mainly through grants — about 63 percent — while the county will pay about 37 percent of cost. The total cost of the project, including architect fees and contingency funding, is \$867,521.

The project consists of remodeling the courtroom and making the space functional for both district and circuit court.

Michael's Construction, the lowest of the four bids received, was awarded the bid for the project, totaling \$685,647. This

total includes the base bid of \$657,307, as well as the alternate bid of \$28,340. The alternate bid, according to Sellers, was recommended and includes replacing the ceiling to support the weight of the courtroom requirements.

The commissioners agreed to set aside money for a 10 percent contingency fund totaling \$78,864 and architecture costs of up to \$103,000. County Administrator Dan Blakeman said that 10 percent contingency funding is needed for a project like the second-floor remodel. According to Sellers, the contingency funds are there in case an unanticipated issue arises during the project.

The commissioners voted, with Ertman voting nay, to take \$90,000 of the county's share

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Ordinance clarifies liquor licenses

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

During the 2017 legislative session, the Wyoming Legislature made changes to liquor laws that affected the establishments statewide. Under the new laws, buildings rather than rooms are licensed. Several issues have

arisen regarding the change in wording.

On Jan. 16, in an effort to clear up confusion created by the wording, City Attorney Jim Peck presented a template for an authorization form for convenience stores that possess packaged liquor licenses. Under current city ordinance, no person under 21 is allowed

to enter an establishment (building) possessing a packaged liquor license. The form gives convenience stores the ability to designate a room for the liquor instead of the entire building.

"Last legislative session they passed laws saying it is no longer a licensed room; there are licensed buildings," Peck

explained. "We passed an ordinance that said people under 21 can't go into the buildings. This causes issues in instances when you have places like a store who used to have licensed rooms and now the building is licensed and you can't differentiate."

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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 44, Lo 20



Friday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 33, Lo 11



Saturday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 30, Lo 12



Sunday
Partly Sunny
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Monday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 39, Lo 28



Tuesday
Cloudy
Hi 39, Lo 12

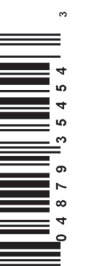


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Partly Cloudy
Hi 21, Lo 13



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Our View

Shared interest

It is not unusual for us to hear the comment that nobody reads the back section of this newspaper unless they have a kid on a varsity sports team, but that would be sad if it were true.

Regardless of whether or not you have a personal interest in any of these sports or teams, we certainly hope that all of our readers care at least a little bit about our local squads because if you live in this town—and read this paper—you should bleed a little bit of black and orange.

We are the first to admit that loyalty to things like sports teams can be overblown, but we also believe that communities benefit greatly from developing such loyalty around a shared interest. It reminds us of how many things we do share, and encourages us to make an honest effort at loyalty to one another because we realize it is in our own best interest to do so.

In other words, the most important function of the back section of this newspaper may be to remind us every week that we are all on the same team.

Teams, for better and worse, are like families—and the same can be said for small towns. Relationships can wear thin and loyalty can start to erode, and that can be particularly harmful for communities during an economic slump.

That is why we are glad to see that the Chamber of Commerce is holding an event next week to introduce members to the organization's new board. One of the most important functions of a chamber is building loyalty between local businesses—and between those businesses and the people of the community they serve—and short of a high school basketball game, the best way to do that is with a party.

So go to the games this weekend and the chamber's Casino Night next Friday, and remember how good we can be when we work together.

At the end of the day this is our team, this is our family, and our greatest chance at success lies in embracing a shared desire to succeed together.

Big personalities tackle big responsibilities at papers

Let's face it, people in the communications field like to talk...

A lot.

Silence can be torture, especially when the topic or issue at hand is interesting or relevant to our field and day-to-day lives. I often find myself literally and figuratively sitting on my hands when a thought pops into my head. I'm 25-years-old acting like I'm still in elementary school, constantly raising my hand to speak—or let's be honest, blurting out my thoughts without permission.

It's like I have anxiety, thinking that if I don't share what's on the tip of my tongue right at that moment it will be gone forever—or replaced by a different, equally important idea. What I have to say is never anything supercalifragilistic, but I just can't help it!

What it must be like to be an introvert, I'll never know.

As the newbie, rookie, beginner, pupil of a reporter that I am, I have to say that my personality fits in well with those in the newspaper industry. This last weekend, I traveled to Casper with the News Letter Journal staff for my first Wyoming Press Association Convention. There, I met newspaper people from all over the state, running into familiar faces from my hometown of Cody, visiting with classmates from college, and even seeing a few University of Wyoming Communication and Journalism professors. We talked newspaper design, function, layout, hiccups, advertising, websites, and much more.

One of the presenters at the convention was a man by the name of Bill Ostendorf. I attended his talk titled, "Improving Design and Layout." Ostendorf is a bigwig in the industry, starting

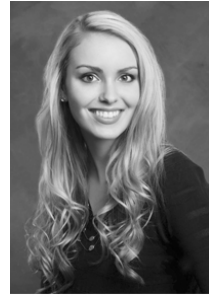
as a reporter before becoming a designer whose company has redesigned over 650 papers and publications across the nation.

While the information he shared was interesting and useful, his presentation and delivery style were captivating. He advocated that life itself is a story that makes up the news we report; the news doesn't shape the life. Others at the convention seconded his stance, probably without even knowing so, when commending the work of newspapers, stating that it is the newspaper's job to document the lives and happenings of people through the ages.

Ostendorf talked about making sure to listen to those around you and not be quick in dismissing a conversation that went off on a tangent. He screeched, "the tangent is the story, people!" while throwing his hands in the air, and my goodness, I couldn't agree more. The tangents are the good stuff—the topics and ideas that are discussed, and debated.

The newspaper industry *needs* big personalities that bounce ideas and thoughts around like a constant game of ping-pong. News comes from those conversations, change comes from those debates, and stories are built from the lives of those who live them.

Newspaper industry people have big responsibilities day in and day out. That requires open and free communication—coupled with the restraint to listen carefully, zip our lips, and sit on our hands when necessary. The result? Supercalifragilistic community journalism, forever documenting the state of Wyoming and the stories of its people. So talk it up, people!



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Brash It Out

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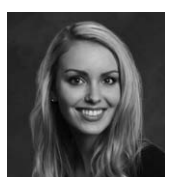
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Torrington and Lusk offer diversified lifestyles

My recent tour of eastern Wyoming has been among the most fun experiences of a near half-century in the state.

Nestled between Devils Tower on the north end and Laramie Peak on the south end and the rugged hills and buttes of western South Dakota and Nebraska is a very special place, stretching from up north near Hulett down to Pine Bluffs on the south.

One of our recent trips involved two wonderful towns, Torrington and Lusk.

It is hard to find a small city in Wyoming that is more diversified than Torrington.

It has a thriving Ag community including a big sugar mill plus a community college plus a large home for children and the state's medium security prison. One of the town's biggest annual events is the 2-Shot Goose Hunt, and we were there for the annual victory banquet Saturday, Dec. 9.

Gov. Matt Mead was the biggest celebrity at the event, which he told me he enjoys very much. Former Gov. Dave Freudenthal also competed this year. And future governor wannabe Mark Gordon (our current state treasurer) also competed.

Hunters compete in teams of two. One year Gov. Mead and his wife Carol were a team. They camped out in their blind and saw nary a bird. Mead later quipped at the banquet that night that they had nothing else to do, so they repeated their marriage vows.

Bob Mayor gave us a tour of the St. Joseph's Children's Home, which was started as an orphanage some 87 years ago. Today, they serve young boys and

girls who usually are sent to the home by the courts. They usually stay about six months.

The home is impressive. Its grounds are beautiful and it has a solemn, beautiful chapel. Its museum is one of the more distinctive in the state. The home was founded by Bishop Patrick McGovern of Cheyenne.

Our friends Bryan and Donna Cay Heinz showed us around the area, including some fantastic old homes. These old homes had crow's nests on the roofs where presumably you could watch for hostile Indians or just check on things for quite a distance.

It was fun visiting the Torrington Telegram and meeting publisher Rob Mortimore and editor Andrew Brosig. I have too much ink in my blood not to just love the smells and sounds of the local newspaper. And the Telegram is a darned good one.

The 2-Shot and other events were held in some of the impressive County Fair buildings. Hard to imagine a town as small as Torrington having an indoor arena of such size. They host national roping events and you can see why. It is both enormous and impressive.

Another big thing in this small town is the Torrington Livestock Exchange. It is one of three biggest livestock auction barns in the country. Hard to imagine the number of cows that go through that place each year.

Eastern Wyoming College is going through a building boom, which we saw courtesy of one of the students. President Leslie Lanham Travers is a Lander native, whom I had watched growing up in my town. John Hansen, the director of institutional development, has a number of impressive projects

underway.

The college is all-in when it comes to the trades, with a massive welding teaching complex and an ample cosmetology facility.

As a student of Wyoming history, it has always been easy to assume that the only major railroad in the state is the Union Pacific, which runs across the southern tier of counties. But the eastern side of the state was literally also built of towns nestled next to the railroad, which includes Torrington, Lusk, Newcastle and onward north.

Our friends Gene and Carol Kupke of Lusk hosted us during our visit to that town. Enjoyed seeing sites like the new overpass, which was washed out by a flood not that long ago. For a quarter of a century, my wife Nancy and I owned a newspaper in Winner, S. D. and often drove through Lusk on U. S. 20 on our way there from Lander. Always liked the town and always stayed at the Covered Wagon. They have a terrific little newspaper, which is capably managed by Lori Himes.

During my stops in eastern Wyoming, we also visited Jeff Rose at the Rose Brothers Implement Store in Lingle. Last time I saw him, he was climbing Devils Tower with his daughter. Now he is talking about climbing Gannett Peak. Good luck on that!

Bill Sniffin is a retired newspaper publisher who has penned a number of books about Wyoming. He appeared for author's receptions at both the Weston County Library and News Letter Journal on December 1. Check out additional columns written by Bill at www.billsniffin.com. and find volumes from his coffee table book series, which have sold over 30,000 copies, for sale at the News Letter Journal.



Bill Sniffin
My Wyoming

Most people shouldn't eat gluten-free

Many Americans have cut back on the amount of gluten in their diets or are avoiding it altogether. Gluten is a protein found in many grains, including wheat, rye, and barley. It's found in most breads, cereals, pastas, and many processed foods.

For people with celiac disease, a life-threatening autoimmune disorder that destroys the gastrointestinal tract, going gluten-free is critical to avoid damage to the small intestine and to live a healthy life. About one percent of the population has been diagnosed celiac disease.

Celiac disease cannot be self-diagnosed, and a patient must be eating gluten for the disorder to be identified. If you are concerned that you may have celiac disease, have your doctor perform an intestinal biopsy. In healthy people, the inside of the small intestine is lined with finger-like projections called villi that help the body absorb nutrients.

In people with celiac disease, gluten irritates the lining of the small intestine and also causes the immune system to attack the villi. Over time, the villi can be damaged or destroyed. This often means that the body can no longer absorb enough nutrients from

food. Nutrients pass through the digestive tract and are excreted with the body's waste, and the person can suffer malnutrition.

Other people who may need to cut back on gluten are individuals who have a wheat allergy. They need to avoid wheat, but not all grains, and people with gluten sensitivity, who may feel better when they eat less gluten.

If you must eliminate wheat from the diet, make sure to replace it with a healthy, naturally gluten-free grain, such as quinoa or buckwheat. You should also balance the diet with lots of fruits and vegetables. Lean meat and low-fat dairy products are equally important food for a gluten-free diet.

For most other people, a gluten-free diet will not provide a benefit because whole grains, which contain gluten, are a good source of fiber, vitamins, and minerals. A whole grain contains all three parts of a grain: the bran, germ, and endosperm, in contrast to a refined grain which only contains the endosperm. The nutritional riches are mostly found in

the bran and the germ. Gluten-free products are often made with refined grains, and are lacking in critical nutrients such as fiber, iron, zinc, folate, niacin, thiamine, riboflavin, calcium, vitamin B12, and phosphorus.

Many people on gluten-free diets don't have a medically needed dietary restriction and eat gluten-free as a fad diet. People who go gluten-free may feel better because, to avoid the protein, they end up cutting out refined carb- and sugar-laden snacks and desserts, thus losing weight. They mistakenly attribute that to their gluten-free decision. If gluten-containing products are replaced with highly processed gluten-free foods like pastries, energy bars, etc., you will not lose weight, and you may, in fact, gain weight, as many gluten-free foods are higher in calories than their gluten-containing replacements.

Personally, I do not believe there is a benefit to eating gluten-free if you don't have a gluten intolerance. Are you ready to reunite with gluten? Here is how experts say to do it as healthfully and comfortably as possible:

1. Know what to expect

Any major diet change is going to take some time for your body to adjust. Reintroducing gluten is no exception. When you start including those foods you have eliminated, you are going to have some temporary gas, abdominal pain, or bloating.

2. Add gluten slowly

To ease your body and mind into a new eating pattern, small changes win. Begin with just one gluten-containing food a day and eventually increasing your intake to one at each meal. Since increasing your intake of grains means eating more fiber, you'll want to make sure you're upping your water intake too.

3. Read labels

Not all gluten-containing foods are created equal, so it's a good idea to read labels when you're re-entering the bread section.

Pass it on: If you don't have celiac disease, a wheat allergy, or a gluten sensitivity, you're unlikely to benefit from a gluten-free diet. Aside from that, going gluten-free isn't easy!

(Sources: *Beyond Celiac*, *LiveScience.com*, *Mayo Clinic*, *My Health News Daily*, *WebMD*)

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Accepting the award for the Post of the Year are Newcastle Explorer Post #66 Chief Austen Kenney, Assistant Chief Kaden Curren, and past Chief Tabitha Pillen. (Submitted photo)

Fire department and Explorers honored

Chris Kinney
For NLJ

On Jan. 20, the Newcastle Explorer Post #66, accompanied by members of the Newcastle Fire Department, were invited to attend an awards ceremony in Rapid City to receive two separate awards from the Black Hills Area Council of Boy Scouts.

The first award presented to the group was for 'Post of the Year.' The Explorer Post is part of the Learning For Life Program through Boy Scouts of America. Fire & EMS Career Exploring is a hands-on program open to young men and women from the eighth grade to age 20 who have an interest in learning more about careers in the field of fire or emergency services.

Fire Exploring offers the following benefits:

- Improved self-confidence

- Leadership experience and social network development
- Fun and exciting "hands-on" "career experiences"
- Community service opportunities
- College and career readiness preparation
- Scholarship opportunities.

This is the fifth year in a row the local Explorer Post has won this award. They have logged 3,000-plus hours of training, meetings, responding to fire calls with the fire department and community involvement by helping with fire prevention programs at the schools and parades.

Newcastle's Explorers are in competition for the award with several other posts throughout the Black Hills, consisting of similar fire posts, as well as law enforcement posts. Over the years, several of these young adults have gone on to jobs

within career fire departments, law enforcement and the Forest Service. Past Explorer Chief Austin Baker was on hand for the ceremony, and served as the Newcastle Voluntary Fire Department Chief this past year.

The second award received by Post #66 was the Russell C. Hill Award, the highest recognition for individuals and/or organizations making an outstanding contribution to character education at the local, state, or national level that has added to the quality of life for families through Learning for Life programs.

This is only the second time this prestigious honor has been awarded in the history of the council. Members of the Newcastle Fire Department and advisors spend countless hours with these young adults while helping to groom them to go onto achieve their future goals.

Facility

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Marshall, the president of The Upton Economic Development Board, said Upton's project was second on the state board's agenda, and the railcar business was met with positive public comments from all involved. No questions were even asked of the development board before the vote.

"Everybody was very relieved and excited that we got the green light, and so now it's next steps. Now it's putting the project out to bid and getting all of the details worked out to get this thing built as quickly as possible and start hiring people," Marshall said.

He anticipates that the jobs available will boost the economy by employing many people in the area that were laid off from the coal mines. According to Marshall, there are no other facilities in the state that offer the full array of services (cleaning, repair and inspection) of any type of train cars. The nearest facilities are over 200 miles away, making Upton a premier location.

Marshall detailed the tentative building schedule for the railcar repair and cleaning facility. Organizers plan to send the rail portion of the project out to bid in early February and hope to have a contractor lined up to start construction on the rail sometime in April. Marshall said he anticipates that the building project side of the business will go out to bid in April, with construction starting in mid-summer. The overall goal is for the facility to be operational by early September.

Additionally, the Upton board secured a workforce training grant worth approximately \$160,000 with Eastern Wyoming College. While the board is in the throes of working out the logistics, members expect to have the training facility, to be located in Newcastle, up and running in April. The training is a three-month certification process to be taught by EWC instructors. The hope is that people will be ready to work at the railcar repair and cleaning facility in September.

Spending

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the report states, noting that each county also has various revenue sources.

Sellers explained that Weston County has a significantly lower sales tax base than larger counties. She credits this to the lack of large stores, such as Menards, that bring in significant sales tax revenues.

Sellers said that Weston County is comparable to counties such as Washakie and Niobrara. She said that the report attempts to compare the counties as close to "apples to apples" as possible.

"All of the information comes from each county to the Department of Audit. Each county submits the numbers in the format that the Department of Audit wants," Sellers said.

She said that the state provides a form and the county simply fills in the requested numbers.

As far as size and proximity goes, Crook County is the most similar to Weston County with a population of 7,083 as of 2012 compared with Weston County's population of 7,208. Despite the similarities, Crook County spends significantly more than Weston County: \$10,102,302 with revenue of \$9,288,888, spending \$1,426 per resident, or nearly double what Weston County spends.

Niobrara County and Washakie County spend and receive money much as Weston County does. Weston County

spent a total of \$5,520,665 during fiscal 2017, compared with Washakie's \$4,512,053 and Niobrara's \$4,760,930. Weston County brought in a total of \$7,450,180, while Washakie had revenues of \$7,944,876 and Niobrara's revenue was \$4,345,127.

The largest spending categories for Weston County, according to the report, were the sheriff's office, \$431,032; jail, \$502,145; road and bridge, \$1,008,106; and construction, \$903,491.

Crook County spent sig-

nificantly more in construction at \$2,674,410 while Washakie County reported no expense in the same category. Niobrara and Crook counties both spent less than Weston when it came to the jail - \$317,873 and \$423,143, respectively.

Of the four counties, Weston County spent the most in road and bridge, with Niobrara only spending \$433,213 and Washakie spending just \$399,323. Crook County spent more than those counties, but less than Weston County at \$816,865.

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Designate a sober driver for the big game on Feb. 4.



Obituaries

HAZEL E. BAKER
April 4, 1926–Jan. 15, 2018
Hazel E. Baker, 91, passed away on Jan. 15, 2018, after a long struggle with cancer.

She was born April 4, 1926, in Essex, England, to Herbert and Isabel Mills.

She married Floyd Petty and came to the United States in 1946 as a GI Bride. They lived and worked in California and Igloo, S.D., where she worked at the munitions plant. They settled in Newcastle, Wyo., until Floyd passed away.

When Hazel moved to Wyoming she fell in love with the wide-open spaces, the animals, and the people. She loved Wyoming all the way to the end.

Hazel met the love of her life, Bill Baker, in 1969 and they married Nov. 1, 1969. They spent almost every day of their 48 years of marriage together. If you saw one, the other was not far behind.

She loved bowling, knitting and crocheting, dancing, gardening and flowers, gambling and life itself. Hazel would do anything for her loved ones. She made everyone in the family a hand-crocheted afghan. She was strong in heart, mind and spirit.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Isabel; father, Herbert; brother, Charlie Mills; and step-daughter, Eva Jones.

She leaves behind her loving husband, Bill Baker of Upton, Wyo.; son, Norman (Julia) Mills; step-daughters, Beth (Alan) Golden, Jojo Dockter, and Meme (James) Fisher; 13 grandchildren, Derek, Mervyn, Hazel, George, Joshua, Jessica,

Cami, Tod, Nikki, Becky, Gaviela, Lindsay, and Kelley; 28 great-grandkids; and five great-great-grandkids. All of whom she loved dearly.

She will be missed by all of her loved ones including family and so many friends. A memorial service will be planned at a later date.

If you wish to make a remembrance, a suggestion would be to donate to the Osage Ambulance in Osage.

Her passing has left a giant hole in this world.

Friends and family may sign her online guestbook and leave written condolences for the family at blackhillsfuneral-home.com.

ELIZABETH JANE MOONEY

March 20, 1934–Jan. 22, 2018
Elizabeth "Jane" Mooney, of Newcastle, Wyo., died Monday, Jan. 22, 2018, in Sundance, Wyo., of natural causes.

She was born to John Ralph Hudson and Bertha Edith Bryant Hudson on March 20, 1934, in Charleston, W. Va. She grew up there in a small house with a large family on the bank of Davis Creek.

Her brother, Ralph, introduced her to Edgar Lee Freeman, an army buddy of his, and they were soon married. They lived in West Virginia for a short time, but soon moved to Keeline, Wyo., then to Casper, and finally to Newcastle, in 1969. They had four children. They were married until Lee was killed in an accident, in 1983.

Later, she married Leon Mahoney, and after he passed she married Bill Mooney of Charleston, W. Va. He has also passed.

Jane worked as a cook at the Weston County Memorial Hospital and the Weston County Manor for many years. In fact, cooking was a passion of hers.

She could enjoy reading cook books, and had a very large collection at one time. Her chicken and dumplings would make your mouth water just thinking about them.

Jane was also a very good artist. Her friends used to come to her to have pictures painted of them. The pictures were done in the styles of the pictures found in Old West saloons. Her artistic side moved to embroidery.

Jane is survived by her three sons, Clayton Freeman of Denver, Colo., Mike Freeman of Upton, Wyo., and Raymond Freeman of Greensboro, N.C.; as well as seven grandchildren (Zachary Rawhouser, Joshua Rawhouser, Eric Freeman, Trina Freeman, Brandon Oliver, Jesse Freeman, and Kimberly Freeman); and many great-grandchildren.

Jane was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Jennifer Freeman, and daughter, Bertha Althea Rawhouser.

Jane will be buried in the Greenwood Cemetery in Newcastle. It will be a graveside service.

TIMOTHY GLEN VELTEN

Jan. 27, 1947–Jan. 11, 2018
Timothy Glen Velten, 70, passed away at 12:30 a.m. on Jan. 11, 2018, at Weston County Health Services in Newcastle, Wyo.

Tim was born Jan. 27, 1947, in Jacksonville, Ill., the son of Nicholas Martin and Muriel Catherine (Brannan) Velten. He grew up in Virginia, Ill., and after graduation he worked various jobs before finding his way to Newcastle. Once there, he found employment in the oilfield, a pro-

fession he truly enjoyed.

He met the love of his life, Susie Lindley, in the winter of 1983. They were married on May 26, 1996, in Newcastle. Tim took on the role of being a father figure to Susie's two children. He was a good father and taught them a lot about life.

Tim passed away after a long battle with two different forms of cancer. He was first diagnosed with lung cancer, and after a brave fight he was in remission for five years, which was definitely a miracle. He fought with such a positive attitude, and that inspired his wife to stay strong when she felt weak.

He was then diagnosed with liver cancer, and he fought that with the same strength, but it just got too hard for his body. Tim never complained as the cancer took over. He faced the cancer the way he faced all the challenges in his life, with a positive attitude and a little humor. He was an inspiration to all of his family and friends.

Tim loved hunting, camping, and riding his Harley in his younger years. But what he loved most was being with his family and friends, and enjoying the wild side!

He leaves behind his wife, Susie; children, Allison, Tracey, and Roger; brothers, Michael Velten, Big Bears, Calif., Terry (Jody) Velten, Arlington, Kan., Reginald Velten, Fair Oaks, Calif., and Kevin (Cindy) Velten, Jackson Center, Ohio; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Tim was preceded in death by his parents, Nicholas and Muriel Velten, and his brother, Nickey Lee Velten.

Friends and family may sign his online guestbook and leave written condolences for the family at blackhillsfuneral-home.com.

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<p>January 25 Acts 9:1-25</p> <p>January 26 Acts 9:26-43</p> <p>January 27 Acts 12:1-25</p> <p>January 28 Acts 13:1-12</p>	<p>January 29 Acts 13:13-25</p> <p>January 30 Acts 13:26-41</p> <p>January 31 Acts 13:42-52</p> <p><i>Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society</i></p>
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- **ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH:** Rev. Norm Brotzman, 216 S. Seneca, 746-2249. Call to Worship 9:30 am; Children's Church during Call to Worship; Faith Rally Sunday 6 pm.
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- **GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Jon Andersen, Evangelical Free Church meets at the Weston County Senior Services; Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship 11 am. Call 746-8091.
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- **NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sun. Worship 10 am; Wed. Night Prayer.
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- **SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST:** Pastor Chuck Gadway 303-229-3103, 78 Old Hwy 85 and Pastoral Assistant Matt Dooley 949-0831. Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11:00 am.
- **ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Tim Martinson, Upton. Sunday Mass 11:30 am.
- **VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH:** Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366.
- **UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Rev. Sharee Johnson, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Worship 10 am; Fellowship 10 am; Adult Study 10:30 am; 1st & 3rd Wed Evenings Prayer and Praise Service 7 pm. August 7, 14, and 21 church is at 9am. August 28--no church in Upton, worship is at 11am at Rev Johnson's home in Custer. September 4th and all sundays following, 9am Sunday School. 10am Worship, 11am Fellowship, and 11:30 Bible Study.

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." ~ Acts 2:38

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RUTH LORAIN WILSON
Sept. 5, 1927–Jan. 17, 2018



Ruth Wilson

Ruth Lorain Wilson passed away on Jan. 17, 2018, surrounded by family, at her home in Hood River, Ore. She was 90 years of age.

Ruth was born on Sept. 5, 1927, in Newcastle, Wyo., to Burton Arthur and Rebecca Josephine Rickenbach. She had one sister, Alta Jean Morse.

Over the years, Ruth lived in Newcastle, Golconda, Nev., Elko, Nev., Mountain Home, Idaho, and Hells Canyon, Idaho, before settling in Hood River in 1964. She attended grammar school in Newcastle, Golconda, and Elko, then graduated high school in Elko. In 1945, Ruth married Peter John Lesbo, who passed away in a plane crash in 1955. She married John Hobart Wilson in 1956. He passed away at home in 2008.

She was a dedicated housewife and mother of seven children. In 1970, she started the very first health food store in downtown Hood River. In 1980, Hobart and Ruth invested in "Alice's Restaurant" located on

the Port in Hood River. Two years later, Ruth assumed the daily general management of the restaurant. Ruth later opened a gift shop below the restaurant and was the manager of both until the businesses were sold.

Ruth was very active at home with the family ranch. She assisted with the care of various livestock, including their herd of Angus cattle. She also helped wherever needed, including driving a tractor or truck, working during the hay harvest, and preparing meals for work crews, neighbors, friends and family. Ruth was also very active as a member of the Parkdale Baptist Church for 40-plus years. She served as a member and also as part of the outreach team. Ruth was also a very devoted Sunday school teacher. Facilitating Bible studies gave her many hours of pleasure when preparing for and also teaching weekly lessons. Ruth LOVED Jesus and talked to anyone she could about her faith. In later years, this was one of her very favorite things to do.

She was a very dedicated wife and mother, an accomplishment she was very proud of. As a mother, she both loved her children and also commanded respect. She was one of the fiercest protectors when it came to her children! Ruth also traveled near and far to

support her children in extra-curricular activities and sports.

Ruth is survived by her seven children: Linda Lesbo Gomez, Tonei Lesbo Whitecotton, Mike Lesbo, Pat Lesbo, Clarence Wilson, James Wilson, and Peter John Lesbo; 30 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren (with more on the way); six nephews; seven nieces; many grand-nephews and grand-nieces; friends too numerous to list; and her two dogs, Dolly and Fozzy.

The family would like to send out a special thank you to Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital, Hospice of the Gorge, and Dr. Anthony Gay for all of their great care, and Susan Morse Doroski (niece) and Mike Lesbo (son), who unselfishly put their lives on hold and traveled from afar to lovingly care for Ruth in her greatest hour of need.

A service is planned for 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27, at Parkdale Baptist Church (6310 Dee Hwy. # A, Mt Hood, OR 97041).

Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center (Funerals • Receptions • Cremations) 1401 Belmont Ave., Hood River, OR 97031. Visit www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com to leave a note of condolence for the family.

Recapture

A PIECE OF HISTORY

January 27, 1893

Don't forget the church fair next Thursday & Friday.

John Ownes has been in Cheyenne for a week.

A slight fall of snow sharpened with the prod of a few degrees below, struck us Wednesday night.

Warren Miller went to Deadwood Tuesday. His mill at Merino isn't running.

The B.&M. made a complaint to the mining company on account of the dirty coal they have been receiving, and long notices have been posted at the entrance of the mines.

Harry Steinwood, alias Harry Davis, stabbed R. Davis last Sunday night in Antelope City. Davis received an ugly cut in his neck which nearly proved fatal.

January 24, 1918

One more week of January & then the ground hog has his day.

Andrew Peterson, of Green Mountain, was doing business in the county seat last Saturday.

Justice E. Long, a Fairview farmer, was among the visitors in the county seat last Saturday.

C.L. Musser seems to have his hands full these days supplying the demand for the excellent dry wood he is delivering in town.

The Mush Creek Divide

neighborhood was represented last Saturday by J.M. Wade and son Leigh, who were in town to attend the meeting of the Capital Loan Association and do some necessary shopping errands.

It is reported that passenger train No. 42 was wrecked Monday evening near Gillette and several of the cars in the train were turned on their side. It is said that several passengers were slightly injured, but none seriously.

A.D. Flores, the Cheyenne River stockman was in town Tuesday "replenishing the larder." Mr. Flores stated that stock out in his vicinity is doing fine and that he has not started to feed, and that if the winter conditions mild, very little feeding will have to be done.

January 28, 1943

At a meeting held last week by member of a committee appointed to plan the 50th Anniversary of the Methodist Church, tentative plans were discussed by the group and definite dates were announced for the celebration.

It is an unusual event when wild deer, used to roaming the forests & prairies come to visit a city. However, it is quite evident that a certain deer likes Newcastle, for Tuesday after-

noon a deer came down the canyon near the Kenyon residence & after walking slowly through Mrs. Kenyon's yard proceeded leisurely up a hill.

Weston County citizens responded poorly this week to the contribution of knives for use by our armed forces fighting abroad. The campaign, sponsored by the Newcastle Fire Department, is to get knives to men over seas as soon as possible, as knives have an important part of fighting the enemy.

Black Thunder Creek ran bank full from melting snow last Thursday.

Bob McDaniels took his car to Newcastle Saturday to have it repaired.

Erving Krokak, Oliver Bock, & Keith Johnson accompanied Jack Bradley to Horse Creek Sunday to rig up preparatory to drilling a well on the Bradley lease there.

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Ross returned this week from Houston, Texas, where they have spent several weeks.



Should have seen it in color

Unidentified woman homesteader feeding a deer. Circa 1900's. (Photo Courtesy of Anna Miller Museum)

WHAT'S UP

January 2018

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thurs 25	11:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	WC Health Service Foundation Meeting AA Meeting	WC Health Services Board Room WC Senior Center, Family Room
Fri 26	9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Cinnamon Rolls WC Library Board Room Bingo Dance - Music by Western Ramblers	WC Senior Center WC Library VFW Hall WC Senior Center
Mon 29	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
Wed 31	1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Creative Handicraft Group Understanding Islam From the Outside WCSD #1 Board Meeting	WC Senior Center Weston County Library Administration Building
Thurs 01	1:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	VFW Auxiliary City Planning and Zoning Meeting Salt Creek Water District WC Museum District Meeting AA Meeting Masons #13 Meeting	WC Senior Center City Hall District Office Anna Miller Museum WC Senior Center, Family Room Masonic Lodge
Fri 02	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Cinnamon Rolls Bingo	WC Senior Center VFW Hall

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jan 25 Jared Sallee
Kat Townsend
Melissa Hieb
Jan 26 Tristin Wammen
Jan 27 Tom Sylte
Mike Yuronich
Jan 28 Cindy French
Taylor Cleverdon
Vern Hendricks
Jan 29 Hunter Taylor
Jan 30 Tyson Pehringer
Jan 31 Bently Loeb
Brendon Newman
Clay Sweet

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For the Ages

News Letter Journal

Third piece of the puzzle



From top to bottom: Cash shared a photo from his collection of the Farah family and others outside of their Main Street storefront. The Farahs owned and operated their successful dry goods store for over 50 years after working to start their business by peddling goods with a cart around the area. Last week's issue of the News Letter Journal featured a photo of the Farahs inside their store. The image shown below is a picture of the building in the early 2,000s. The building housed many different businesses during this time period, all of which will be covered in part two of the story, coming next week. (Submitted Photos)



The GOONIES
FRESH NEW GAME!
THE LODGE AT DEADWOOD Gaming Resort

By Bri Brasher with Leonard Cash
NLJ Reporter

Last week's News Letter Journal recounted the history of the empty lot where Crum's Department Store once stood — before the fire of 1980. The building that most recently housed Crum's was originally owned by Pete Kinney, one-time businessman and mayor of Newcastle, and the structure was built onto the corner building that now houses Cash Box Ceramics Shop. This week's News Letter Journal tells the story of the third building in the trio of connected buildings that once stood on Main Street.

"A.P. Long built the building in 1902, and they decided to only build three walls!" Cash said with a laugh.

Long simply attached the building to Kinney's already standing structure, which was then home to the Palace Saloon. Cash explained that when the connecting building burned, the west wall of Long's building had to be reinforced, as it still stands today.

According to Cash, Kinney's only stipulation regarding the new construction connecting the three buildings was that there had to be a staircase to his building's upper floor. So Long built one. The staircase is still accessible to the left of the building's front doorway.

Kalil and Mary Farah bought the building from Long after its construction in 1902. Cash's records of the Farah obituaries elaborate on the couple's early lives. Born in Forzal, Lebanon (Syria), in 1874, Kalil Farah, better known as Charley, emigrated to the U.S. at age 15.

Mary Farah, formerly Mary Pasha, was born on April 17, 1880, and she too came to the U.S. to live with relatives in Denver at age 11. Kalil worked in Chicago before moving to Omaha, where he married Mary, who had moved to Deadwood and then to Omaha. The couple had one daughter named Rose, born in 1902.

A few years before purchasing Long's Main Street building, the Farah family moved to Newcastle to sell dry goods. According to the 1900 U.S. Census, they lived on Summit Street before moving to an apartment above their store.

"They had a two-wheel cart. He pushed it, and she

carried Rose on her back. Can you imagine pushing one of those carts on these rough hills around here, especially to Cambria? They sold from house to house," Cash said, in awe.

He added that because Mary was a very small woman, carrying a small girl around all day was quite a feat.

Cash said that Rose never married and spent her life in Newcastle, except for her time in college in Nebraska, until her death in 1981. Cash thought that the only other time Rose was away from the community for an extended period was when she visited Syria with her mother for about 18 months in her youth. Rose was a very intelligent and well-educated girl, according to Cash. She must also have been quite the salesperson, based on this tidbit in the News Letter Journal from spring 1918: "Miss Rose Farah sold forty-seven tickets, more than any other one who had tickets to sell for the Red Cross Dance, given in the armory last Friday. The proceeds netted was \$190.30."

Cash remembers the Farah couple's business well and recalls frequenting the establishment.

"I think people just called it the Farah Store. That's the only name I've ever heard and what I think was on the building's awning," Cash recalled. "You could smell that store before you ever got to it. Those stogies? That was a type of cigar. He smoked those all the time."

Other reports regarding the store popped up in the local paper, according to Cash's records. In 1907, Tom Pasha, Mary's brother, was killed in Thermopolis. His body was shipped to Newcastle to be buried, but Cash said there is no headstone for the deceased. Later, the story of Pasha's demise came out. A man named Robert Mulkey had murdered him. Mulkey was supposedly a "dope fiend," and the local doctor in Thermopolis was said to have been supplying him with morphine.

The next notable event occurred in June 1919 when Glen Week was arrested for using a worthless check at the Farah Store. He was arraigned before Justice Nelson, pleaded guilty and was set to appear before the district court on a \$500 bond. Week could not pay the bond, so he was returned to the custody of the

Senior Happenings

WC Senior Services

January 26
Rolls 9 a.m.
Blood Pressure Check 9:30 a.m.
Bridge Ladies 1 p.m.
Dance 7-10 p.m.

January 29
Osteo Exercise 9 a.m.

January 30
Dominoes 1 p.m.

January 31
Osteo Exercise 9 a.m.
Mondell Heights Here For Lunch
Creative Handcrafts After Lunch

February 1
Trip to Tin Lizzie
Bridge Ladies
Dominoes 1 p.m.
VFW Auxiliary 1:30 p.m.

Manor

January 26
Greedy 10:30 a.m.
Bingo 2 p.m.
Movie 6 p.m.

January 27
Quizball 11 a.m.
Movie 2 p.m.
Bingo 6 p.m.

January 28
Name the Tune 11 a.m.
Church 2 p.m.

January 29
Wii 10:30 a.m.
Tony's Tunes 3 p.m.
Bingo 6 p.m.

January 30
Ceramics 10:30 a.m.
Keepsake Krafters 2 p.m.
Cards 6:15 p.m.

January 31
Catholic Study 10 a.m.
Crossword 10:30 a.m.
Bingo 2 p.m.
Dice 6:15 p.m.

sheriff in Newcastle.

The same month, according to reports in Cash's possession, J.C. Stater built a garage for Charley Farah in the rear of his store, a garage that Cash said still stands today.

"They (Farahs) had an old car. I think they only drove it on Sundays or something. After he died, it never left the garage until after Mary died because neither of the girls could drive. That would have been a neat car to have!" Cash said.

Next on the timeline of events, Charley Farah announced that he was holding his first sale after 33 years in business. The November 23, 1933, issue of the News Letter Journal reported that "a slow season due to continued warm weather coupled with economic conditions of the past three years brought Mr. Farah's decision to move his large stock through drastic price reductions." Cash theorized that the lack of any previous sales was due to the Great Depression.

Note: Next week's issue of the News Letter Journal will continue on with the history of the Farah family and the third building in the trio, all of which once stood connected on Newcastle's main street.

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Courthouse

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of the total project cost out of building and grounds and the remaining \$110,474 out of cash reserve, which has \$2,993,000 in it.

The county's total contribution to the project will be \$320,274, while grant funding will contribute \$547,238. The county had budgeted a grant match of \$119,800 for the project during the budget process for the fiscal year and had to come up with an additional \$200,474 for the project.

According to the courthouse remodel funding sheet, \$277,604 of the grant contribution is courthouse remodel grant monies, courthouse security monies total \$199,200, the Wyoming Supreme Court contributed \$44,000 for courthouse security, and Road and Bridge shop funds will contribute \$26,434.

Sellers explained that the State Land and Investment board manages all of these grants although they each represent a separate grant. She clarified that the Road and Bridge shop funds were allowed by the SLIB board to be transferred

“It is a lot of money to spend. I hope we asked enough questions to get it right.”

— Bill Lambert
Weston County
Commissioner

to this project after a balance remained when the road and bridge project was complete.

Ertman said the project cost was a significant amount of money and the commissioners had an obligation to be fiscally responsible.

Ertman also raised concerns about leaving the main floor out of the project. She said that the first floor will continue without needed new windows, that the old windows are being covered with plastic and that non-code space heaters are being used.

Chairman Tony Barton stated that the courtroom secu-

city money is what sparked the remodeling project.

The commissioners approved one motion to accept the Michael's Construction bid and another motion to move the money from buildings and maintenance and from cash reserves to fund the county's share of the project. Both motions carried with a 3-1 vote.

Ertman said she objected to taking money from the reserve account, as well as from building and maintenance while there is still six months left in the fiscal year.

“You know my feelings on the project. It doesn't seem right,” Ertman said.

“It is a lot of money to spend. I hope we asked enough questions to get it right. We will have a third of the courthouse done and are going a long ways into bringing the building up into the modern era,” Commissioner Bill Lambert said.

Sellers added that this project is going to make the courthouse sustainable for another 25 to 30 years as well as bring the building up to code and make it ADA compliant.

Ordinance

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He presented a form for the council's approval. The form requires convenience stores to clearly identify the area in which alcohol will be sold and clarify by sign that no one under 21 may enter the area.

“I don't think this is anything that the c-stores in town aren't already compliant with,” Peck said.

He noted that the stores will be required to have a physical separation between the regular store and the area where liquor is sold. The stores would be required to deny entry to the liquor area to anyone under the age of 21. Peck said that he does not believe the city has had any issues with these rules and regulations and that all three convenience stores with liquor sales meet these requirements.

The authorization form, according to Peck, will be renewed each year in conjunction with liquor license renewal unless a situation arises that requires a change.

“We are scaling it back to

City Beats
Notes from the Jan. 16 Newcastle City Council Meeting

- Police Chief Jim Owens reported that the community service officer handled a total of 700 calls in 2017 and the dispatch handled 9,000 calls over the year. He noted that the 9,000 call total does not include the person-to-person contact and incoming calls for the Weston County Sheriff's Office and other officers; it only includes those that involved dispatching an agency.
- City Attorney Jim Peck shared concerns over RENEW's inability to find a location to rent that is suitable for its operation. He requested that the council consider options and relay them to him or RENEW.
- Peck reported that Senate File 17 on solid waste disposal includes funding recommendations for several entities in Weston County. The town of Upton is No. 1 on the list for proposed allocations for funding transfer stations at \$1.3 million, while Newcastle is second on the list for transfer stations at \$1.2 million. Also included in the legislation is a priority list for the allocation of funds to aid in closing landfills. Osage is 13th in line (\$700,000), Newcastle sits at 23 (\$1.1 million), and Upton is 27th (\$1.5 million).
- The council approved the annual audit report, prepared by Ketel Thorstenson, that was presented before the regularly scheduled council meeting.
- During the meeting, Clerk/Treasurer Greg James swore in new police officer Derek A. Smellie.

part of the building instead of the entire building,” Peck said. The council unanimously

approved the authorization forms for stores licensed to sell packaged liquor.

App

from Page 1

Where we stay is just as important as where we ride. If you live life on two wheels, then you need this app. We know your adventure doesn't end when you get off your bike.”

The creators anticipate that the app will be especially useful for the many motorcyclists looking for economic lodging as they make their way through the Black Hills all summer long.

Paul Douglas explained that he and Debbie travel all over the country on their bikes on a whim, and the application solves their problems in trying to find affordable and available hotels on their last-minute travels. The app also provides a networking opportunity for people to share local knowledge, such as tips regarding places to ride, what to eat and where to service bikes.

“If you can stay with somebody that shares the same passions as you, then you can share tips and local riding knowledge, and it's really a win-win for both people,” Douglas said.

“We have hosts that accept parts and other shipments to their properties for riders, and that convenience is a real benefit for travelers. Other hosts set up wash stations or workstations for routine bike maintenance; and there is absolutely no denying the power of local riding knowledge. You can't get that from a hotel or a traditional vacation rental,” Douglas said in a recent ADV Moto news release about BikerBuddy.

Google Maps facilitates the app's mapping function. Hosts show up as black dots on the app, and people are not required to set up a profile to view BikerBuddy's mapping page. The consumer can view

the host and see all the amenities offered at that location. Should a user wish to create a profile, the app is so simple that it can be downloaded and set up in five minutes or less.

Douglas said he hopes to paint the U.S. black with dots signifying hosts for travelers visiting anywhere in the country. In fact, two hosts for Newcastle are already signed up on the app, and just last week, Douglas said, the app picked up over a dozen hosts nationwide and 30 users.


“We have a spare bedroom and a camper and unlimited spots in our yard for tent setup. Why not take advantage of that?” Douglas said.

Douglas explained that the host is present to greet the travelers as a courtesy and also to mitigate any concerns with the hospitality arrangement, and hosts have the ability to block

out dates to fit with their schedules. Users can set up unlimited listings and reservations and book as far as a year in advance. Availability is listed on the app when booking.

“BikerBuddy hosts offer flat-rate lodging. This means trip budgets go further than ever and with a wide range of hosting options, travelers have great choices. Lodging rates are (per night) \$20 per tent spot, \$30 to stay in an RV or camper on a host's property, \$40 for a private room and \$100 for a house. As a rider, you have the flexibility to find a host that meets your needs. As a host, you can earn money by hosting riders and offer amenities such as Wi-Fi, laundry, shower, or cooking areas,” the press release stated.

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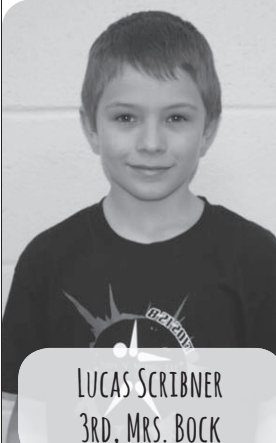
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LUCAS SCRIBNER
3RD, MRS. BOCK

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Abraham Lincoln quotes, "Most people are about as happy as they make up their mind to be." Anyone who meets our Good Citizen realizes this student radiates happiness. She makes up her mind to see the best in everyone and every situation. Her optimistic attitude is contagious. Cheerfulness is spread around the minute she steps onto the bus. Every morning begins with a smile and a genuine "Good Morning!" Her respectfulness towards adults is noticeable as she greets everyone with a smile, eye contact, and a heartfelt hello. The sincere well wishes she delivers extend to everyone. She is positive and caring towards her classmates, and can be counted on to go out of her way to ensure everyone is included. Another strong quality of this student is her ability to listen to her classmates' opinions and make them feel like they are valuable. She takes an interest in what is happening around her and is an amazing friend. Every day, she carries out kind deeds. Mannerly, munificent, magnificent, magnanimous Maclayne Sears! Congratulations, Laynie!




MACLAYNE SEARS
4TH, MRS. JONES




SELENE WALKER
5TH, MRS. OSTENSON

The person chosen for this month's Good Citizen meets all the criteria to hold this honor. This person is honest, helpful, and kind to others. She is also a hard-working student. This month's Good Citizen is a good friend to all of her classmates. She is quiet, polite, and adds a ray of sunshine to our classroom. This student is willing to help out in any situation, and will do so with a pleasant smile. The qualities this young lady has will help her accomplish whatever she sets out to do. Congratulations, Selene Walker, our 5th grade Good Citizen award winner!



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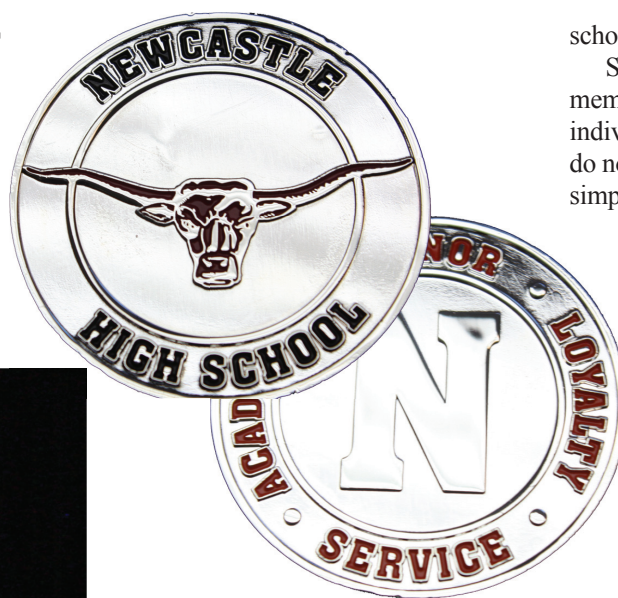


Education

News Letter Journal

A SELECT FEW

Dogie Challenge Coins will recognize everyday heroes



Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

A phone call started it all when a teacher from a different town described a confident, well-spoken girl, the girl who was excited about school, sports, her future and her community.

Newcastle High School senior Sarah Henkle's outstanding conversation with that teacher sparked an idea that will be utilized to recognize students, staff and community members for the things they do everyday to help others and bring positivity into their lives.

The staff at Newcastle High School have created the Dogie Challenge Coin, an idea taken from the Military, to recognize those that go above and beyond in their everyday life to make the lives of others easier. The two-sided coin bearing the words "honor, loyalty, service and academics" will be presented to those that are nominated and deserving of the honor of holding the Dogie Challenge Coin.

On Thursday, Jan. 4, Principal Tracy Ragland presented the first coins to students during an assembly. He shared the story that sparked the idea and presented the first coins to two



Newcastle High School Principal Tracy Ragland explains the Dogie Challenge Coin to NHS students during an assembly on Jan. 4. The coin's aim is to recognize and honor those students who go above and beyond on a daily basis. (Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ)

students, the first being Henkle.

"He told me that it was one of the best experiences in his education career, and that he had been teaching for quite a long time. He wanted to reach out, and he didn't do that often," Ragland said of the call from a teacher in another community that sparked the Challenge Coin program.

"I got to thinking, it is too bad there is not a way to recognize you for the things you do every day. So I talked to the staff, and we came up with a program where everyone has the opportunity to give and receive," Ragland continued.

He said that the Dogie Challenge Coin is a way to recognize individuals for the good things they do on a daily basis, but it is also something that will not be given out on a regular basis.

"The person that wins these should feel special. They are an outstanding representation of the ideals of this

school and community," Ragland said.

Students, staff and community members have the ability to nominate individuals for the award. The winners do not have to be students at the school, simply people in the community that make a positive difference in the lives of others.

"Remember, if you nominate the person and they win, you will be the one presenting them with the coin — and the person that says 'thank you,'" Ragland told the students.

He noted that the presentations do not necessarily have to be done in an assembly setting. They can take place in a class, the hallway or anywhere the nominating person feels comfortable saying

thank you.

Transportation Director Mark Peterson nominated Colton McCoy and presented him with the second Dogie Challenge Coin. He said McCoy was a tremendous role model, reading to and helping the younger children on the bus. Peterson said it is something that is not seen often by those who operate the transportation department, which made McCoy a perfect recipient of the coin.

"These (coins) are difficult to get. It's to say thank you for the situations in which people do really good things. We want it to be something they hold on to, that people hold as real recognition for the good they do," Ragland said.

Anyone wishing to nominate students, staff or members of the community are encouraged to reach out to Ragland to discuss the reason for nomination.

NHS scientists to study landslides

Jenna Piper
For NLJ

Newcastle High School, courtesy of science teacher James Stith and his students, has been named the Wyoming state winner for the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest. Stith, who has been a state finalist in the contest for three years, said he is thrilled about receiving the title.

"Finally, I'm the state winner and it's exciting because now I'm advancing to the point where my project got selected," Stith said.

The contest is nationwide and designed to, 'raise enthusiasm in science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) subjects.' Its goal is to encourage students and teachers, grades 6-12, to find issues in their community and explore ways to solve those problems.

"My project that I proposed this year was to get a LIDAR module that could be mounted on a drone to then cheaply and easily monitor landslides," Stith said.

Last summer Stith met with Karl Emanuel, Black Hills National Forest lead on Cook Lake landslide & North Zone geologist, and discussed the Cook Lake landslide near Sundance, Wyoming.

"When I found out that they were considering this project I said great," Emanuel explained. "We'll cooperate any way we can. We'll get you an area to study if you want to. I can find you a landslide in a heartbeat within five miles."

Emanuel said that due to

"I can find you a landslide in a heartbeat within five miles."

— Karl Emanuel
Black Hills
National Forest

specific rock formations and numerous rocks containing bentonite, the northeast corner of Wyoming has lots of landslide activity.

"Because of the fact that several thousand years ago, back when the area was a lot wetter, a lot of these rocks started to slide," Emanuel said. "And now they're still sliding but not as fast, but when you have a wet episode it accelerates. So, we're kind of heading in to a little bit more of a wet episode."

Stith added that when bentonite gets wet it becomes extremely slippery, which can cause the top layer of soil to become unstable and that can cause a landslide.

Between Newcastle and Custer, Emanuel said there is a large amount of landslide activity and that most people don't realize it's a landslide area because they can't see it move.

"All you need is a little bit of water and you can have a lot of problems," Emanuel said.

Stith also met with Alyssa Biel, a landslide hazard geologist, and she explained to Stith that while she worked for the Washington Department of Natural Resources they flew

a LIDAR (light detection and ranging) plane over the whole state that would create maps that identified landslides.

LIDAR devices can shoot lasers down to the Earth and can penetrate through trees and bushes to get a measurement of the ground itself, Stith explained. Some LIDAR modules can measure down to the centimeter of accuracy and have the ability to identify the ground features indicative of a landslide.

As the state winner, Stith said he received \$25,000 worth of Samsung products, which wasn't exactly what Stith or other schools had in mind when it came to utilizing the prize money.

"In years past, it was described to me as \$25,000 to buy technology to do the project," Stith said. "So, I had been contacting LIDAR manufacturers and drone manufacturers to put two and two together for a particular budget. I had it lined out and then they told me, 'No, \$25,000 product package means we're going to be giving you a bunch of Chromebooks. We're going to be giving you a bunch of Samsung gear.'"

Since Newcastle High School is already a one-to-one school for laptops, Stith said he feels the Samsung products will not be as helpful verses being able to use that money towards the project. Instead, Samsung told Stith that if he wanted money to carry out the project, he was going to have to fundraise. So, in order to fund the project Stith said they are going to use money from a

previous grant.

Nearly a dozen students have gathered to help with the project who are assigned specific tasks to help design the LIDAR module that will attach to a drone. One of those students is Owen Cox, a sophomore, who has taken this opportunity to partake in a subject that he enjoys — technology.

"I like engineering and stuff," Cox said. "I like making things. So, if it's a chance to make something I'm going to jump on it."

"Owen lives for this stuff, like last semester he built an acoustic levitation device," Stith said. "He could care less about any other subject, but he loves this. I like giving students like that, or any students, opportunities to continue their interests."

The next step in the contest is to create and submit a project video by Feb. 13 in which 10 finalists will be selected by a video voting contest on social media from Mar. 1-25. After the 10 finalists are selected, they will attend a Pitch Event to demonstrate their prototypes to a live panel of judges in early April.

Stith said that this is somewhat of a prototyping exercise and that they will attempt to prototype a LIDAR module.

"If somebody walks in front of it (the LIDAR module) and it detects and it registers that somebody did that, we're going to be like, 'Sweet, we have progress,'" Stith said. "If we can actually get to the point where we can 3D print a mount and attach it to our drone and fly over something and map it, I would be ecstatic."

Academics awarded



On Jan. 4, Newcastle High School volleyball coach Candi Stanton presented the team with an award from the Wyoming High School Activities Association. According to Stanton, the association recognizes students for their cumulative grade point average during the season. The girls playing volleyball for NHS held a 3.73 GPA in the first nine weeks, an accomplishment that merited the team the association's top recognition. (Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ)

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1/26-27 Belle Fourche Invite A TBA

High School Boys Swimming
1/26/18 Gillette Pre-Invite A 4PM
1/27/18 Gillette Invitational A TBA

Whitney shines Speech team informs and entertains

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

Five members of the Newcastle speech and debate team competed in the Buffalo Tournament earlier this month, and despite leaving without a team sweepstakes finish, did their school proud by nailing some impressive individual performances.

Sophomore Markie Whitney was the big winner on the day, placing first in Senate and becoming a finalist in the Informative category.

Not only did Whitney finish on top in Senate, she also was named as Chairperson for one of the rounds of Student Congress, which was a first for her as well.

"It was super exciting that Markie did so well," exclaimed assistant coach Lindsey Burling. "It was the very meet where she got to chair one of the rounds. She was in charge of everyone in the room, and just did a really nice job!"

As the chair, Whitney was in charge of making sure everyone followed parliamentary procedure, and it was her sole responsibility to run the Mock Congress. She decided who spoke when, she kept track of precedence as well as time, and of all of the members' speeches.

Whitney was also a finalist with her Informative piece on CRISPR Technology. As Burling described it, the speech discusses being able to produce the "child of choice".

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Dogie Speech & Debate

@ Buffalo Speech Meet 1/12/18

Individual Varsity Results:

Student Congress:

1. Markie Whitney

Finalist: Jaiden Carter

Informative:

Finalist: Markie Whitney

Semifinalists: Makayla Hofner, Lacie Koester

Dogies perfect in quadrant

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

The Dome was rocking last Saturday evening as the Dogies battled against the Bearcats of Douglas, and battle they did. The two teams gave their fans 32 minutes of fast paced, in-your-face basketball excitement that continued until the final buzzer.

While the Dogies entered the contest with only two losses on the season, at 2-7, the Bearcats' record belied their abilities.

"We knew going in that this would not be a pushover game, and that their record is not indicative of the team they are," Dogie Coach Allen Von Eye declared. "They've played a lot of 4A and a heavy 3A schedule so far, and early in the season they were very inexperienced. They are also extremely well coached, and had all week to prepare only for us."

From early on, Douglas was successful in slowing the Dogies' offense down by targeting point guard Jake Lacey to deny him the ball which, according to Von Eye, took him out of transition and kept the team from moving quickly down the court.

"Jake is just so good at pushing the ball, and often you see him down the court before half of the other kids on the floor," Von Eye stated. "It was good to see a team do that, however, because our kids got a chance to see that we need to keep running even if he isn't."

The Bearcats also defended the Dogies much more closely—



Cade Ostenson had the hot hand all weekend for the Dogies. Here he goes up for two of his 18 points in the team's big quadrant win over the Douglas Bearcats. (Photo by Andy McKay/For NLJ)

and with more physicality— than other teams they have faced throughout the season, so the squad had to find a way to

produce on the offensive end of the court.

"They were checking our cuts and getting up in our faces,

and they were pretty successful with it," Von Eye admitted.

"You could see us stop doing the things in the half court that

Dogie Boys Basketball

v. Glenrock 1-19-18: 77-47

Cam Quigley: 7 points, 1 rebound, 6 assists, 2 steals
Cade Ostenson: 28 points, 6 rebounds, 5 steals
Lyle Whitney: 4 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal
Sawyer Roberson: 7 points, 8 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal, 1 block
Jake Lacey: 5 points, 11 rebounds, 6 assists, 1 steal
Dylon Tidyman: 19 points, 7 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals, 1 block
Bryson Tidyman: 3 points, 2 rebounds, 3 assists
Kyle Haslam: 2 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist
Dylan Talley: 2 points, 2 rebounds

v. Douglas 1-20-18: 53-47

Cam Quigley: 10 points, 9 rebounds, 2 assists
Cade Ostenson: 18 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist
Lyle Whitney: 4 rebounds, 1 assist
Jake Lacey: 16 points, 6 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals, 1 block
Sawyer Roberson: 5 rebounds
Dylon Tidyman: 9 points, 5 rebounds
Bryson Tidyman: 1 steal
Kyle Haslam: 1 rebound

JV: Glenrock: 47-29
Douglas: 56-38

Freshmen: Glenrock: 48-45
Douglas: 44-51

make us successful because it's hard to do that when there's someone fighting your every move. However, it was great for us to see that because it won't be the last time it will happen."

It was a back-and-forth contest, with Douglas controlling the first and third quarters while Newcastle dominated the second and fourth.

After trailing 5-11 at the end of one, Cade Ostenson lit it up from behind the arc. He hit three consecutive shots to get his team back in the game, and the Dogies outscored the Bearcats 22-14 in the second quarter to give Newcastle the 27-25 lead

— See **Men**, Page 16

Merchen punches ticket for State Meet

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

With only one competition left before the Conference Meet, the Dogie swim team guaranteed at least one individual will be on the blocks at the culminating event as junior Garrett Merchen finished under the state qualifying time in the 100 Yard Breast Stroke last Friday in Buffalo.

"Garrett has really been working hard to qualify in the breast stroke," head coach Doug Scribner began. "After he was just .02 seconds off a couple of weeks ago, I think he realized he could do it and pushed a little harder to make it happen."

The magic number to earn a state berth in the race is 1:19.5, and Merchen came in just under that mark with a 1:19.29 which is also a personal best for him.

Though no other Dogies were able to

qualify at the dual in Buffalo, continued improvement of the team was evident when compared to the last time these two squads battled it out.

"It really was kind of cool, because when we dualled them before, they won every event," Scribner smiled. "This time the challenge was to go out and be competitive and try to win, and we ended up winning two."

Zach Benshoof won the 200 Yard Freestyle with Merchen close behind in second, while Austen Kenney took the title in the 50 Free, a mere .81 of a second off the state qualifying time.

"The 50 Free was a really cool race for Austen because we have been working on some things with him, and he just out-touched the Buffalo kid for the win," Scribner exclaimed. "He was right on the whole race, and it was just a fun one to watch."

Exchange student Jae Hyun Lee got his feet wet as he made his debut in



Garrett Merchen raced hard at the Buffalo dual to punch his ticket to the State Meet in the 100 Yard Breast Stroke. (Photo by Bob Bonnar/NLJ)

American high school competition by racing in the 50 Free and the 100 Breast stroke, as well as swimming a leg in the 200 Medley and 400 Free relays.

"Jae swam the breast stroke really well, but ended up being disqualified because even though he made all of his turns correctly, when he finished he touched the wall with one hand when

you are required to touch it with two," Scribner explained. "He did really well for his first time, but by the end of the meet he was pretty tired."

Other highlights of the meet were that Conrad Prell dropped 20 seconds in the 500 Free, establishing a new

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Ladies end losing streak Swim

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

The Lady Dogies have had some close games since after the Christmas break, but adding to the ‘W’ column has eluded them until last Friday, when they traveled to Glenrock and throttled the Lady Herders by an astounding 62-15 final score.

“I was super pleased with how we played all around on Friday,” head coach Tyler Bartlett exclaimed. “Granted, they are a little down and they are a 2A team, but sometimes when you’re playing in that kind of game you don’t give your best and end up in a dog fight and kind of an ugly basketball game, but we didn’t do that.”

From the tip to the final buzzer, the Lady Dogies executed on both ends of the court, putting forth a consistent defensive effort and having multiple players contribute offensively.

“The team effort and energy was great. I don’t care how down a team is, if you hold them to 15 points, you know you’re working pretty hard,” Bartlett declared. “I was also really pleased that we had eight people score. Quite a few kids got a couple of buckets and made their free throws, so we were a little more balanced in the scoring column, which is what we are always hoping for.”

The night ended with three in double figures, led by Sarah Henkle with 21, Lauren Lacey with 12 and Lexus Voelker with 10. Makenzie Wagoner added five, Carson Quigley, Sara Sweet and Kaylee Sweet each had four, and Madi Pearson closed out the scoring with two for the Dogies 62 points.

The squad faced a much bigger challenge on Saturday as they hosted the number one-ranked, undefeated Lady Bearcats of Douglas. It didn’t take anyone long to understand why the Converse County squad enjoys the nearly unanimous top ranking when looking at the number of weapons they bring to the court.

“When we’re trying to put together a scouting report for anyone in our conference, we identify the first and second kids who we have to account for, and for the tougher teams there might be a third,” Bartlett began. “With Douglas, we’re looking at the fifth kid you have



Lauren Lacey was all over the court on Friday as the Lady Dogies faced off against the number one Lady Bearcats. The point guard filled every stat column finishing with seven points on the night. (Photo by Andy McKay/For NLJ)

to account for, because all five starters are dangerous and then there are kids coming off the bench that are capable of going off for double digits on any given night and capable of doing some really good things.”

From the tip off, the image of 5’4” Henkle heading to the circle for the jump

ball against the 6’4” Allyson Fertig of Douglas left no one in the Dome with any doubt that the Lady Dogies had a challenge on their hands. It was also evident by the end of the contest that Newcastle had no answer for her, as her team pounded the ball inside and she took advantage of her height to drop in

Dogie Girls Basketball

@ Glenrock 1/19/18: 62-15

Sarah Henkle: 21 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 4 steals
Lexus Voelker: 10 points, 2 rebounds, 4 steals
Lauren Lacey: 12 points, 2 rebounds, 6 assists, 1 steal
Makenzie Wagoner: 5 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals
Madi Pearson: 2 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals
Carson Quigley: 4 points, 4 rebounds, 4 steals
Sara Sweet: 4 points, 5 rebounds
Kaylee Sweet: 4 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals

v. Douglas 1/20/18: 30-68

Sarah Henkle: 1 point, 2 rebounds, 2 assists
Lexus Voelker: 14 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals
Lauren Lacey: 7 points, 9 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals, 1 block
Makenzie Wagoner: 4 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal, 2 blocks
Madi Pearson: 1 point, 4 rebounds, 1 steal
Carson Quigley: 3 rebounds, 1 assist
Lauren Steveson: 2 rebounds
Kaylee Sweet: 1 rebound
Claire Beastron: 2 rebounds
Mercedes Voelker: 3 points

JV Scores:

Glenrock: 29-8

Douglas: 32-60



24 points to lead all scorers.

Despite the 68-30 loss, the Lady Dogies once again had moments in the game where they showed that they can play with the best of competition.

After falling behind 1-13 early in the first quarter, the team settled down and managed to go into the locker room only down 16-30 at the half.

“In the first half, we really did some pretty good things,” Bartlett nodded. “For about 12 minutes we played them 15-17, so they only outscored us by two in that amount of time. There are a lot of positives to be taken from that night.”

Voelker led her team with 14 points and Lacey contributed seven points, nine rebounds, two assists, two steals and one block.

This weekend, the Lady Dogies begin the second round of conference action when they host the Lady Bulldogs of Wheatland on Friday and the Buffalo Lady Bison on Saturday. The varsity contest will tip off at 5:30 p.m. each evening.

from page 9..... personal best in that event. The team was also able to enter two teams into the 400 Free relay, as their numbers have grown to allow it.

It is the time of the season where fatigue is setting in, so as the squad prepares for the upcoming weekends Scribner noted that taper would begin soon.

“We are super tired and dealing with a couple of sicknesses, but that is par for the course at this point in the season,” he admitted. “After watching the guys in practice, I think that we’ll start our taper to get ready for the last few weeks.”

The Dogies will go to Gillette this weekend for their pre-invite on Friday and then the Invitational on Saturday, where Scribner plans on entering each athlete in their strongest events in order for them to drop times to add qualifiers for the State Meet.

Dogie Boys Swimming @ Buffalo 1/19/18

Team Results:

1. Buffalo 95

2. Newcastle 46

Individual Results:

200 Medley Relay: 2:29.05

2. Dalton Parsons, Garrett Merchen, Conrad Prell, Jae Hyun Lee

200 Free:

1. Zach Benschhof 2:34.50

2. Garrett Merchen 2:44.08

200 IM:

DQ. James Cox

50 Free:

1. Austen Kenney 27.06

5. Kaden Curren 37.33

6. Jae Hyun Lee 40.05

100 Free:

3. Austen Kenney: 1:03.21

4. Zach Benschhof: 1:11.11

5. Dalton Parsons: 1:12.38

6. Kaden Curren: 1:25.58

500 Free:

3. Conrad Prell 7:05.15 PR

200 Free Relay: 2:06.49

2. James Cox, Austen Kenney, Kaden Curren, Zach Benschhof

100 Backstroke:

2. Dalton Parsons: 1:17.79

3. James Cox 1:19.85

100 Breaststroke:

3. Garrett Merchen: 1:19.29 3AQ PR

6. Conrad Prell: 1:35.26

DQ. Jae Hyun Lee

400 Free Relay: 4:57.42, 5:25.89

4. Austen Kenney, Conrad Prell, Kaden Curren, Garrett

5. Zach Benschhof, James Cox, Jae Hyun Lee, Dalton Parsons

INSURANCE *Winter Time Considerations*



The Wyoming Department of Insurance reminds you to review your insurance policies and to consider these tips during the cold winter season.

Auto

Winter weather can be a challenge for all drivers. Before you go dashing through the snow, you may want to consider the following:

- Check travel advisories issued throughout Wyoming. A convenient resource for road and travel conditions is: <https://www.wyroad.info/> or contact Wyoming 511. This information may help you determine whether to venture out or to postpone travel.
- Examine your auto insurance policy to confirm it’s appropriate for your needs. Make sure you have adequate protection against injury or damage if you or one of your drivers causes an accident, whether it’s a minor fender bender or a multi-car incident. Have the appropriate level of collision and comprehensive coverage to pay for damages to your vehicle. Also consider towing coverage if your auto were to become disabled in cold weather.
- Know what to do if you or a family member gets in a wreck. Always keep a copy of your insurance card and your insurance provider’s contact information in the car.
- Take the stress out of filing a claim after an accident. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) created WRECKCHECK, a free smartphone app for Apple and Android devices that walks you through the process of gathering information following an accident. WRECKCHECK is also available in PDF form at: www.insureonline.org/auto_accident_checklist.pdf.

Home

- Your homeowners or renter’s policy can protect you against common winter debacles, so check your policy.
- If someone slips on ice on your property and is injured, your homeowners policy may pay for some medical expenses, but ask your insurance provider if you have adequate coverage and liability limits.
- If you rent, your landlord may be responsible for keeping ice from the sidewalks, but check your lease carefully as the landlord may have transferred that responsibility to you.
- A standard homeowners policy also may provide coverage,

subject to your deductible, if your home suffers damage during a winter storm or a house fire. Review what your policy covers.

Health

- Do a check-up on your current health insurance plan. Be familiar with your plan’s coverage and deductibles.
- Make sure to check that your hospitals, doctors, medical providers and prescription medications are in-network and take note of your co-pays, coinsurance, and deductibles.
- Read your policy and keep your insurance card handy in the event of winter accidents or illnesses like norovirus and the flu. Your health insurance may offer alternatives to a trip to the doctor’s office or emergency room. Ask about a nurse help hotline for questions about your symptoms or if your pharmacy has an urgent care center that will accept your insurance.
- If you are traveling, review your policy and make a list of pharmacies, urgent care centers and hospitals that accept your insurance in your destination city. Prior to leaving town, it is a good idea to check with your insurance company about your destination’s in-network healthcare. Remember, if you receive care from an out-of-network provider, you will pay more for treatment. Bring this information and health insurance cards for all family members when you travel.

Winter Fun

- Before you hit the slopes or take out the snowmobile, check your homeowners or renter’s policy. Generally, ski equipment you own will be covered by your homeowners or renter’s policy if it’s lost or stolen. On the other hand, snowmobiles may not be covered by homeowners, renters or auto policies. Ask your insurance agent if you need more coverage on your sporting equipment or need to purchase a separate policy.
- Regardless of where you’re going, winter travel can be uncertain. Delays or cancellations are inevitable. Consider travel insurance which can cover everything from lost luggage to delays and cancellations.

For more information about auto, homeowners, health and other types of insurance, visit the Wyoming Department of Insurance website at: www.doi.wyo.gov.



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Doggie Boys Swimming



Left to right: James Cox, Kaden Curren, Austen Kenney, Kyle Allard, Coach Doug Scribner, Zach Benshoof, Garrett Merchen, Conrad Prell, Dalton Parsons. Not pictured: Jae Hyun Lee. (Photo courtesy of Skull Creek Studio and Cedar Canyon Photography)



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HEALTH SERVICES**

Weston County Health Services
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TIM M. ROBINSON, O.D.

Newcastle Vision Clinic
746-2371



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Correction


Speech participant Makayla Hofner was missed in the list of students in last week's News Letter Journal Varsity Page. We apologize for the error.

Go Dogies!



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COLLISION REPAIR CENTER

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Wayback Burgers
746-9464



BLACK HILLS DENTAL

Black Hills Dental
746-4772

Newcastle City Council Minutes

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MINUTES TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Roger Hespe

moved, seconded Steve Ladwig to approve the agenda as amended, adding Rental Agreement draft for the Law Enforcement Center under Mayor/Council Reports. **MOTION CARRIED.**
APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Steve Ladwig moved, seconded Don Steveson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Tuesday, January 2, 2018 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

SWEARING IN: Derek A. Smellie, Newcastle City Police Officer was sworn in by Clerk/Treasurer Greg James.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 2018: Mayor Piana noted the Standing Committees would remain as currently constituted until the new council member was seated and then some adjustments may be made.

NOMINATIONS FOR RECOGNITION: None
CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Frank, Short Stop Fuel Mart for their new business.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—IN WRITING:
1. Approval of Electrical Contractor's License for 2018, all fees have been paid and proof of bond and insurance have been provided. Edge Electric; Master Electrician, Nickolas Freeman; Journeyman Electrician, Jason Nemic;

Apprentice Electrician, Logan Brown. Steve Ladwig moved, seconded Don Steveson to approve the electrical license as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—VERBAL:
1. Jessica Belfort, Community Recreation Director, gave her monthly report, noting the New Year's Day run/walk had 9 participants in spite of the cold, and there are 17 teams registered for the weight loss challenge.
MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS:
1. Mayor Piana distributed a draft rental agreement for the Law Enforcement Center to the Council and said the County Commissioners asked to meet to negotiate the agreement. The draft was referred to committee for review.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:
1. City Police Chief Jim Owens reported on Dispatch and Community Service numbers for calendar year 2017.
2. City Attorney Jim Peck reported the RENEW sign has been removed from the group home in Gray Addition, and said efforts were being made to find another location to serve RENEW's clients. Mr. Peck brought for discussion a template for authorization for persons under age twenty-one (21) to enter and remain in a premise where a retail liquor license is operational, primarily affecting convenience stores who have a package liquor outlet. After discussion and clarification, Michael Alexander moved, seconded Steve Ladwig, to approve the presented template for authorization for convenience stores who have a retail liquor license and sell package liquor. **MOTION CARRIED.** This template will not be used for any other purpose or retail liquor license holders. Mr. Peck also mentioned Senate File 0017 which discusses prioritization of municipal landfills and cease and transfer stations, and remediation of closed landfills. Mr. Peck noted the meeting with local realtors concerning the sale of the City lots on Deanne Ave., and there has been one adjacent owner in favor of abandoning Howell Street, and one voice opposition to the abandonment. Mr. Peck was directed to send another letter to the remaining adjacent property owner.

3. City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James asked the Council to approve the Department Head Policy. Roger Hespe moved to approve but City Engineer Mike Moore asked to offer his views before action was taken. The motion was withdrawn and the matter will be reviewed. Mr. James reported the fiscal year audit went well with the annual presentation done before the Council meeting tonight. The audit was clean. Michael Alexander moved, seconded Don Steveson, to accept the fiscal year 2017 audit as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. James reported Sherry Fox, Fox Appraisals has been engaged to perform the appraisals on the four vacant City lots on Deanne Ave. The cost to be \$1400.00 and will be completed by the end of February 2018.

4. City Engineer Mike Moore reported on the Streets Committee to prioritize street project for next summer and he was working to identify a loan source for the final Well #5 project. He also reported Sean Goodart had accepted the shop mechanic position with the agreed upon periodic reviews.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none
Don Steveson moved, seconded Steve Ladwig to pay the claims against the City dated January 16, 2018. **MOTION CARRIED.** Michael Alexander moved, seconded Steve Ladwig to adjourn this meeting of the Newcastle City Council at 7:49 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Claims: Ad-Pro Office Supply, desk calendars/office supplies, \$52.30; Alpha Communications, January 2018 tower rent, \$95.00; Ameri-Tech, truck parts, \$174.26; American Business Software, 6 months website hosting, \$366.00; BCN Telecom, Inc., long distance, \$139.58; Black Hills Auto Salvage, used wheel, \$125.00; Black Hills Energy, electric service/natural gas, \$1569.98; Black Mountain Software, CASS certification, \$100.00; Cambria Supply, expanded steel/supplies/materials, \$1342.97; Children's Home Society, PD interview, \$150.00; Culligan Water Conditioning, bottled water, \$45.50; Dana Kepner Co., Inc., 2" meter and parts, \$1411.00; Deckers Food Center, cleaning supplies/house-keeping supplies, \$193.69; Derek's Field Service, equipment repair, \$964.60; Double D Obsolete Parts, shop grease, \$500.21; Eastern Wyoming Equipment Co., parts/supplies, \$452.19; Energy Laboratories, Inc., water sample testing, \$80.00; Family Dollar, housekeeping supplies, \$155.25; Frontier Home Ranch & Hardware, \$1640.94; Heartland Kubota, LLC, door & freight, \$991.78; Marion Minne, water deposit refund, \$100.00; Mountain View Plumbing & Contracting, expansion tank & hydrant replace, \$412.00; Municipal Emergency Services, helmet lights & supplies, \$725.94; National Volunteer Fire Council, membership, \$600.00; Newcastle Police Dept., petty cash—postage, \$39.20; Newcastle Volunteer Fire Dept., computer purchase & pension, \$6696.43; News Letter Journal, legals/minutes/office supplies, \$3328.43; NORCO, Inc., welding gas, \$25.26; Office Shop Leasing, office copier lease, \$71.45; One Call of Wyoming, December 2107 locates, \$5.25; Outlaw Motors, tire repair, \$20.00; Projex, IT work, \$550.00; Rapid Delivery, Inc., parts delivery, \$12.94; Regional Health, Rapid City, PD medical, \$110.00; Robotronics, Sparky Fire Dog costume, \$4645.00; RT Communications, Inc., E-911/PD phone service, \$1366.39; RT Communications, 1/2 law enforcement ctr. phones, \$329.17; Short Stop Fuel Mart, fuel purchases, \$6291.53; The Radar Shop; recertify PD radios, \$600.00; Two Way Radio Service, Inc., FD radio repair, \$565.00; Utility Locates, annual membership, \$150.00; Valli Information Systems, website maintenance, \$150.00; Verizon, cell phones, \$513.21; Becky Vodopich, office cleaning, \$360.50; Voelker's Autobody/Glass, vehicle & tire repair, \$526.44; WEBT, employee life insurance, \$102.75; WESCO Gas, landfill propane, \$13.63; Weston County Treasurer, youth services/airport expenses, \$1361.58; Woody's Food Center, housekeeping supplies, \$96.25; Wyoming Department of Agriculture, scale license, \$25.00; Wyoming Engineering Society, membership, \$60.00.

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

(Publish January 25, 2018)

Legal Notice

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
**ALAN E. KAUFMAN,
DECEASED.**
PROBATE NO. PR-8128

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

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

REAL PROPERTY

Lot 1, Gateway Estates, City of Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming
TOGETHER with all improvements and appurtenances located thereon or thereunto appertaining or belonging.
SUBJECT to all assessments, easements, and rights-of-way of record lawfully established.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

a. 1993 Clifton mobile home, VIN: 05935196708
b. 1941 Chevrolet 2 door, VIN: 5AH0757803
c. 1956 Chevrolet dump truck, VIN: V6A56K021325
d. 1971 Pontiac coupe, VIN: 226871L102698
e. 1972 Start motorhome, VIN: B31BF2U547697
f. 1996 Pontiac coupe, VIN: 1G2WJ12X9TF235090
g. 2001 Ford coupe, VIN: 1FAFP42X41F194348
h. 2003 travel trailer, VIN: 4WY200P2831083312
i. 2006 homemade flatbed trailer, VIN: S44643W
j. Miscellaneous personal property

Hearing on this matter is scheduled for the 6th day of March, 2018 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in the Weston County Courthouse, Newcastle, Wyoming.

Persons objecting to the application shall file an objection with the District Court not later than twenty (20) days following the mailing of the Notice of Application for Summary Distribution of Real and Personal Property or within thirty (30) days following the date of first publication of this notice. If the District Court does not receive written objection, the Applicant will request the Court enter a Decree of Distribution consistent with the Applicant's Application.

DATED this 18TH day of January, 2018.

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

(Publish January 25 and February 1, 2018)

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Legal Notice

WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CHEYENNE, WYOMING NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AND FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR HIGHWAY WORK

Notice is hereby given that the State Transportation Commission of Wyoming has accepted as completed according to plans, specifications and rules governing the same work performed under that certain contract between the State of Wyoming, acting through said Commission, and Surface Preparation Tech, LLC the Contractor, on Highway Project Number B159045 in Albany, Campbell, Fremont, Teton, Lincoln, Natrona, Converse and Weston Counties, consisting of installing centerline rumble strips on various roads statewide, and the Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; that the Director of the Department of Transportation will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on March 7, 2018.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is January 25, 2018.

STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
OF WYOMING
By: Kimberly Lamb
Project Resource Coordinator
Budget Program

(Publish January 25, February 1 and 8, 2018)

Meeting Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Weston County Predator Board will hold their regular monthly meeting on February 6, 2018 at the Newcastle Masonic Lodge at 6:30 p.m.

(Publish January 4, 2018)

Court Report

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 6TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, WESTON COUNTY JUDGE MATTHEW F.G. CASTANO

Louden MJ Brickley, Open Container Alcohol/Moving Vehicle – 1st Offense, Fees and Fines: \$100

Louden MJ Brickley, Under 21 – Have Measurable BAC in Body, Jail: 30 Days, Suspended: 30 Days, Unsupervised Probation: 6 Months,

Raney L. Lake, Vehicle Superintendent's Speed Zone, Fees and Fines: \$179

Lorrie Crawford, Vehicle Exceed 70 MPH on Primary/Secondary Highway (6+ MPH Over), Fees and Fines: \$112

Merritt S. Crabtree, DUI: Alcohol – Incapable of Safely Driving – 1st Offense Within 10 Years, Unsupervised Probation: 1 Year, Fees and Fines: \$805

Caleb M. Adams, Under 21 – Possession Alcohol, Jail: 60 Days, Suspended: 58 Days, Unsupervised Probation: 6 Months, Fees and Fines: \$355

Kaullen A. Sundstrom, Under 21 – Possession Alcohol, Jail: 180 Days, Suspended: 150 Days, Unsupervised Probation: 6 Months, Fees and Fines: \$355

Tyler L. Tkaczyk, Leave Scene of Accident: Damage to Attended Vehicle or Property, Fees and Fines: \$155,

Jared M. Bell, False Statement to Obtain Antelope, Deer, Wolf, Black Bear, Mountain Lion License, Jail: 30 Days, Suspended: 30 Days, Unsupervised Probation: 1 Year, Fees and Fines: \$805

Lucas L. Stolhammer, Take Over Limit Big Game/Trophy Game/Wild Bison, Fees and Fines: \$300

Jeremiah E. Wiggins, Valid Certificate of Title, Certificate of Registration, and License Plates Required, Unsupervised Probation: 6 Months, Fees and Fines: \$55

Jeremiah E. Wiggins, Valid Driver's License, Fees and Fines: \$50

Allan B. Carlson, Vehicle Exceed 70 MPH on Primary/Secondary Highway (6+ MPH Over), Fees and Fines: \$136

Ryan A. Fulk, Hunt, Trap, Fish or Collect Antlers/Horns on Private Land Without Permission, Fees and Fines: \$435

Timothy A. Hedrick 2nd, Seat Belt: Driver, Fees and Fines: \$25

Jaylon Baker, Drive While License Cancelled, Suspended or Revoked if not Suspended for 31-5-229 or 31-5-233, Jail: 30 Days, Suspended: 28 Days, Unsupervised Probation: 6 Months, Fees and Fines: \$55

Terra Kathleen Kennah, DUI: Controlled Substance – 2nd Offense Within 10 Years, Jail: 180 Days, Suspended: 173 Days, Unsupervised Probation: 1 Year, Fees and Fines: \$455

Cade William Barker, Use Controlled Substance – Schedule I, II or III, Jail: 180 Days, Suspended: 176 Days, Unsupervised Probation: 6 Months, Fees and Fines: \$305

Alexis K. Shultz, Use Controlled Substance – Schedule I, II or III, Jail: 180 Days, Suspended: 176 Days, Unsupervised Probation: 6 Months, Fees and Fines: \$305

Amanda E. Smith, Expired Temporary License Permit/Improper Registration, Fees and Fines:

\$135
Jillian M. Armstrong, Vehicle Exceed 70 MPH on Primary/Secondary Highway (6+ MPH Over), Fees and Fines: \$121

Douglas M. Dollison, Vehicle Exceed 70 MPH on Primary/Secondary Highway (6+ MPH Over), Fees and Fines: \$118

Carlos G. DelaRosa, Unlawful Contact: Rude, Insolent or Angry Touches Without Bodily Injury, Fees and Fines: \$495,

Joseph D. Harwood, Vehicle Superintendent's Speed Zone, Fees and Fines: \$117

Cody Wayne Morris, Seat Belt: Driver, Fees and Fines: \$25

Daniel T. Elkins, Possession Controlled Substance – Plant – 3 Ounces or Less, Jail: 30 Days, Suspended: 30 Days, Supervised Probation: 1 Year, Fees and Fines: \$505

James Allan Hedrick, Breach of Peace, Fees and Fines: \$505

Rebecca J. Wolfe, Child Safety Restraint System – 1st Offense, Fees and Fines: \$65

Beth Sjolund Hendricks, No Registration and Improper Display of Tags, Fees and Fines: \$85

Steve D. Bradford, Breach of Peace, Jail: 7 Days, Suspended: 5 Days, Unsupervised Probation: 1 Month, Fees and Fines: \$305

Daniel L. Bridge, Careless Driving 1st Offense, Fees and Fines: \$225

Bailey R. Domina, Seat Belt: Driver, Fees and Fines: \$25

Aron Slycord, Leave Scene of Accident: Damage to Attended Vehicle or Property, Fees and Fines: \$390,

David Allen Hach, Drive While License Cancelled, Suspended or Revoked if not Suspended for 31-5-229 or 31-5-233, Jail: 7 Days, Suspended: 7 Days, Unsupervised Probation: 6 Months, Fees and Fines: \$100,

Erick L. Wolfe, Careless Driving 1st Offense, Fees and Fines: \$100

Paige A. Borgialli, Vehicle Exceed 70 MPH on Primary/Secondary Highway (6+ MPH Over), Fees and Fines: \$109

Rueben A. Winter, Seat Belt: Driver, Fees and Fines: \$25

Cobey Wayne Fullerton, Theft – Under \$1,000, Jail: 15 Days, Suspended: 14 Days, Unsupervised Probation: 6 Months, Fees and Fines: \$305

TotalPaid: \$12,671

Court Report

MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE JUDGE R. DOUGLAS DUMBRILL

Abi Jo Dysart, Superintendent's Speed Zone, Jack Nancy Seeds, Parking in Alleys Prohibited, Fees and Fines: \$35

Jared Wayne Brown, Stop Sign, Fees and Fines: \$105

Stacy J. Johnson, Superintendent's Speed Zone, Fees and Fines: \$107

Colby W. Fullerton, Dog at Large (1st Offense), Fees and Fines: \$45

Total Paid: \$1,992

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Blotter

January 7, 2018
Welfare check requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Warrant arrest. VIN inspection requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.
January 8
Two VIN inspections requested. VIN inspection requested. Residential burglary reported. 911 hang up. Traffic complaint, Citation issued.
January 9
Warrant arrest. Arrest Warrant issued. Civil standby requested. Assist other agency. Assist other agency. Identity theft reported. Domestic disturbance reported, one arrest. Juvenile problem reported. Civil standby requested.
January 10
Medical assist. Commercial fire alarm reported. Minor accident reported. Arrest Warrant issued. Minor in possession of tobacco reported. Motorist assist. Motorist assist. 911 hang up.
January 11
Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic complaint. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Arrest Warrant issued. Warrant arrest. Assist other agency. Civil standby requested. Minor in possession of alcohol reported. Suspicious activity reported. Medical assist.
January 12
Assist other agency. Report of a dog at large. Assist other agency. Theft reported. Assist other agency. Arrest Warrant issued. 911 hang up. Assist other agency. Suspicious activity reported.
January 13
Welfare check requested. Traffic complaint. Motorist assist. 911 misdial. No Trespass Order requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.
January 14
Civil standby requested. Assist other agency.

Missing dog reported. Welfare check requested.
January 15
Assist other agency. 911 misdial. VIN inspection requested. Parking complaint. Lost property reported. Assist other agency. 911 hang up. Assist other agency. Report of a dog at large. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. 911 hang up.
January 16
Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Assist other agency. Assist other agency. Assist other agency. Hit and Run accident reported. Civil standby requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Report of a dog at large.
January 17
911 hang up. Parking complaint. Commercial fire alarm reported. Suspicious activity reported. Search Warrant executed. Stolen vehicle recovered. Possible drug activity reported. Assist other agency. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.
January 18
Report of a dog at large. Juvenile problem reported. Welfare check requested. Vehicle theft reported. Commercial alarm reported. Motorist assist. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.
January 19
Parking complaint. Illegal dumping reported. Juvenile problem reported. Civil problem reported. Medical assist. Medical assist. Parking complaint. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.
January 20
Drunk driver reported. Report of a dog at large. 911 hang up. Suspicious activity reported. Missing dog reported.



WINTER OLYMPICS

- ACROSS
1. Nordic gl,hwein
6. *It last broadcast the Olympics in 1988
9. Sigma Phi Epsilon
13. Yokel's holler
14. Promise to pay
15. Pre-bun state
16. Dug up
17. Luftwaffe's WWII enemy
18. Provide with ability
19. *Country with most Winter Olympic gold medals
21. *Number of 2018 Winter Olympics sports
23. Dog command
24. Small island
25. Cul de _____
28. Partial haircut
30. Geek and jock, e.g.
35. S-shaped molding
37. International Civil Aviation Org.
39. Best not mentioned
40. Pakistani language
41. *American skating icon
43. College cadet program
44. Crocodile ones are insincere
46. Make children
47. This and the other
48. Praise for a fearless one
50. Dispatch
52. Ornamental pond-dweller
53. Classic sci-fi video game
55. Drag behind
57. *Done on 90m hill
61. "I love the smell of ____ in the morning."
64. UFO pilot?
65. 1973 Supreme Court decision name
67. "Complete ____'s Guides"
69. Short for incognito
70. Tokyo, in the olden days
71. Impulse transmitter
72. Indian restaurant staple
73. D.C. bigwig
74. Like a rookie
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2. Been in bed
3. *8-time American speed skating medalist
4. Regular visitors
5. Long-billed shore bird
6. Well-ventilated
7. Flapper's neckwear
8. Spots for links
9. Ariel, e.g.
10. Ill-mannered
11. Malaria symptom
12. Subsequently
15. **Agony of ____
20. Like anchor aweigh
22. Not well
24. Ezra Pounds' poetry movement
25. *Which Korea is 2018 Winter host?
26. Come to terms
27. Closet wood
29. Frosts a cake
31. Fence prickle
32. Kindle content
33. Powerball, e.g.
34. *2014 Winter host city
36. France's currency
38. Shrek
42. Busybody, in yiddish
45. House cover
49. Opposite of pro
51. *Olympic no-no
54. Shrek and Fiona

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- 56. Crane or heron
57. Jainism follower
58. Arm part
59. Isinglass
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The date of the first publication of this Notice is January 17, 2018.
STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING
By: Kimberly Lamb
Project Resource Coordinator
Budget Program
(Publish January 18, 25 and February 1, 2018)

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PUBLIC NOTICE
In accordance with Chapter 6, Section 2(m) of the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations, notice is hereby given that the State of Wyoming, Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality, proposes to approve a request by Black Hills Bentonite LLC to modify the Moorcroft/Thornton Plant by increasing the crushed and dried (C&D) production rate from 100,000 tons per year (tpy) to 150,000 tpy and installing one (1) 66 inch Raymond Mill, one (1) 300 ton bentonite powder storage silo, one (1) pulverized bentonite rail load out and three (3) 10,000 cfm dust collectors. The Moorcroft/Thornton Plant is located in the SE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 11, T48N, R66W, approximately seven (7) miles northwest of Upton, in Weston County, Wyoming.
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STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING
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(Publish January 11, 18 and 25, 2018)

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(Publish January 18 and 25, 2018)

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Mixing it up in Moorcroft

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

The Newcastle/Upton wrestlers wrapped up yet another good weekend of competition by finishing seventh in a pool of 21 teams at the Moorcroft Mixer last Friday and Saturday.

Once again, the squad was led by senior standouts Trayton Dawson (113), Wyatt Corley (152) and Teigen Marchant (195), all of whom took second place in their respective brackets, while Alan Baker of Upton finished in third place at 145 after running headlong into the 4A two-time state champion from Thunder Basin in the semifinal round.

“It really was a pretty good weekend,” head coach Lee McCoy nodded. “We won a lot of matches that we needed to on Friday, and then did well in the semis by putting three into the finals.”

Kale Corley (120) lost in the quarterfinals, but then went undefeated on the day to take third place, having to get past some pretty tough competition along the way.

“We were really happy with this tournament for a number of reasons,” McCoy began.

“It was close enough that we didn’t have to spend the night, and we saw some really good competition as well. Thunder Basin, Sheridan, Moorcroft, Colestrip, MT and Hettinger, ND varsities brought quality wrestlers, and that made for an all-around good tournament.”

For the Dogies who did not make it into the championship bracket, there was a second chance round robin tournament on Saturday which provided the athletes who got beat out on Friday an opportunity to get a few more matches in on the weekend.

This week the Dogies will head to Wright to dual the Panthers on Thursday, and then to Belle Fourche for their final tournament of the season until Regionals. With post-season competition looming, the Dogies are also concerned with ensuring that everyone is ready to compete at their best.

“It’s coming down to the end of the season so we are trying to give our kids the best competition we can, but still try to start getting our kids healthy,” McCoy explained. “We are dealing with some strep throat issues, so we really need to start getting our kids healthy as we get closer to post season tournaments.”

Newcastle/Upton Wrestling @ Moorcroft Mixer 1/19-20/18

Team Results:	Individual Varsity Tournament Record
1. Thunder Basin 252	106: Blake Durfee DNP 0-2
2. Moorcroft 240	106: Reid Holmes 6th Place 2-3
3. Spearfish, SD 187.5	106: Jory McFarland DNP 0-2
4. Colstrip, MT 181	113: Trayton Dawson 2nd Place 2-1
5. Sheridan 151.5	120: Kale Corley 3rd Place 5-1
6. Hettinger, ND 141	138: Gavin Durfee DNP 1-2
7. Newcastle/Upton 116	145: Alan Baker 3rd Place 4-1
8. Wright 57.5	145: Skylar Jenkins DNP 1-2
9. Lemmon, SD 52	152: Wyatt Corley 2nd Place 3-1
10. Lovell 48.5	195: Teigen Marchant 2nd Place 2-1
11. Hulett 33	285: Greg Bechel DNP 0-2
12. Sundance 30	285: Joe Guse DNP 0-2
13. Lusk 29	Individual JV 2nd Chance Tournament Record
13. Rocky Mountain 29	88-98: Jory McFarland 2-1
15. Hill City, SD 25	95-102: Blake Durfee 1-3
16. Broadus, MT 23.5	138-140: Gavin Durfee 3-0
17. Greybull/Riverside 14	142-145: Skylar Jenkins 1-2
18. Shoshoni 6	226-241: Joe Guse 0-2
19. Baker, MT 4	281-288: Greg Bechel 0-1
20. Campbell County 3	
20. Harding Co., SD 1	

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heading into the locker room. Douglas came out strong in the third quarter, recapturing a narrow one point lead by the end. The contest went down to the wire, with several lead changes occurring in the fourth. Free throws late in the game, coupled with smart play by the Dogies, ultimately gave Newcastle the 53-47 victory over their quadrant foe.

The win closed out a perfect weekend for the Dogies as they had defeated the visiting 2A Glenrock Herders on Friday night by a score of 77-47. The Dogies got off to a slow start in the first quarter of that one, but from the second quarter on dominated the contest.

Ostenson had the hot hand and led his team in scoring both nights, racking up 28 points against the Herders and 18 against the Bearcats. Dylon Tidyman was another go-to guy on Friday, adding 19 points, seven rebounds, one assist, two steals and one block.

Despite the Bearcats attempts to take Lacey out of the game on Saturday, he put up 16 points, pulled down six rebounds, and added three assists, three steals and one block.

The Dogies begin their second round of conference play this weekend with a 3-0 quadrant record, which Von Eye noted was vital as they look toward the



Dylon Tidyman rises high above the Bearcats defenders in the Dogies’ quadrant win last Saturday in the Dome. (Photo by Andy McKay/For NLJ)

Regional Tournament. Given the quality of teams on the west side of the conference, going in with a one or two seed is what the squad is shooting for in order to avoid one of the top teams from the other side in the first round.

The first rematch will take place on Friday as the Wheatland Bulldogs come to town for another pivotal quadrant contest,

and then the Buffalo Bison will roll in on Saturday. The Bison handed the Dogies their first conference loss of the season two weeks ago, so Von Eye and his crew are looking to even the score.

Games are scheduled to begin both days with subvarsity play at 4 p.m., then varsity girls at 5:30 and varsity boys at 7.

Speech from page 9

“Markie talks about how we are developing technology which will allow us to alter our genes so it’s feasible that one day we could choose the gender, eye color, and so-on of our child, as well as other uses for the technology,” she explained. “One of the issues she also addresses is how we could alter bacteria that are immune to our antibiotics, so she talks about what it is with the potential positives, as well as the potential negatives of the technology.”

Jaiden Carter, in his first year as a member of the speech team, was a finalist in Senate, which marked his first time placing in a meet.

“I’m just super proud of Jaiden because that was really an accomplishment for him to break into finals, and he was super excited about it,” Burling grinned.

Makayla Hofner and Lacie Koester broke into semifinals with their informative speeches, but did not advance to the final round. However, Burling pointed out that it is still an accomplishment to make it that far.

“Makayla informs on obedience and how people can become trapped into blind obedience. She talks about how we saw a lot of that in the Nuremberg Trials, where people were claiming that they were just following orders,” Burling stated. “It’s an examination of how people can blindly follow orders to do those types of things, so it’s almost an examination of evil in a way. She focuses on how to avoid falling into blind obedience in life.”

While Whitney and Hofner each address rather serious topics in their informative pieces, Koester has taken a lighter approach to the event by informing on the conspiracies surrounding Big Foot.

“Lacie’s topic is just a hilarious speech about debunking the Big Foot legend and how it truly is not possible for him to exist,” Burling laughed. “She lists all of his nick names, and she sprinkles it with Taylor Swift jokes throughout, which I love.”

Also travelling with the team was Austyn Vaughn, whose informative is about Promession, which is the process of dry freezing a body and placing it in an urn – usually with a seed – and how it is much better for the environment than burial in a coffin or cremation.

This meet added a wrinkle to those competing in Informative, as by the end of the day all contestants were required to go off script.

“I was super proud of everyone because this was the first time they were not allowed to use their scripts,” Burling nodded. “They started the meet with them, but the end of our time in Buffalo, everyone performed without. That’s scary when it’s your first time doing that.”

The team headed to Gillette last Friday and Saturday which, according to Burling, is one of the most fun meets because it’s the only one that offers an impromptu category.

“The kids really enjoy impromptu because it’s just really fun and you can get topics such as ‘if cats were to dominate the world, how would they do it,’” Burling giggled. “It’s just really a fun and hilarious event to participate in, and to watch.”

The Dogies are off this week, but the team is hard at work rounding up judges for the home meet that is being held on February 9th and 10th. Coaches and team members encourage anyone who is interested to contact them at Newcastle High School to volunteer.

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Boys Varsity @ 7:00PM

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